



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0555

Health - Dementia Services and Brain Health Program and Clinical Toolkit

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TO: Chair Senator Pamela Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Antonio Hayes, and members of the Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Lynn Mortoro, member of the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN)

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Dear Chair Senator Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Hayes and all members of the Senate Finance Committee.

I am a retired Registered Nurse and the daughter of 2 parents who struggled with dementia in their final years.

It is a devastating illness for many people and their families.

Having a Toolkit that would be a resource for the physicians and others who care for people and families that would give standards for care and referrals would be a huge help.

We have an aging population and this is a growing problem.

I am a member of the Episcopal Church and MEPPN.

“The Church supports comprehensive health care and recognizes the need for universal and equitable access for all.”

This statement includes all care, including mental health.

The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) requests a

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