

SB 879 Testimony – oppose

My name is Joshua Dixon. I oppose SB0879.

In December 2008, my wife and I transferred to Johns Hopkins Bayview ER for our birth. We were told our baby was dead and begged for emergency C-section or any help. For three hours we received none. By the grace of god we finally delivered a healthy baby.

Page 11 line 3 of this bill puts the onus of solving medical malpractice on the state. Why would we no longer make hospitals responsible for the damage they cause to women and babies?

On line 12 it states the General Assembly would "...study trust claims and other data to develop best practices in perinatal care. Are hospitals incapable of doing this themselves without governments help?

Some suggestions for future perinatal care:

1. When a licensed and certified nurse midwife brings in a transfer patient and states that the woman requires an immediate cesarean, I suggest you give the woman an immediate cesarean and not wait three hours.
2. If you have erroneously offered a woman a midterm abortion and then discovered her baby is healthy and not eligible. I highly suggest you tell the mother that information and then you monitor the baby's heartrate during her 60 hour long induction.

I provide those suggestions to hospitals free and at no cost to the state.

Thank you,

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