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Chair Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
House Health and Government Affairs Committee
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

HB1007: Genetic Testing – Prohibition on Disability, Life, and Long-Term Care Insurance (Genetic Testing Protection Act)

Position: Support

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

On behalf of the Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), representing over 240 podiatrists licensed in Maryland and the practice of podiatry, I write to support HB 1007.

The negative impact of genetic testing can limit or eliminate the opportunity for the citizens of Maryland to purchase necessary insurance coverages. Members of MPMA have experienced this as a result of preventative or diagnostic testing to ensure the health of members of their families or to educate them on potential medical issues they may have inherited. These tests should not be a basis for denying or limiting insurance coverage that may be necessary as a result of a positive result on the testing.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable vote on HB 1007.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Richard Bloch, MPMA Executive Director, at Richard@SBHPA.com or (410) 332-0736.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Lowy, D.P.M.".

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