

Testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 199 submitted on January 26,2026

**Individuals with Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund
Finance Committee Hearing January 28, 2026 at 2:PM**

To Chair Beidle, Vice -Chair Hayes, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to **SUPPORT for SB199 on behalf of Chimes as a volunteer Board member of Chimes International and the Chimes Maryland Advisory Council.**

Chimes mission is to foster a compassionate and inclusive community where individuals of differing abilities and behavioral health needs are supported and thrive. Chimes enables futures by providing holistic support, advocacy, and innovative solutions that enhance independence, well -being and a sense of belonging.

Chimes Maryland as the largest not-for profit provider of community services in the state supports children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism, and other co-occurring conditions throughout the Baltimore metropolitan region. Committed to helping each individual reach their fullest potential, Chimes offers a diverse array of services tailored to every stage of life.

SB 199, as proposed by Senator Simonaire, allows an opportunity for individuals with disabilities or service -disabled veterans **and their eligible family members or Direct Support Professionals (DSP) companions** to be included and funded to assist these individuals, participate, engage in and enjoy sailing, boating, kayaking, canoeing ,paddleboarding or surfing as recreational activities that may not be otherwise available to them without this grant funding.

Thank you for your consideration and **the Chimes urges a favorable report from this committee for SB199.**

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