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**House Appropriations Committee
TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION**

HB 129 - Public Funding - Nonprofit Entities - Reporting

Behavioral Health System Baltimore (BHSB) is a nonprofit organization that serves as the local behavioral health authority (LBHA) for Baltimore City. BHSB works to increase access to a full range of quality behavioral health (mental health and substance use) services and advocates for innovative approaches to prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery for individuals, families, and communities. Baltimore City represents nearly 35 percent of the public behavioral health system in Maryland, serving over 100,000 people with mental illness and substance use disorders (collectively referred to as “behavioral health”) annually.

Behavioral Health System Baltimore opposes HB 129 - Public Funding - Nonprofit Entities – Reporting.

This bill would establish new, unnecessary reporting requirements for many nonprofits to share basic information with the Comptroller.

Nonprofits submit considerable amounts of information to governmental entities. These organizations file with the Internal Revenue Service to incorporate and maintain their nonprofit status. In terms of public grants, these all require even more reporting, especially to the Department of Budget and Management who receives information on all grants to nonprofits and any other entities. The Office of Legislative Audits is also authorized to conduct reviews of any grants.

BHSB, as a nonprofit, does understand what HB 129 is aiming to accomplish. It is also not clear why this information should be reported to the Comptroller. The reporting appears duplicative and would waste scarce nonprofit and Comptroller resources to comply. **BHSB urges the House Appropriations Committee to reject HB 129.**

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