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The Honorable Pam Beidle, Chair Senate Finance Committee Miller Senate Office Building, Room 3 East 11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill 406 - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Pena Melnyk,

The American Physical Therapy Association Maryland is writing to register our support of Senate Bill 406, also known as **the** *So Every Body Can Move Act.*

The purpose of this legislation is to require the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to eliminate burdensome requirements, protect patients, and improve device replacement policies.

Marylanders living with limb loss or limb differences are unable to afford and access orthotics that help them be physically active due to inadequate insurance coverage. This legislation provides improved coverage for orthoses, replacements, repairs, and parts that do not currently exist.

For the reasons noted above, we are asking for a favorable report on Senate Bill 406.

Sincerely,

Roy Film, PT, DPT President, APTA Maryland

