

Date: March 10, 2026

House Health Committee

Re: HB1434 Maryland Department of Health - Caregiver Resource Webpage - Establishment

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Madam Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Cassandra Moussignac, and I am the CEO and Director of Bravo Kids Inc. I work with families and caregivers who support young children with developmental delays and autism. Many of the families we serve spend a great deal of time trying to locate reliable information about services and supports that can help their children thrive.

House Bill 1434 recognizes that caregivers are often responsible for navigating multiple complex systems at once, including health care, disability services, education, and community resources. A centralized caregiver resource webpage would provide families with a clear starting point where they can easily identify available programs, understand eligibility requirements, and connect with appropriate services across Maryland.

In my work with families, I frequently see caregivers overwhelmed by the time and stress required to research programs, contact multiple agencies, and determine which services may be available to them. When information is scattered across different websites and organizations, it creates unnecessary barriers for families who are already balancing work, caregiving responsibilities, and daily life. A centralized webpage would significantly reduce this burden and allow caregivers to focus more on supporting their loved ones.

Caregiving needs span across the lifespan, from early childhood developmental services to supports for adults with disabilities and aging individuals with complex medical needs. Providing one accessible location for reliable information helps ensure that all Maryland families, regardless of background or resources, can find the help they need when they need it.

When caregivers are better supported, the individuals they care for are more likely to remain safe, healthy, and connected within their communities. Strengthening access to information is a simple but powerful way to improve coordination of services and support families throughout the state.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to issue a favorable report on House Bill 1434.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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