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The Honorable Pamela Beidle Chair, Senate Finance Committee 3 East Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: House Bill (HB) 1478 - Public Health – Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers - Letter of Support as Amended

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of support as amended for HB 1478 - Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers.

As amended, HB 1478 requires the Department to submit a report on the feasibility of establishing and maintaining an online directory of home health care providers designed to include certain information and support functions such as statewide communication to home health care providers. The Department must develop the required report in consultation with stakeholders, including the Maryland Department of Aging, trade associations of residential service agencies, consumer organizations, and employee organizations representing health care workers. The report must be submitted to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 31, 2025.

The Department is committed to working in consultation with stakeholders to develop the report required by HB 1478. The report will be helpful to inform the potential design and development of a home health care provider directory in Maryland.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at <u>sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov</u>

Sincerely,

Ryan Moran, DrPH, MHSA Acting Secretary