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March 23, 2023

The Honorable Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Chair
House Health and Government Operations Committee
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Senate Bill 727– State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners - Sunset Extension- SUPPORT

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk,

The American Physical Therapy Association Maryland is writing to register our support of **Senate Bill 727**.

The purpose of this legislation is to continue the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and generally relating to the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

The mission of the Board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all Marylanders through the promotion and oversight of the Physical Therapy Practice Act. The vision is to ensure physical therapists and physical therapist assistants meet and exceed the physical therapy standards of practice to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all Marylanders.

APTA Maryland supports legislation that would allow for the continuing of the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

For the reasons noted above we ask for a favorable report on Senate Bill 727.

Sincerely,

JD Sheppard

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