



TESTIMONY FOR HB1053

Developmental Disabilities Administration – Self-Directed Services – Parent Providers

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Buckel

Committee: Finance

Organization: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: **FAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1053 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state. We have over 30,000 members across the state.

Our Coalition members are very supportive of their fellow Marylanders, and especially those whose children have developmental disabilities. We applaud the legislature for enacting the Self-Directed Services model that allows those with developmental disabilities to choose the kind of services they need and the providers of those services.

We also applaud Delegate Buckel for recognizing the obvious, that many parents are the best people to provide the services and the care required by their children.

The Maryland Legislative Coalition fully supports this bill and recommends a **FAVORABLE** report in Committee.