

Written Testimony of Thomas P. and Tina M. Wilson

RE: In Opposition to House Bill HB0477 - Public Senior Higher Education Institutions - Reproductive Health Services Plans - Requirements

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As citizens of the state of Maryland, we oppose Maryland **House Bill HB0477** as currently drafted. This testimony seeks to express our concerns around **HB0477**.

This bill establishes a state mandate on all public senior higher education institutions to participate in abortion by promoting abortion, referring minor girls for abortion and providing transportation to abortion providers including pharmacists, during the school day without parental notice or consent. While efforts such as these are already ongoing in many schools, this bill creates the abortion coordination framework so that state taxpayer funds may be attached in the future. This bill is another attempt at Government over-reach, usurping parental rights and control over their children, and postures the State to allocate taxpayer funds for abortion.

We oppose this bill and all attempts to promote abortion in public higher education institutions.