January 24, 2025

Senator William C. Smith, Jr. Chair, Sponsors, and Members of the Committee Judicial Proceedings Committee 2 East Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Senate Bill-0025 Family Law – Child Custody Evaluators – Qualifications Position: Favorable

Dear Senator Smith, (Chair), Member of the Committee, and Sponsors Senators Carozza, Waldstreicher, and West:

I write is support of this important legislation to insure quality and objective evaluations based upon recognized standards of care, as opposed to subjective decisions. This legislation, will ensure competency in the evaluative process, facilitate legal proceedings, assist families, and protect the public.

Sincerely,

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