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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

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Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) supports *House Bill 286 – Public Health – Maternal Mortality Review Committee Program – Stakeholders*. The bill requires that the stakeholders reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of impacted communities in the Maternal Mortality Review Committee Program.

In Maryland, maternal mortality rates are 3.7 times higher for black women than white women.<sup>i</sup> This disparity makes it imperative that our work on maternal mortality includes stakeholders who represent the communities most affected. Their input needs to be front and center in identifying strategies to addressing the underlying causes of maternal mortality.

We ask for a favorable vote on this legislation. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.

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<sup>i</sup> Maryland Department of Health. 2018 Maternal Mortality Review Report.