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February 21, 2024

The Honorable Luke Clippinger
The Honorable J. Sandy Bartlett
Judiciary Committee
Room 101
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1031 Correctional Services - Medication-Assisted Treatment
Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously support HB 1031 - Correctional Services - Medication-Assisted Treatment. The hearing on this legislation is scheduled on March 7, 2024.

It is our understanding that this legislation is repealing the requirement that each local correctional facility make available at least one formulation of each FDA-approved full opioid agonist, partial opioid agonist, and long-acting opioid antagonist used for the treatment of opioid use disorders; requiring the Maryland Secretary of Health to annually provide each county a grant equal to the costs incurred by the county for the implementation of a certain medication-assisted treatment program; and expanding the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund.

Cecil County supports the goal of rehabilitation and treatment of opioid use disorders of our incarcerated citizens and providing treatment during this time will help with the transition back into society. Grant funding from the State to provide these treatments will ensure the program will be funded.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Judiciary Committee send a favorable report on HB 1031.

Sincerely,

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Danielle Hornberger
County Executive

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Jackie Gregory
President of County Council