

March 7, 2025

The Honorable Members  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the passage of Maryland HB1473, the Access to Public Services for Individuals With Limited English Proficiency and Individuals With Disabilities. In light of the recent repeal of Executive Order 13166 by the current administration, preserving and strengthening language access rights has never been more vital.

This legislation is crucial to ensure that all Maryland residents, regardless of language ability or disability status, can fully access essential public services. By advancing HB1473, Maryland has the opportunity to safeguard the rights of its diverse population and ensure equitable opportunities for everyone.

With the repeal of Executive Order 13166, which protected language access rights at the federal level, it is now more important than ever for Maryland to lead in supporting these vulnerable communities. I urge you to support HB1473 and ensure that individuals with limited English proficiency and disabilities can continue to engage fully with public services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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