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Maryland House of Delegates
6 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of HB 1107 / SB 748: Maryland Sign Language Interpreters Act

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

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1400 plus members fully support HB 1107.

We support any bill that improves inclusion and equity in all government operations for persons living with disabilities. I am quite positive that any government stakeholder will have an interest in seeing that legislation is being crafted to help support all Maryland citizens. Including those that may be deaf or hearing impaired.

For those citizens, ASL interpreters are as basic a need as eyeglasses for sight, or elevators for those who walking stairs is a challenge. This is about improving engagement and seeing more citizens included in their government's operations.

We thank the Delegate and Senator for bringing forward such a positive and transformative piece of legislation. It truly will have a positive impact on all of our citizens and help give them agency in all governmental matters in their lives.

We ask that the committee please return a favorable report, and support HB 1107.

Thank you all for your time and consideration of our testimony.

Respectfully,

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