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The Honorable Heather Bagnall  
Chair, House Health Committee  
Room 241, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: Senate Bill 555 – Health - Dementia Services and Brain Health Program and Provider Resource Toolkit – Letter of Support as Amended**

Dear Chair Bagnall and Committee members:

The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) respectfully submits this letter of Support as amended for Senate Bill (SB) 555 – Health - Dementia Services and Brain Health Program and Provider Resource Toolkit. SB 555 establishes a Dementia Services and Brain Health Program within the Department to coordinate statewide efforts on dementia and brain health, while also updating the duties of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Council. It further requires development of a provider resource toolkit to support health care providers in delivering dementia care.

The Department appreciates the work of the Maryland General Assembly and the bill sponsor to amend the legislation to strengthen the bill’s implementation framework and better align with existing Department initiatives and resources. The establishment of a coordinated, statewide approach to dementia services and brain health will enhance the Department’s ability to support individuals living with dementia, their caregivers, and health care providers. By centralizing efforts and improving access to tools and resources, SB 555 will help promote early detection, improve care coordination, and support better health outcomes across Maryland.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Meghan Lynch, Director of Governmental Affairs at [meghan.lynch@maryland.gov](mailto:meghan.lynch@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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Secretary of Health