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Maryland House of Delegates
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Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of HB 612: Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Data Reporting - Reduced Cost Medical, Assistive Technology Devices.

Members of the Maryland House of Delegates' Health and Gov't Operations Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1400 plus members fully support our hearing impaired and deaf community members and what HB 612 might do to support them.

We support the effort to gather data related to persons with a variety of disabilities, so that we can continue to craft helpful and necessary legislation like this bill. This bill would also be a huge help financially to families during these extremely trying times. Especially those that suffer from chronic health conditions that these assistive technology devices that aid patients every day gain access to a hearing world. These devices are often very expensive and can be difficult for many individuals to afford.

So many families and elderly are still hurting financially from the past 2 years of health and economic hardships, we all can use a helping hand during these trying times. We hope that the MGA will also work on other constructive ways of supporting working families and individuals with disabilities. This bill is just one of many steps needed to support our varied communities of disabled PAC members.

Please support House Bill 612 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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