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Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Kaiser, and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee,

NAMI Maryland and our 11 local affiliates across the state represent a network of more than 60,000 families, individuals, community-based organizations, and service providers. NAMI Maryland is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing education, support, and advocacy for people living with mental illnesses, their families, and the wider community.

As a 501(c) organization in Maryland, NAMI Maryland is subject to rigorous federal and state oversight. We already provide detailed financial disclosures to the Internal Revenue Service and are held accountable through the specific reporting requirements inherent in every government grant we receive.

We are concerned that HB 129 reflects a broader, more troubling trend of increased scrutiny and pressure on the non-profit sector. Maryland should be a leader in supporting its non-profit partners, not in adding to the administrative pressures they face.

For these reasons, we urge an unfavorable report.

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