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

**Re: HB1434 – Maryland Department of Health – Caregiver Resource Webpage – Establishment.**

Dear Madam Chair,

The Maryland Commission on Caregiving is pleased to submit this Favorable with Amendments Written Testimony for HB1434 – Maryland Department of Health – Caregiver Resource Webpage – Establishment. This bill will establish a centralized caregiver resource webpage to help caregivers locate information, services, and supports available across the State.

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. In Maryland, more than one million family caregivers provide unpaid care to loved ones with chronic illness, disability, or age-related needs, often while navigating complex and fragmented systems of care.

Considering this, the Commission strongly supports efforts to improve access to clear and centralized caregiver resources.

The Commission respectfully raises awareness that developing and maintaining a comprehensive caregiver resource webpage will require ongoing coordination and subject matter expertise. Therefore, the Commission recommends that the Maryland Commission on Caregiving take on this work to ensure the resource remains current, relevant, and responsive to caregiver needs. The Commission further recommends consideration of a fiscal note to support this effort, estimated at approximately \$150,000.

By strengthening access to information and coordinating caregiver resources statewide, HB1434 will help support Maryland’s family caregivers. For these reasons, the Maryland Commission on Caregiving respectfully requests a favorable with amendments report on HB1434.

Sincerely,

The Maryland Commission on Caregiving