



February 26, 2021

To: Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair
Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

The Women's Caucus members voted unanimously to support SB684/HB758 Maryland Licensure of Certified Midwives Action on February 10, 2021. The bill establishes a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of certified midwifery under the State Board of Nursing; alters the duties of the Board to require the Board to set standards for the practice of certified midwifery and keep a certain list of certain licensed midwives; requires the Board to give certain persons a hearing before taking certain actions; requires certain individuals to be licensed before practicing certified midwifery in the State; etc. Maryland Licensure of Certified Midwives Act.

As you may know, the Women's Caucus is a bipartisan organization of 77 women legislators and eight male associate members serving in the Maryland General Assembly. Our mission to help women and their families through legislation and to encourage women's participation in government. Founded in 1972, the Maryland Women's Caucus is the oldest of its kind in the nation.

The Women's Caucus respectfully requests a favorable outcome for SB684/HB758 Maryland Licensure of Certified Midwives Act.

Sincerely,

Delegate Carol Krimm, President, Women's Caucus