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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

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The Honorable Melony Griffith, Chair

Senate Finance Committee

RE: SB 397 – Health Insurance – Hearing Aids for Adults – Coverage

**Position: Favorable**

Dear Chairwoman Griffith and Senate Finance Committee Members:

SB 397 would require insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health insurance benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide certain coverage for certain hearing aids for adults.

Currently, minors in the State of Maryland are eligible for a max benefit payable limit to \$1,400 per hearing aid for each hearing-impaired ear every 36 months. SB 397 simply expands the limit for adults to be in line with the benefit limit provided to minors.

SB 397 will help adults with hearing loss overcome the economic obstacles that often leave individuals untreated and without hearing aids. I respectfully ask the committee for a favorable report to assist our hearing-impaired adults gain greater access to hearing aids.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Gallion".

Senator Jason Gallion

