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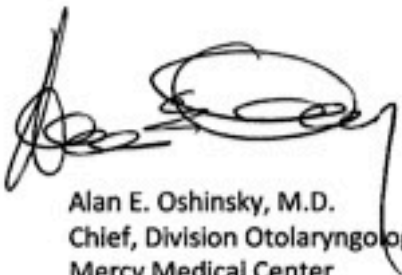
RE: HB 830 State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists – Physician Members – Repeal
Position: **SUPPORT**

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

Please accept this letter of support for HB 830, to remove the two (2) ear, nose, and throat (ENT) physician members of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists. The Governor's appointment of otolaryngologists to this Board is not consistent with the other 23 Maryland Boards, **none** of which have physician members. Professional Boards should be comprised of **only** those who it licenses and the 13 qualified members, spanning four professions, are capable to accomplish the Board of Examiner's mission without any physician oversight. Simply put, HB 830 legislation will eliminate the outdated membership requirements of this Board of Examiners' composition.

I urge you to join me in supporting HB 830.

Sincerely,



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