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Bill Number: HB589  
Committee: Judicial Proceedings  
Bill Title: Adult Protective Services – Vulnerable Adults Registry – Investigations and Records of Abuse and Neglect and Workgroup Study  
Position: Support

The Maryland Association of Social Services Boards (MASSB) offers this letter of support for House Bill 589 (HB589). HB 589 directs the Department of Human Services to create an Adult Protective Services (APS) registry that captures the outcome of abuse and neglect investigations for vulnerable adults. The bill also creates a workgroup to study how best to design and implement a Statewide registry.

Based on a study by the National Adult Protective Services Association in 2018, there are several benefits associated with the access and use of registry information. Most importantly, implementation of an APS adult abuser registry will reduce the access of abusers to vulnerable adults by improving hiring practices of care givers and other service providers. Currently 26 states have implemented APS registries. Establishment of such a registry in Maryland will allow for the potential to network with states having similar issues or concerns.

MASSB appreciates the opportunity to support SB 357 and requests a favorable report.

/s/   
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