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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401**

Senate Bill 1071 – Hospitals – Opioid Overdose – Medication-Assisted Treatment

March 25, 2024

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Committee,

The purpose of Senate Bill 1071 is to require hospitals to establish and maintain protocols in order to provide appropriate interventions that help in the treatment of opioid-related overdoses. The bill will also require that hospitals possess, dispense, administer, and prescribe medication-assisted treatment as needed and specified and finally treat the patient. It requires for Fiscal Year 2026, the Governor of Maryland must include in the annual budget, \$500,000 from the Opioid Restitution Fund.

I thank you all for your time and ask for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay

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