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To: The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

From: The Office of the Attorney General

Re: House Bill 937 (Abortion Care Access Act): Support

The Office of the Attorney General supports House Bill 937 which would remove barriers to access to abortion services in Maryland, where two-thirds of counties have no abortion providers, according to Planned Parenthood of Maryland. In keeping with the Office's history of supporting reproductive freedom, we support the bill's goals of expanding access to abortion services and establishing the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program in the Maryland Department of Health. We would rely on the health occupations boards and the Department to ensure that patient safety and quality standards will be established and enforced.

We urge the committee to give House Bill 937 a favorable report.

cc: Delegate Kelly, Sponsor