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TO: The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chair, Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Hannibal G. Williams II Kemerer
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RE: HB0556 – Cannabis Reform (Support with Amendments)

The Office of the Attorney General supports House Bill 5556, Chair Wilson's legislation to implement legal adult-use cannabis in Maryland. During the 2022 General Election, Marylanders overwhelmingly approved the legalization of adult-use cannabis by more than a 2-1 ratio.¹ We are diligently working with legislative leadership, the bill sponsors, and interested stakeholders on potential amendments to House Bill 556 to achieve the intended goals of the bill.

The Office of Attorney General stands ready to work with the sponsors and other stakeholders on this comprehensive legislation to legalize possession and adult-use of cannabis.

¹ MD STATE BD. OF ELECTIONS, *Official 2022 Gubernatorial General Election Results for Question 4* (last updated Dec. 7, 2022), https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2022/general_results/gen_qresults_2022_4.html.

This bill letter is a statement of the Office of Attorney General's policy position on the referenced pending legislation. For a legal or constitutional analysis of the bill, Members of the House and Senate should consult with the Counsel to the General Assembly, Sandy Brantley. She can be reached at 410-946-5600 or sbrantley@oag.state.md.us.