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Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair
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Health and Government Operations Committee
House Office Building, Room 241
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 726 – State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Sunset Extension

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice-Chair Cullison, and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Psychological Association, (MPA), which represents over 1,000 doctoral level psychologists throughout the state, would like to offer its strong support for Senate Bill 726 – State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Sunset Extension. SB 726 continues the statutory and regulatory authority of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. The Board of Examiners of Psychology provides a critical role in ensuring the well-being of the citizens of Maryland and the oversight of the profession of psychology.

The Maryland Psychological Association asks for a **FAVORABLE** report on **Senate Bill 726**.

Thank you for considering our comments on SB 726. If we can be of any further assistance as the Senate – Finance Committee considers this bill, please do not hesitate to contact MPA's Legislative Chair, Dr. Pat Savage at mpalegislativcommittee@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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