

House GVE Committee

HB0458-General Provisions-Commemorative Months-Water Safety Month

Support

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Dear Delegate Wells, Chair, Delegate Kerr, Co-Chair and Committee Members:

Please vote in favor of **HB0458** which would require the governor to annually proclaim the month of May as Water Safety Month. I urge you to vote for this bill so certain activities designed to raise awareness and promote safe practices around bodies of water would be recognized.

Please note that children with autism are 160 times more likely to experience fatal or nonfatal drowning compared to the general pediatric population. Drowning is the leading cause of death among children with autism. Programs increasing awareness, wandering prevention, and water safety skill development all would work to keep people safe.

Thank you for voting in favor of **HB0458**

Sincerely,

Dorothy Plantz