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The Honorable Luke Clippinger & Members of the House Judiciary Committee
Taylor House Office Building, Room 101
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairperson Clippinger and Judiciary Committee,

The Frederick County State's Attorney's Office and the Maryland State's Attorney's Association support in **Support of HB152 – Family Law: Child Custody Evaluators – Qualifications**. The MSAA supports this bill which seeks to establish necessary qualifications for child custody evaluators appointed by the courts in Maryland. Our offices often see cases that intersect with custody proceedings. We need evaluators have training or experience in observing or performing custody evaluations and possess knowledge of critical issues such as domestic violence, child neglect and abuse, trauma and its impact on children and adults.

We ask for a favorable report of HB 152.

Sincerely,

Joyce King
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Co-Chair MSAA Special Victims Committee