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The Honorable Melissa Wells
Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
142 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 825 – Brain Health – Guidelines, Grant Fund, and Commemorative Month (Tahjai’s Law)

Dear Madam Chair:

The Maryland Commission on Caregiving is pleased to submit this letter of support for HB 825 – Brain Health – Guidelines, Grant Fund, and Commemorative Month (Tahjai’s Law).

Serving as the “voice of the Maryland family caregiver,” the Maryland Commission on Caregiving (“Commission”) is charged with recommending policies that positively impact family caregivers, soliciting and responding to their concerns, and acknowledging their contributions. More than one million Marylanders provide unpaid care to a loved one, many of whom support individuals living with neurological conditions, traumatic brain injury, or chronic headaches that can significantly affect daily functioning.

Considering this, the Commission strongly supports efforts that increase awareness of brain health, encourage early identification and evaluation of symptoms, and expand research and resources that can improve outcomes for individuals and the families who care for them.

The Commission respectfully notes that family caregivers are often responsible for recognizing early symptoms, coordinating care, and supporting loved ones living with complex brain health conditions. Increasing public awareness and investing in research through the Brain Health Grant Fund will help ensure individuals receive the care they need while also supporting the caregivers who play a critical role in their well-being.

The Commission works to ensure caregivers across the lifespan are equipped with the resources needed to provide safe care to their loved ones. HB 825 will help advance this goal by promoting awareness, encouraging early identification of brain health conditions, and supporting families and caregivers across Maryland.

Sincerely,

Maryland Commission on Caregiving