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**TESTIMONY ON SB#/0078- POSITION: FAVORABLE**

**Public Health – Prostate–Specific Antigen Testing (Protect Our Prostate Act)**

**TO:** Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and members of the Finance Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#/0078, **Public Health – Prostate–Specific Antigen Testing (Protect Our Prostate Act)**

As a person being treated for prostate health with a family history of problems the receipt of accurate reports and information about the testing is critical for me to make informed decisions in consultation with my urologist.

This bill will require certain providers and laboratories to provide certain written information to patients receiving prostate-specific antigen testing; and requiring clinical laboratories that administer prostate-specific antigen tests to follow certain disclosure requirements, use standard calibration for testing assays and report test results in a standard manner, make certain disclosures to ordering providers, and follow guidelines from certain organizations.

This is a consumer protection measure related to processes and procedures for testing and communication of results. As an affected individual by the requirements this bill would implement I believe it to be a necessary step to protect my and other's health.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#/0078.**