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The Maryland Academy of Advanced Practice Clinicians (MAAPC) supports Senator Augustine’s SB 238, the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact.

MAAPC is the only statewide professional association representing and supporting the roles of all advanced practice clinicians. For more than fifteen years, MAAPC has worked diligently to advance policies that allow clinicians to practice to the full extent of their education and training, consistent with the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine’s landmark 2010 report.

Unnecessary barriers to practice restrict access to care and impose undue burdens on patients, resulting in delays in services and increased financial strain. These challenges are felt most acutely by our newly created mobile workforce and by the communities that depend on timely access to qualified professionals. Policies that promote workforce mobility and access—such as SB 238—are essential to addressing these gaps in care.

Specifically:

- Benefit of reciprocity and portability for military spouses ([National Council of the State Legislatures, 2021](#))
- Lengthy credentialing processes can lead to unemployment ([National Council of the State Legislatures, 2021](#)) this is a critical call out for legislators who prioritize fiscal responsibility- "A recent [study](#) by [Blue Star Families](#) found that the unemployment, underemployment, and reduced labor force participation among military spouses cost the U.S. economy almost \$1 billion per year" ([National Council of the State Legislatures, 2021](#))
- States that have joined the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) have experienced a net increase in the number of licensed physicians available to their populations "The recently published data study shows that over 17% of all new licenses issued to physicians in 2022 were done via the IMLC process" (Maryland Board of Physicians, 2023, p. 5).
- According to reports from [Forbes \(2022\)](#), Maryland ranked among the top 10 states for school psychologist annual pay. This makes Maryland a competitive state for employment. According to 2024 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Maryland ranked in the top 4 for annual salaries nationwide (see spreadsheet attached). Original data can be found at <https://www.bls.gov/oes/tables.htm>

For these reasons, MAAPC respectfully urges a favorable report on SB 238.

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Respectfully,

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