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January 1, 2023

The Honorable Pam Beidle, Chair
Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Senate Bill 257 – State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners - Sunset Extension- SUPPORT

Dear Chair Beidle,

The American Physical Therapy Association Maryland is writing to register our support of Senate Bill 257.

The purpose of this legislation is to extend the termination date for the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners by three years to July 1, 2028, subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA).

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 257.

Sincerely,



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President, APTA Maryland