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The Honorable Joseline Pena-Melnyk  
Chair  
House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
241 Taylor House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

*RE: HB 869 (Pena-Melnyk) - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025 – Favorable*

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of TechNet, I'm writing to provide remarks on HB 869, the *Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025*.

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state level. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic American businesses ranging from startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents over 4.5 million employees and countless customers in the fields of information technology, artificial intelligence, e-commerce, the sharing and gig economies, advanced energy, transportation, cybersecurity, venture capital, and finance. TechNet has offices in Austin, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Harrisburg, Olympia, Sacramento, Silicon Valley, Tallahassee, and Washington, D.C.

TechNet is pleased to support HB 869. Telehealth is fundamentally altering how patients experience care. New telecommunications technologies allow healthcare professionals to provide patients with medical care and services in convenient, affordable, and accessible ways, and enable healthcare providers to deliver and coordinate healthcare safely and at a high quality. We support statutes that affirmatively enable the use of technology to treat patients remotely and ensure that the clinician-patient relationship can be established using technology. We believe that telehealth statutes should be technology-neutral and enable innovation, including allowing the use of both synchronous and asynchronous technologies.

TechNet is supportive of efforts to modernize legal frameworks that aim to sensibly regulate novel products and services if they seek to encourage, enable, and advance American leadership in innovation. We support the underlying and future innovation inherent in the product or service and believe that preserving telehealth

access is vital to preserving healthcare access for Marylanders. Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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