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Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and distinguished members of the Health Committee,

NAMI Maryland and our 11 local affiliates across the state represent a network of more than 60,000 families, individuals, community-based organizations, and service providers. NAMI Maryland is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing education, support, and advocacy for people living with mental illnesses, their families, and the wider community.

HB1367 would establish the Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care in Maryland. This commission would serve to rethink the health care system we have in Maryland to come up with a more all-encompassing, inclusive, and patient centered system that can change and evolve to the needs of patients. This commission would be made up of a diverse group of individuals from various departments and backgrounds within the state both in the government and in the public. It would streamline healthcare in a modern way that would make it easier for Marylanders of all different backgrounds to receive the care that they need.

At NAMI Maryland, we believe this bill to be extremely important as it pertains to both overall health and our personal focus on mental health. Mental health is one of the largest growing concerns among Marylanders, particularly younger Marylanders. Cases of anxiety and depression among the youth are rising rapidly and many young people still are unaware of the behavioral health options available to help them.

The commission this bill aims to establish would work to take a deeper look at streamlining all types of healthcare together including behavioral health and work to make this treatment more readily available and known about to Marylanders who may be struggling. The diverse make-up of this commission would allow perspectives from all different angles on this issue and other healthcare issues in order to come up with the best system for all citizens of Maryland. With this in mind, NAMI Maryland would love to have a seat at the table on this commission, and we urge a favorable report.

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