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SB 188/HB 302: Public Health– Rare Disease Advisory Council

Position: Support with Amendment

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

The Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA) represents the podiatry profession in Maryland.

SB188/HB 302 is an important step toward providing the needed access for the care and treatment of rare disease patients and assuring that they have the necessary coverage and available resources to assist them. There are a number of rare diseases in the practice of podiatry, including Charcot Arthropathy of the Foot & Ankle, Erythromelalgia, and Freiberg's Disease, among others.

For these reasons, MPMA respectfully an **amendment to add: “(XVI) One Podiatrist. Licensed in the State with experience treating rare diseases” to the Advisory Council.**

Therefore, MPMA urges you to vote in favor of SB 188/HB 302.

Should you have any questions, please feel free contact me or our government relations consultant, Sarah Peters at speters@hbstrategies.us.

Very truly yours,

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President