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Senate Bill 492 – Maryland Commission to Study the Dental Hygienist Shortage – Establishment

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Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chairman Hayes, and Members of the Committee,

Senate Bill 492 establishes a commission to study the dental hygienist shortage in Maryland. The commission will support the State's efforts to improve Marylanders oral health. The Commission is supposed to submit an interim report by December 1, 2025, with a final report and recommendations by December 1, 2026 to the General Assembly, Maryland Department of Health, and the Higher Education Commission.

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

Sincerely,

Senator Mike McKay

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