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**Senate Bill 456 – Dental Services – Qualification for Maryland Dent-Care Program and Study on Use of  
Dental Online Credentialing**

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Dear Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee,

Senate Bill 456 expands eligibility for the Maryland Dent-Care Program to include dentists as well as dental hygienists employed on a part-time basis. The bill also requires that the Maryland Higher Education Commission's Office of Student Financial Assistance collaborate with MDH to establish allocated loan repayment assistance for any part-time dentists/dental hygienists participating in the program. The Maryland Insurance Administration must study whether insurance carriers are using online credentialing services. This must be done by December 1, 2025 and reported to the Senate Finance Committee and the Health and Government Operations Committee.

I thank you for your time and I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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

Senator Mike McKay  
Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland  
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