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### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT FOR HB 1285 Workers' Compensation – Rehabilitation – Licensed Social Workers

HB1285 is a very simple bill. I know you have heard this many times, but given the Amendment that was requested on Monday, February 26, 2024, this bill adds Licensed Social Workers into the section of the Labor and Employment Article that defines "Rehabilitation practitioner." HB1285 further clarifies that a LCSW-C may also be among the providers, i.e. doctors and licensed psychologists, permitted to perform evaluations as to mental or behavioral issues that are being considered in a permanent impairment determination by the Workers' Compensation Commission.

Among my panel here today is Mr. Arthur Flax, a long-time practitioner of Social Work in Maryland. His knowledge, training and experience is the foundation for his unrelenting efforts in bolstering the ethical and responsible practice of social work, while expanding the parameters of the practice for every Licensed Social Worker in Maryland.

It's a no brainer... Please enter a FAVORABLE REPORT for HB1285

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan K. McComas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and 'M'.