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The Honorable Melony Griffith
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Committee Members
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB0974, State-Owned Nursing Homes-Deficiencies, Citations, and Fines-Contractor Reporting Requirements

Madame Chair Griffith and Committee Members,

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs supports the emergency legislation requiring notification of a citation or fine to a nursing facility from any federal, state, or local government agency. As the welfare of our residents at our veterans' home is our no. 1 priority, having additional oversight from our elected officials will help ensure the health and welfare of our residents and provide an additional measure of comfort to the residents' families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Woods". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Anthony Woods
Secretary