



Testimony in Support of HB825 – Tahjai’s Law

Position:	Favorable
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Chair and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is **LaTasha R. Ward**, Executive Director of **The Solid Foundation, Inc.**, and I am here in support of **House Bill 825**. Brain health affects families and communities across Maryland. Many individuals live with neurological conditions, traumatic brain injuries, and other brain health challenges that are often unseen but have a profound impact on daily life. For families, the journey can be confusing and overwhelming as they search for information, services, and support while navigating healthcare systems, schools, and workplaces that may not fully understand these challenges. House Bill 825 helps raise awareness and strengthens resources available to individuals and families. Increased education and awareness can reduce stigma, support early recognition, and connect people with the care and services that can improve outcomes. Supporting brain health strengthens our communities. When individuals receive the support they need, they are better able to learn, work, care for their families, and participate fully in society. I respectfully ask the committee to give **House Bill 825 a favorable report**. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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