



DATE: March 8, 2023

BILL: House Bill 1176: Voluntary 9-1-1 Registry for Individuals Needing Special Assistance

COMMITTEE: House Health and Government Operations Committee

POSITION: Letter of Information

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk,

The Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) respectfully submits this Letter of Information for House Bill 1176: Voluntary 9-1-1 Registry for Individuals Needing Special Assistance.

The Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) includes expertise in emergency preparedness policy for people with disabilities. For House Bill 1176: Voluntary 9-1-1 Registry for Individuals Needing Special Assistance, MDOD notes the following:

- It does not appear the program would require the consent of the person with disabilities when enrolled by a third party.
- The information collected for this program will not travel with the person with a disability: it is of no use in a traffic stop, at a shopping mall, or anywhere other than the exact address listed in the 911 system of the local jurisdiction.
- There is no nexus between the 9-1-1 flagged address information and other law enforcement databases that officers use to check for license information, warrants, etc.
- This program would not eliminate the need to provide a 911 call taker with incident specific information.

If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth Hall, Director of Interagency Affairs, (410)767-3652, [elizabeth.hall2@maryland.gov](mailto:elizabeth.hall2@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol A. Beatty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol A. Beatty, Secretary