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The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
Health and Government Operations Committee
House Office Building Room 240
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 345 – Support

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk and Members of the Committee:

Kaiser Permanente is pleased to support HB 345, “Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact.”

Kaiser Permanente is the largest private integrated health care delivery system in the United States, delivering health care to over 12 million members in eight states and the District of Columbia.¹ Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States, which operates in Maryland, provides and coordinates complete health care services for over 825,000 members. In Maryland, we deliver care to approximately 475,000 members.

As a leading healthcare provider in the region, we recognize the importance of facilitating efficient licensure reciprocity processes for healthcare professionals, and we believe that HB 345 is a positive step in that direction. This is an important measure that promotes mobility and flexibility for social workers, ultimately benefiting both the professionals themselves and the communities they serve. This not only promotes workforce diversity but also enhances the ability of healthcare providers to meet the evolving needs of our communities. For these reasons, we urge a favorable report for HB 345.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact me at Allison.W.Taylor@kp.org or (919) 818-3285 with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Taylor".

Allison Taylor
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Kaiser Permanente

¹ Kaiser Permanente comprises Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., the nation’s largest not-for-profit health plan, and its health plan subsidiaries outside California and Hawaii; the not-for-profit Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, which operates 39 hospitals and over 650 other clinical facilities; and the Permanente Medical Groups, self-governed physician group practices that exclusively contract with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and its health plan subsidiaries to meet the health needs of Kaiser Permanente’s members.