

(Opening)

Good Afternoon Chair Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and members of the Finance committee.

I am Senator Arthur Ellis representing the 28th Legislative District of Maryland, Charles County.

I am here today to present **Senate Bill 216, Massage Therapy - Definition and Reimbursement**. I will now ask that my witness panel come join me.

The purpose of this bill is to alter the definition of "massage therapy", and repeal a provision of law that provides that certain provisions of law do not require a nonprofit health insurance plan, an insurer, a health maintenance organization, or a person acting as a third party administrator to reimburse a licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner for any services rendered.

(Closing)

Thank you to Chair Griffith and Vice Chair Klausmeier for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 216, Massage Therapy - Definition and Reimbursement** and ask for your favorable report.