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**RE: SB 2 - Mental Health Law – Petitions for Emergency Evaluations – Electronic Records**

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Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

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The Maryland Psychological Association represents over 1000 doctoral level psychologists throughout the state. We write in support of SB 2, which would allow the authorization of a petition or emergency evaluation to be in the form of an electronic record.

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This bill would allow providers to take advantage of new technologies, which allow for the more efficient care of Marylanders. Additionally, it would help to reduce the paperwork burden faced by providers in today's hectic and at times frantic world of healthcare.

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For these and many other reasons noted above the Maryland Psychological Association asks for a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 2.

*Ethics*

Cindy Sandler, PhD

Thank you for considering our comments on SB 2. If we can be of any further assistance as the HGO Committee considers this bill, please do not hesitate to contact the MPA Executive Director, Stefanie Reeves, MA, CAE at [410-992-4258](tel:410-992-4258) or [exec@marylandpsychology.org](mailto:exec@marylandpsychology.org).

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