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**Testimony of Senator Arthur Ellis in Support of Senate Bill 59: Safe Sleep for Infants –
Awareness and Certification**

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and the Members of the Finance Committee:

Senate Bill 59 requires the Maryland Department of Health to develop and implement a public awareness campaign to promote education regarding safe sleep for infants; establish the Maryland Safe Sleep Certification Program and requiring child care centers to be certified by the Program; and requires hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to be certified by the Cribs for Kids' National Safe Sleep Hospital Certification program.

I urge your favorable report on Senate Bill 200.

Yours in Service,


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**Testimony of Senator Ellis in Support of Senate Bill 197: Residential Service Agencies –
Reimbursement – Personal Assistance Services**

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and the Members of the Finance Committee:

Senate Bill 197 authorizes the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse a residential service agency for personal assistance services only if the personal assistance services are provided by an individual classified as an employee.

I urge your favorable report on Senate Bill 197.

Yours in Service,


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