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Bill: House Bill 286
Title: Public Health – Maternal Mortality Review Committee Program - Stakeholders
Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee
Date: February 5, 2020
Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 286 – Public Health – Maternal Mortality Review Program – Stakeholders*. The legislation proposes that community stakeholder group reflects the racial and ethnic diversity of the communities impacted the most by maternal mortality.

ACNM supports this legislation because we need to ensure that the most affected stakeholders are at the center of the discussion about maternal mortality trends. These stakeholders will bring needed perspectives in identifying strategies to lower maternal mortality rates. Our strategies should include improving care coordination, eliminating barriers to care, addressing identified health risk factors, and removing implicit biases within the health care system.

We urge a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please let us know by contacting Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.