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Maryland House of Delegates
6 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of HB 354 / SB 343: ABLE Program – Account Establishment - Procedures

Members of the Maryland House of Delegates's Health and Govt Ops Committee Members.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1500 members and fully support the establishment of the state's ABLE program procedures and the tax benefits that it will help to provide to members of our community of individuals living with disabilities.

Together we advocate for all of our children, and for those individuals with a variety of disabilities which require time, resources, support services and money to help them in getting them to live their lives with dignity. These services and supports are essential to daily living and allow our community members to reach their full potential while living independent lives.

Our lives as individuals with disabilities are expensive and oftentimes health insurance coverage is not enough to fully cover our out-of-pocket expenses. And not all of us are lucky enough to have health plans that cover for medical expenses, assistive technologies and a variety of items that are considered to be critical needs within our communities.

Please let's put taxpayer dollars to some positive use for the futures and improved outcomes for all children and individuals living with disabilities all across our state.

Please support HB 354 / SB 343 and please return a favorable report.

Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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