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**Testimony in Support of House Bill 1315 – Health Insurance – Coverage for Child
Wellness Services – Immunizations**

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Good Afternoon Madam Chair, Madam Vice-Chair and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee. For the record, I'm Delegate Pam Guzzone and I represent Howard County's District 13.

Today I am here in support of House Bill 1315, regarding childhood immunization.

As with several other bills this committee has heard this year, this bill is designed to ensure that Maryland has, in law, the ability to continue to provide as part of its minimum package of child wellness services the childhood immunizations which to date have been recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention.

With the number of changes that we have already seen at the federal level and the challenges to the CDC that have been in the media over the last several years, identifying an alternative standard on which to base Maryland's covered immunizations is necessary.

This bill establishes an alternative standard and specifically designates it the American Academy of Pediatrician's (AAP) Schedule of Immunization by age. The bill does not eliminate the CDC's Advisory Committee's recommended immunizations, just adds the AAP's.

Given the uncertainty and with an active outbreak of measles currently taking place in the country, it seems prudent that this second standard be added to ensure that we can maintain high levels of childhood immunization in the state.

I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 1315. Thank you.