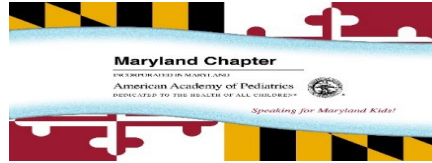


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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 48 – *Public Health – Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee*

On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition, we submit this letter of **support** for House Bill 48.

The above-named organizations support the establishment of a Suicide Fatality Review Committee to assist the State in addressing the increasing incidences of suicide through the development of initiatives designed to respond to the factors identified as contributing to the incidence of suicide. Further, House Bill 48 recognizes the need to coordinate with existing fatality review committees to maximize the quality of the reviews and reduce duplication of effort. A favorable report is requested.

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