



Support: HB 1412 Abortion Care Access Grant Program and Fund - Establishment

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Maryland House of Representatives
Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 240
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) and fellow pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Chesapeake Chapter, I am writing to express our support of **HB 1412 Abortion Care Access Grant Program and Fund - Establishment**.

This bill would establish the Abortion Care Access Grant Program to provide grants to improve access to abortion care services for individuals in the State and establish the Abortion Care Access Grant Program Fund. Access to reproductive health care is a fundamental right and Maryland has worked to protect the health, well-being, and rights of Marylanders in relation to reproductive care.

For these reasons the Maryland Chesapeake Chapter of NAPNAP extends their support to **HB 1412 Abortion Care Access Grant Program and Fund - Establishment**.

The pediatric advanced practice nurses of your state are grateful to you for your attention to these crucial issues. The members of Chesapeake Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners memberships includes over 200 primary and acute care pediatric nurse practitioners who are committed to improving the health and advocating for Maryland's pediatric patients. If we can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay J. Ward, the Chesapeake Chapter President at 410-507-3642 or MDChesNAPNAPLeg@outlook.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay J. Ward". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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