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The Honorable Joseline Pena-Melnyk Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee Room 241 House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

House Bill 869 - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025 - FAVORABLE with Amendment

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk,

The League of Life and Health Insurers of Maryland, Inc. *supports House Bill 869 - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025* favorable with amendment.

The League members are supportive of continuing the expansions of telehealth that have become part of the health care landscape in the post-pandemic world. The flexibility certainly provides consumer convenience and accessibility that provides patients with options to engage with their providers in a technologically shifting world.

To keep up with this ever-evolving paradigm and marketplace, the League respectfully requests an amendment that requires the Maryland Health Care Commission to "provide a report on the advances or developments in the area of telehealth including evolving modalities and changes in the cost of delivering services every four years."

For these reasons, the League urges the committee to give House Bill 869 a favorable with amendment report.

Very truly yours,

Matthew Celentano Executive Director

cc: Members, House Health and Government Operations Committee