



# REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE INSIDE

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## HB 937 – Abortion Care Access Act

### SUPPORT

Chairman Pendergrass  
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Members of the House Health and General Operations Committee

Reproductive Justice Inside (RJI) and our coalition members and our statewide and national partners stand in support of HB 937.

Reproductive Justice Inside is Maryland's only statewide coalition working to address the needs of systems-involved individuals and their access to quality and timely sexual and reproductive healthcare and the right to parent with dignity. To this end, we are steadfast in our belief of bodily autonomy and abortion as a fundamental human right.

However, we know that access – particularly for low-income, Black, Indigenous and people of color are limited both by provider shortages and poor to non-existent health coverage.

A concern of advocates is that as out-of-state individuals come to our state for abortion care, Marylanders themselves could see long delays in wait times for abortion care appointments. HB 937 will ensure that Maryland has enough abortion providers by removing barriers around allowing advanced practice clinicians (APCs) to provide procedural abortion care. The legislation will also establish and fund a clinical training program to support clinicians interested in providing abortion care. This will be especially important for Maryland clinicians who trained in states, hospitals, and institutions that prohibit comprehensive reproductive health service provision and education.

We stand in support of this legislation as a recognition that our movements are intersectional, and individuals in the communities that we serve have had—and will continue to have—abortions. Indeed, everyone loves someone that has had an abortion.

Reproductive Justice Inside urges your support and favorable report on House Bill 937.

Respectfully submitted,

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