



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0276/HB0445

Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for
Orthoses and Protheses (So Every Body Can Move Act)

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**TO: Chair Delegate Heather Bagnall, Vice Chair Bonnie Cullison and
members of the House Health Committee**

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Network (MEPPN)**

DATE: March 26, 2026

**Dear Chair Delegate Bagnall, Vice Chair Delegate Cullison and all members
of the of the House Health Committee**

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony in favor of this bill.

As a retired registered nurse as well as a member of the Episcopal Church, I
am in favor of this bill.

The Church as resolved to support the removal of socially-determined
barriers to health care. The coverage of orthoses and protheses fits in this
definition. It can mean the difference between jobs, being able to get out of the
house, to be confident in appearance and importantly, be able to maintain a
better diet in the case of orthoses. People will be able to remain and be
productive members of our communities.

**The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) requests a
FAVORABLE report**

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