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The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser
Committee on Ways and Means
House Office Building Room 131
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 377 – Support

Dear Chair Kaiser and Members of the Committee:

Kaiser Permanente supports HB 377, “Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment.”

Kaiser Permanente is the largest private integrated health care delivery system in the United States, delivering health care to over 12 million members in eight states and the District of Columbia.¹ Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States, which operates in Maryland, provides and coordinates complete health care services for approximately 775,000 members. In Maryland, we deliver care to over 450,000 members.

This bill establishes the Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment to study, evaluate, and revise guidelines for student behavioral health and mental health treatment and practices, including school-based health centers. Kaiser Permanente is committed to providing high-quality behavioral health services to all people, especially school-aged children. If enacted, we would seek a seat on this Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact Allison Taylor at Allison.W.Taylor@kp.org or (202) 924-7496 with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Taylor".

Allison Taylor
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Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Mid-Atlantic States, Inc.

¹ Kaiser Permanente comprises Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., the nation’s largest not-for-profit health plan, and its health plan subsidiaries outside California and Hawaii; the not-for-profit Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, which operates 39 hospitals and over 650 other clinical facilities; and the Permanente Medical Groups, self-governed physician group practices that exclusively contract with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and its health plan subsidiaries to meet the health needs of Kaiser Permanente’s members.