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Senator Melony Griffith, Chair  
Senator Katherine Klausmeier, Vice Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SB 362 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics - Established**

Position: **Support**

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Psychological Association represents over 1000 doctoral level psychologists throughout the state. We write in **support of SB 362**, which would require the Maryland Department of Health to submit a state plan amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to establish certified community behavioral health clinics and certain payment systems for them. We support the goals of strengthening, defining, and establishing payment systems for community behavioral health clinics. They provide crucial services to persons suffering from mental health conditions in a setting that can meet the unique needs of some people.

For the reasons noted above the Maryland Psychological Association asks for a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 362.

Thank you for considering our comments on SB 362. If we can be of any further assistance as the Senate – Finance Committee considers this bill, please do not hesitate to contact MPA's Legislative Chair, Dr. Pat Savage at [mpalegislativcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:mpalegislativcommittee@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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