



**Maryland Association of the Deaf  
Written Testimony**

**HB 590 - Workers' Compensation - Benefits - Offset and Hearing Loss  
Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

**President**

Kirsten Poston

Economic Matters Committee  
Room 231  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Dear Economic Matters Committee:

**Secretary**

Jacob Leffler

The Maryland Association of the Deaf (MDAD) is a statewide organization that protects the interests of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Marylanders concerning accessibility and equity issues. We are advocating for the passage of the HB 590 sponsored by Delegate Pruski regarding Workers' Compensation - Benefits - Offset and Hearing Loss. There are approximately 1.2 million Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing individuals living in the State of Maryland.

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We are in favor of this bill because of some of our late-deafened adults who have experienced this painful tinnitus and not only that, but they also lose their hearing during their employment. Having a hearing aid will benefit them greatly on their jobwise.

We look forward to a favorable bill on HB 590.

Thank you,

MDAD Board of Directors