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**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TESTIMONY ON SB0133**

TO: Education, Energy, and the Environment Senate Committee  
FROM: John Dove, Commissioner, Occupational and Professional Licensing  
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BILL: SB0133 Sunset Extensions Omnibus

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**MD LABOR POSITION: SUPPORT**

Senate Bill 133 will ensure the continued existence, authority, and accountability of several key regulatory boards and commissions under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act.

Several occupational licensing boards and commissions are scheduled to sunset in the coming years. The Boards of Barbers, Cosmetologists, Individual Tax Preparers, and Land Surveyors are all set to terminate in 2027. The Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors is scheduled to terminate in 2026.

If these entities were to lapse, Maryland would face significant disruptions in professional licensure and consumer protection. Thousands of practitioners across multiple industries rely on these boards and commissions for credentialing, guidance, and oversight. Their termination would not only interrupt professional licensing processes but also diminish the safeguards that protect Maryland consumers from unqualified or unethical practices.

These boards and commissions have demonstrated consistent value through their work to uphold standards, ensure accountability, and maintain confidence in Maryland's regulated professions. Included as attachments in our written testimony are the sunset reports, recently required to be submitted to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee, for the five boards and commissions being extended by this bill for the Committee's review. Those reports provide more details about the activities and functions of each respective Board and Commission to include the composition of each unit, information on meetings and minutes, licensing fees and costs, and data on the licensees that each unit oversees.

**The Department respectfully requests a favorable report on SB0133.**

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