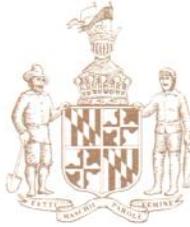


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**Testimony in Support of House Bill 96 – Family Law—Parentage and Adoption –  
Definitions**

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on behalf of **House Bill 96 – Family Law— Parentage and Adoption – Definitions.**

For families using assisted reproductive technology, this measure defines mother as current law defines father. It accomplishes this by including an embryo donor with a sperm and an ovum donor in the definition of “gamete donor.” It then handles the term mother the same way as the term father, with language specifying that a gamete donor is not a mother unless the donor and the child’s mother have a written agreement establishing the donor as parent or if the donor is married to the child’s mother when the child is conceived or born.

This bill provides consistency and clarification with regard to definitions established through legislation we enacted in 2019. It furthers our continued efforts to ensure that all families enjoy the security, integrity, and dignity that legal recognitions and protections provide.

I respectfully request a favorable report for House Bill 96.