

Chair Shane E. Pendergrass
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SIGN ON SUPPORTER LETTER
HB 937 –Abortion Care Access Act

Honorable Chair Pendergrass:

We, the undersigned, ask for a favorable report on House Bill 937, the Abortion Care Access Act.

Our organizations range widely in work and mission, but we are united in our belief of bodily autonomy and abortion as a fundamental human right. We understand that the legality of abortion isn't enough to guarantee access— especially for low-income people, Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), and people living in rural areas.

Abortion access for Marylanders is already limited by provider shortages and poor insurance coverage. It will only get worse in the likelihood of an adverse *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* ruling. As out-of-state individuals flock 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.

We urge a favorable report on House Bill 937. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Advanced Practice Clinician (APC) Cluster of the Reproductive Health Access Network,
Nurses for Sexual and Reproductive Health, and the National Abortion Federation

Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF)

Medical Students for Choice – University of Maryland School of Medicine Chapter

Reproductive Health Access Project, Mid-Atlantic Cluster

