

House Bill 0937 - **Oppose**
Abortion Care Access Act

My name is Dr. Kathryn Quinn. I work as an Emergency Medicine Physician and am a proud resident of Maryland.

I oppose this legislation because it is not an effective investment in Maryland's healthcare system. I can assure you these funds would be better invested in our emergency medicine and primary care systems. For example, the continued nationwide shortage of nurses is negatively impacting the care we are able to offer to our patients right now. Why not invest \$3.5 million in the nursing education of Maryland residents? Our hospitals are doing everything they can to recruit and retain Maryland's excellent nurses, but we simply do not have enough money to return to pre-pandemic staffing levels on our own. If this \$3.5 million could be re-routed towards nursing education, it could go a long way towards meeting our patients' stark healthcare needs.

I oppose abortion violence as a violation of the Hippocratic oath and the sacred duty of the doctor to serve all her patients, both those born and preborn. These funds would go to train people in techniques that are disputed in the medical profession. Many physicians and citizens, myself included, do not consider abortion to be valid healthcare and do not want our hard-earned tax dollars subsidizing the abortion industry—which so frequently places abortion profits before the health of the women they should be serving.

These funds would be much better invested in pre-natal care for mothers and children rather than in abortion violence.

Thank you for reading my testimony.