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Late Testimony

Chair Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
House Health & Government Operations Committee
Taylor House Office Building, Room 241
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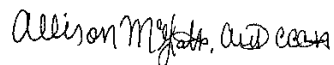
RE: HB401 Practice Audiology -- Definition
Position: **SUPPORT**

Madam Chair Peña-Melnyk, Vice Chair Ariana Kelly, and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of altering the definition of "practice audiology" for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the licensure of audiologists. Specifically, the definition of "practice audiology" should be updated to reflect the newly added category of "prescription hearing aids" created by the FDA in 2022. The new category of prescription hearing aids is not different than the previous labeled "restricted" hearing aids, which is covered under the current "practice audiology" definition. The device labeling has changed, but the devices themselves are essentially the same. The new labeling should not act as a barrier to fast, efficient hearing health care by a licensed audiologist.

Thank you for support of HB401 legislation.

Sincerely,



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