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**COMMITTEE:** Judiciary Committee  
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Thank you for the opportunity to support HB1191 – *Task Force on Preventing and Countering Elder Abuse*.

House Bill 1191 focuses on the study of existing laws, policies, and practices that relate to elder abuse against older adults in the state of Maryland. Elder abuse is an issue of great emphasis and considerable concern for the Maryland Department of Aging. There is important work needed to study state law, policy, and practice to prevent elder abuse. This task force is a good starting place for the research and recommendations through a formal report of findings.

Thank you for your consideration of the Maryland Department of Aging’s letter of support.