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January 26, 2021

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Senate Bill 313 - Maryland Department of Health - Public Health Outreach Programs- Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer's Disease, and Other Types of Dementia - Letter of Information

Dear Chair Pinsky and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) respectfully submits this letter of information on Senate Bill 313 - Maryland Department of Health- Public Health Outreach Programs- Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer's Disease, and Other Types of Dementia- Letter of Information.

SB 313 would require the MDH, in conjunction with the Department of Aging, the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council, and the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association to incorporate information related to cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's Disease, and other types of dementia into any public health outreach programs that the MDH administers.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 response efforts, the MDH unfortunately does not have the fiscal or personnel resources to implement this bill if it is passed. Many of the MDH's current personnel have already increased their workload and absorbed additional tasks that are critical to the COVID-19 response.

We recognize and value the importance of this bill and its impact on Marylanders. As such, we respectfully request this bill be held and reintroduced in the 2022 Session. We look forward to working with the bill sponsor(s) and appropriate stakeholders in the interim.

I hope this information is useful. If you have questions or need more information about this subject, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 260-3190 or webster.ye@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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