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January 13, 2021

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.  
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: Senate Bill 189 – Controlled Substances – Schedules - Letter of Support**

Dear Chairman Smith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) submits this letter of support for Senate Bill 189 - Controlled Dangerous Substances – Schedules. This bill will update the State list of controlled dangerous substances (CDS) to align Maryland law with federal regulatory changes to the federal Controlled Dangerous Substances list.

The Criminal Law Article of the Maryland Annotated Code lists the names of all drugs that have a high risk of abuse and are deemed controlled dangerous substances (CDS). The Office of Controlled Substances Administration (OCSA) is mandated to ensure all drugs listed in Criminal Law Title V match the federal list maintained by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The State CDS list was last updated when House Bill 674 - Controlled Dangerous Substances - Registration, Schedules, Penalties, and Orders of Impoundment - was passed during the 2020 legislative session.

If you have additional questions, please contact Heather Shek, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs at (443) 695-4218 or [heather.shek@maryland.gov](mailto:heather.shek@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis R. Schrader".

Dennis R. Schrader  
Secretary