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Delegate Shane Pendergrass, Chair Health and Government Operations Committee House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 195 – State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Sunset Extension

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Psychological Association, (MPA), which represents over 1,000 doctoral level psychologists throughout the state, would like to offer its strong support for Senate Bill 195 - State Board of Examiners of Psychologists - Sunset Extension.

SB 195 continues the statutory and regulatory authority of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. The Board of Examiners of Psychology provides a critical role in ensuring the well-being of the citizens of Maryland and the oversight of the profession of psychology.

The Maryland Psychological Association asks for a FAVORABLE report on Senate Bill 195.

Please feel free to contact MPA's Executive Director Stefanie Reeves at exec@marylandpsychology.org if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Linda McOhee

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