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The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk
Chair, Health and Government Operations
240 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: Senate Bill (SB) 43 – Maryland Department of Health – Forensic Review Board –
Established – Letter of Support as Amended**

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of support as amended for Senate Bill (SB) 43 - Maryland Department of Health - Forensic Review Board - Established.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to work on amendments with the bill sponsors and the Office of the Public Defender. SB 43 codifies and clarifies the Department's current approach, detailing the processes for the Forensic Review Boards at each of our facilities housing individuals committed as not criminally responsible.

The Department is committed to ensuring continued support and care for its forensic patients. We appreciate the Committee's continued work and engagement on this legislation. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Ryan B. Moran, DrPH, MHSA
Acting Secretary