

## HB 1379 Support

I am providing my written testimony in support of HB 1379 Hospitals, Related Institutions, and Hospice Facilities – COVID–19 and Other Catastrophic Health Emergencies – Visitation.

I know many Marylanders who lost loved ones over the pandemic, not related to Covid-19, but due to the restrictions, and did not get to say goodbye. The anguish caused by these restrictions is unconscionable.

As a daughter of a disabled veteran, I support this bill. My father is very feeble and has many health complications, to include mental illness. My mother is his sole care provider. If my father needed hospitalization and could not have visitors due to COVID-19 restrictions, he would be extremely distraught without my mother or myself present.

I am requesting a favorable report in support of this bill.

Thank you,

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