



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0940

**Health Insurance and Family Planning Services- Consumer Protections-
Update**

FAVORABLE

TO: Chair Senator Pamela Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Antonio Hayes, and all members of the Senate Finance Committee.

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Senator Beidle, Senator Hayes and all members of the Senate Finance Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony on a bill that will give added protection to our community.

I am a retired nurse, as well as a member of the Episcopal Church. I have worked in many areas, mostly Public Health and Oncology. I have seen and cared for people who had problems with insurance coverage.

Family Planning is vital to a healthy family and a healthy community.

The General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognizes the moral, legal, personal, and societal complexities of decisions relating to reproductive rights, health, and the creation of families. The Convention recognizes the need for health coverage for all which includes Family Planning services.

The Diocese of Maryland requests a **Favorable** report