



February 13, 2024

The Honorable Marc Korman and Members  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: Support – HB 478 - Motor Vehicles – School Vehicle Drivers – Medical Examinations**

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland School Bus Contractors Association (MSBCA) supports **HB 478, Motor Vehicles – School Vehicle Drivers – Medical Examinations**. MSBCA serves as the voice of the private school bus companies that contract with local Maryland school systems in 18 of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions, that own and operate the nearly 3500 contracted school buses that transport schoolchildren across the State. MSBCA remains committed to the safety of the students they transport and considers it a privilege to do so.

As you well know, we are facing a severe school bus driver shortage. This shortage is not limited to Maryland. MSBCA is committed to maintaining the highest standard of health and safety for students and drivers, making Maryland the state to attract the best drivers in the country.

House Bill 478 would authorize the MVA to require medical exams for Commercial Driver's License – Class S (CDL-S) licensed school bus driver to have a medical examination before employment and once during each two (2) years of employment. MSBCA believes this bill would continue to allow healthy, properly trained drivers behind the wheels of our school buses here in Maryland, while not sacrificing safety.

MSBCA supports HB 478 and asks for a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to our State.

Sincerely,

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