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The Honorable Heather Bagnall
Health and Government Operations Committee
House Office Building Room 240
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 1367 – Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care in Maryland – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Bagnall and Members of the Committee:

Kaiser Permanente is pleased to support of House Bill 1367, which would establish the Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care in Maryland. As the nation’s largest integrated nonprofit health system, Kaiser Permanente has long been a proponent of the very principles this Commission seeks to champion: patient-centered care, the seamless integration of somatic and behavioral health, and the pursuit of health equity.

The current health care landscape faces significant headwinds, from provider shortages to the complexities of fragmented care delivery. HB 1367 recognizes that incremental changes are no longer sufficient. By convening a diverse range of stakeholders—including providers, insurers, and consumer advocates—Maryland can design a system that prioritizes long-term health outcomes over administrative silos.

We specifically support the Commission’s mandate to:

- **Evaluate Integrated Care Models:** Our experience shows that when somatic and behavioral health are integrated, patients experience better outcomes and lower total costs.
- **Address Affordability and Access:** By examining the impact of certain features of the current healthcare landscape, the Commission can identify real-world barriers that prevent Marylanders from seeking timely care.
- **Reflect Maryland’s Diversity:** The emphasis on demographic representation ensures that the Commission’s recommendations will be grounded in the lived experiences of all Maryland residents, particularly those in underserved communities.

Establishing a clear roadmap for the future of our health system is not just a policy goal—it is a public health necessity. HB 1367 provides the structured, collaborative approach needed to ensure Maryland remains a national leader in health care innovation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact me at Allison.W.Taylor@kp.org or (919) 818-3285 with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Taylor".

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