

Bill number: SB0392
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Hello,

Please accept my written testimony in support for bill number SB0392, Maryland TEDCO Long COVID Innovation Grant and Loan Program. Long COVID affects over 450,000 Marylanders, including at least 125,000 with disabling symptoms. With federal leadership stalled, Maryland has a unique opportunity to lead. A Long COVID R&D program, modeled after the Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund (MSCRF), would create high-paying jobs, attract biotech investment, and position Maryland as a global innovation hub. We ask for Governor Moore's line-item funding to target translational science, cGMP manufacturing, diagnostics, and startup formation in alignment with his lighthouse sectors: healthcare, tech, and advanced manufacturing.

Thank you,

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