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Testimony in Support of HB0902

Testimony by Delegate Andrew Pruski

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What the Bill Does:

HB902 is updating the Worker's Compensation statute to include a hernia caused by repetitive trauma. Medical science has improved since Maryland initially wrote its Workers' Compensation law regarding Hernia injuries. A hernia caused by repetitive trauma can occur over time in the workplace and should be included in statute.

Why the Bill is Important:

Workers in Maryland deserve a fair and reasonable process for Workers' Compensation. This bill updates statute to include a hernia caused by repetitive trauma, which currently is not covered in Maryland. Employees deserve fair due process to make their case before a Worker's Compensation Commissioner. This change is reasonable and would provide a needed update to our statute.

Why the Committee Should Vote Favorably:

HB902 allows a hernia caused by repetitive trauma to be addressed as an injury in the Workers' Compensation law. Medical Science has changed since the initial Workers' Compensation statutes were written and an update is necessary. Based upon both medical and legal arguments, **we would ask for a Favorable Report for the bill.**