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**TESTIMONY - HOUSE BILL 427  
TASK FORCE ON RESPONSIBLE USE OF NATURAL PSYCHEDELIC SUBSTANCES  
– EXTENSION  
POSITION: FAVORABLE  
HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Carrington & Associates, LLC supports House Bill 427 on behalf of our cannabis industry clients and other stakeholders working in closely related policy and regulatory spaces.

House Bill 427 extends the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances so the State can continue studying and developing recommendations related to public health, safety, and regulatory considerations. Extending the work of the Task Force ensures Maryland continues to take a careful, research driven approach to emerging therapeutic and behavioral health policy.

Our firm represents clients who operate within highly regulated industries and who depend on thoughtful, evidence-based policymaking. The evolution of cannabis policy in Maryland demonstrates the value of deliberate study, stakeholder engagement, and data driven recommendations before major regulatory decisions are made. Extending this Task Force allows Maryland to apply the same measured and responsible approach to the evaluation of natural psychedelic substances.

Continuing the Task Force provides policymakers, researchers, public health experts, and industry stakeholders the time needed to evaluate national trends, research developments, public health considerations, and potential regulatory frameworks. This work will help ensure that any future policy decisions are grounded in science, public safety, and practical implementation considerations.

For these reasons, Carrington & Associates, LLC respectfully urges a favorable report on House Bill 427.