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The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chair
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Senate Bill 209 – State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners - Sunset Extension- SUPPORT

Dear Chair Pinsky,

The American Physical Therapy Association Maryland is writing to register our support of Senate Bill 209.

The purpose of this legislation is to continue the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and generally relating to the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

The mission of the Board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all Marylanders through the promotion and oversight of the Physical Therapy Practice Act. The vision is to ensure physical therapists and physical therapist assistants meet and exceed the physical therapy standards of practice to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all Marylanders.

APTA Maryland supports legislation that would allow for the continuing of the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

For the reasons noted above we ask for a favorable report on Senate Bill 209.

Sincerely,

JD Sheppard

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