

**HB1244**  
**Maryland Development Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council-Establishment**  
**Health and Government Operations**  
**Support**

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Dear Honorable Chair Joseline Pena-Melnyk and Vice-Chair Bonnie Cullison and committee members:

Please vote in favor of HB1244, Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council-Establishment. I am in support of this bill because it codifies the creation of the MDDAWAC, clarifies its purpose, requires reporting to the Maryland General Assembly and adds additional members specifically the Arc Maryland and Maryland Association of Community Services (MACS).

I cannot underestimate the importance of adding Arc Maryland and MACS as members. These two organizations represent the provider network in Maryland as well as individuals served by the provider network with the Arc Maryland representing the Arcs which serve individuals throughout the state of Maryland. They will be an asset to the council as these members analyze and provide information and solutions in support of the DDA community.

Thank you for voting in favor of HB1244.

Best,

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