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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Pam Beidle, Chair Senate Finance Committee

Re: Favorable Support for Senate Bill 742

Dear Chair Beidle and Members of the Committee:

I write in strong support of Senate Bill 742.

For many Maryland families, participation in state-supported programs is not simply about services — it is about dignity, independence, and community. I know this not only as a legislator, but as a family member.

Just this past year, my cousin was enrolled in a program that allowed her to work, build friendships, and engage meaningfully in her community. That program provided structure, purpose, and social connection. It gave her independence and gave our family peace of mind.

However, due to a paperwork issue — not ineligibility, not misconduct, but a bureaucratic breakdown — she was removed from the program. What followed was a deeply frustrating experience. For months, she was left without the routine and support that allowed her to thrive. Our family and I were left navigating a system that felt inflexible and unresponsive to the real-world consequences of administrative error.

No Marylander should lose access to life-changing services because of preventable paperwork problems. SB 742 addresses this gap directly and thoughtfully. It ensures that technical or administrative issues do not unnecessarily interrupt access to programs that support employment, stability, and social participation. It reinforces accountability while recognizing that rigid systems can sometimes cause unintended harm.

Public policy must work for the people it serves. When processes overshadow purpose, we must step in and correct them. This bill does exactly that.

For my cousin — and for countless Marylanders whose well-being depends on continuity and fairness — I respectfully urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 742.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Gallion".

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