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The Honorable Pamela Beidle  
Senate Finance Committee  
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: Support with Amendments – House Bill 883 (Health Care – Artificial Intelligence)**

Dear Chair Beidle and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Kaiser Permanente, I am writing to express our support for House Bill 883 with a specific clarifying amendment. Kaiser Permanente is committed to the responsible use of technology to enhance patient care, and we appreciate the Committee's work in addressing the evolving landscape of artificial intelligence in healthcare.

While we support the underlying goals of the legislation, we believe it is essential to distinguish between the use of AI as a replacement for clinical judgment and its use as a supportive tool for behavioral health providers. To that end, we request an amendment to clarify that the provisions of this bill do not apply to behavioral health providers who utilize AI to complement or supplement treatment, rather than to replace the essential role of the human provider.

In behavioral health, AI can offer vital support—such as assisting with documentation, providing clinical decision support, or offering supplemental digital therapeutics—that improves the efficiency and effectiveness of care without removing the practitioner from the center of the therapeutic relationship. Ensuring that these supplemental tools are not inadvertently restricted will allow providers to continue leveraging innovation to expand access and improve patient outcomes.

We look forward to working with you and the Committee to ensure this legislation achieves its goals while protecting the ability of providers to use innovative tools responsibly. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact me at [Allison.W.Taylor@kp.org](mailto:Allison.W.Taylor@kp.org) or (919) 818-3285 with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Taylor".

Allison Taylor  
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AMENDMENTS TO HB 883  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, in line 8, after “SELLS,” insert “OR”; in line 9, strike “GIVES, OR OTHERWISE PROVIDES”; in line 17, after “CARE” insert “INDEPENDENT FROM OVERSIGHT OF A LICENSED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER”; in line 18, after “SELL,” insert “OR” and in the same line strike “GIVE, OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 26, after “TO” insert “COMPLEMENT OR SUPPLEMENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES OR”.