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Chair Shane E. Pendergrass
House Office Building, Room 241
6 Bladen Street
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RE: HB0830 State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers,
Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists – Physician Members – Repeal
Position: **SUPPORT**

Madam Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Peña-Melnyk, and Committee Members,

As a board-certified practicing Otolaryngologist and chief of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Union Memorial, Good Samaritan, and Sinai Hospital, I would like to express my support for the removal of the two ear, nose, and throat (ENT) physicians from the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists. I have both employed and worked with audiologists for years and have seen the transformation of audiologists into clinical doctorate level professionals. Audiologists and Otolaryngologists take a team approach and work collaboratively to provide comprehensive care for patients with hearing and balance disorders. Personally, I do not see any need for oversight from my profession on a licensing board whose mission is to enhance the quality of the hearing and speech health care provided to the citizens of Maryland by ensuring qualified and competent audiologists, hearing aid dispensers and speech-language pathologists are licensed to practice in the State of Maryland.

Thank you for support of HB0830 legislation.

Sincerely,

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