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RE: HB141 Task Force on Loneliness and Isolation

On behalf of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland (NPAM), which represents over 850 members and 8000 nurse practitioners statewide, I submit the following comments regarding the proposed task force:

NPAM supports HB 141 Task Force on Loneliness and Isolation. Our members believe the outcomes will provide a strategic roadmap to foster a more connected and healthy community for vulnerable populations like older adults and individuals with disabilities. Nurse practitioners in Maryland are uniquely positioned healthcare providers to offer solutions for gaps identified and are well versed in community resources to assist these individuals. We recommend including a nurse practitioner specializing in psychiatry or geriatrics. We are confident that this inclusion will ensure a comprehensive approach to addressing the multifaceted challenges associated with social isolation and loneliness, ultimately improving the health and well-being of our most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you for considering our comments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our association via NPAM Executive Director, Malinda Duke, at [npamexecdir@gmail.com](mailto:npamexecdir@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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