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The Honorable Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass
Health and Government Operations Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
District 13- Howard County
House Office Building, Room 241
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: House Bill 921 Dentist- Saliva Lead Poisoning Screening Tests Scope of Practice and Requirements

Dear Delegate Pendergrass:

The Health and Government Operations Committee play an integral roll setting the standard of health care for the Maryland community. One the most vulnerable members of that community is children. It is through this legislation that we continue to protect and care for children. Therefore I am appealing to the Committee that there is a vote for the passage of House Bill 921.

As a Pediatric Dentist my entire livelihood is based in maintaining the children's' comprehensive health through the management of oral health. Dentist like myself have the most access to obtaining the necessary saliva samples for the implementation of the above-mentioned screening tests. The saliva screen is not only easy but also acceptable amongst parents of all demographics. It is imperative that the State of Maryland use it's valuable resources such as pediatric dentists and pediatricians to attack the culprit leading to the deleterious effects of lead poisoning.

Thank you for hearing my appeal.

Sincerely,

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