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**Favorable HB676**

Right to Try Act - Individualized Investigational Treatments

Dear Chairwoman Pena-Melnyk and HGO Committee Members,

I am Emily Tarsell, a mother, licensed therapist and founder of Health Choice Maryland, a large grassroots non-profit organization that advocates for health choice and informed consent. We strongly support HB676 which would allow an individual with a life threatening or severely debilitating illness more individualized medical options based on individual need.

There is nothing more sacred than the right to control and decide what happens to one's own body. This bill protects providers and manufacturers from liability for adverse outcomes from such trials of individualized investigational treatments which would be initiated by the informed individual at their own risk and expense. So why not?

This bill honors individualized medicine and the right to choose especially under dire circumstances.

Please vote **FAVORABLE** for **HB676**. **Thank you.**

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