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TO: Sen. Pamela Beidle and honorable committee members
FROM: Megan M. Kniffen, LCSW-C

DATE: February 3, 2025

RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 372 – Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025
Dear Madam Chair and distinguished members of the committee:

I sincerely thank you for considering my written statement supporting House Bill 372 on the Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025. I am Megan M. Kniffen, a Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical (LCSW-C) residing and practicing in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

Preservation of Telehealth is significant for my practice and mental health clients as a whole. Telehealth has improved access to clients who have difficulty traveling to appointments and it helps alleviate inequities related to socioeconomic status, disability status, and other barriers. Many of my clients are Seniors who benefit from being seen in their own home due to the difficulty with transportation costs and access. Other clients benefit because the issues they are dealing with make it difficult or impossible to attend in person appointments.

Telehealth saves money for clients and providers and many are relying on this mode of attending appointments. Clients are able to have access to providers with the specialties they are looking for and it provides them with a larger pool of options.

I strongly urge you to support the preservation of telehealth, recognizing its impact on mental health service accessibility and continuity of care.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read "Megan M. Kniffen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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