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The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Health and Government Operations Committee
House Office Building Room 240
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 1073 – Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Members of the Committee:

Kaiser Permanente is pleased to support HB 1073 and appreciates the opportunity to work with the sponsor on some technical amendments to the bill.

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 800,000 members. In Maryland, we deliver care to over 460,000 members.

Kaiser Permanente strongly supports the intent of the bill to encourage individuals to complete advance directives and make them available to their health care providers. To that end, Kaiser patients can upload their completed advance directives to their EHR or drop the documents off in person at one of our medical facilities. More information about that process is available [here](#).

We participated on a workgroup convened by MHCC on this topic over the interim and appreciate the willingness of the sponsor to consider some technical amendments to the bill as drafted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact me 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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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.