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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 363**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE HGO COMMITTEE**

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Honorable Chair Peña-Melynk, and Members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to submit favorable testimony for HB363 which would create a report to help us better serve our uninsured residents by comparing options for offering affordable healthcare coverage to State residents who are ineligible for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, or qualified health plans through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange due to the individual's immigration status.

In 2022 this committee took a bold step in ensuring that pregnant women have access to care for their unborn babies. The Healthy Babies Equity Act, expands Medicaid to pregnant individuals who meet the normal requirements of the program regardless of immigration status. We know this will have an immediate positive impact on our communities. Yet, there is more we need to do. HB 363 represents an important milestone in our journey towards creating a resilient healthcare system for all, especially communities of color who have been disproportionately impacted by lack of care. We pray that our legislators will heed our call and give a favorable report.

We thank you in advance for your actions towards HB 363.

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