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Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair
Senator Antonio Hayes, Vice Chair
Finance Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 987 Artificial Intelligence – Health Software and Health Insurance Decision Making

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Psychological Association, (MPA), which represents over 1,000 doctoral level psychologists throughout the state, asks the Senate Finance Committee to **FAVORABLY report on SB 987.**

SB 987 would require the Maryland Health Care Commission to establish and maintain a registry of approved artificial intelligence (AI) software authorized for use in the state's healthcare system. The bill mandates that the Commission adopt regulations to define AI software and determine the specific information that must be collected for inclusion in the registry. This initiative aims to enhance oversight, ensure transparency, and promote the safe and effective use of AI technology in healthcare settings across Maryland. In addition, the bill benefits the health insurance industry by providing standardized, vetted AI tools that can improve efficiency in claims processing, fraud detection, and risk assessment. By ensuring that only approved AI software is used, insurers can reduce errors, enhance patient outcomes, and build greater trust with healthcare providers and policyholders.

We urge the Committee to issue a **favorable report on SB 987**. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact MPA's Legislative Chair, Dr. Stephanie Wolf, JD, Ph.D. at mpalegislativecommittee@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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