

The Honorable Shane Pendergrass, Chair
And Members of the
Health & Government Operations Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, Maryland

HB 1198 – Rh-Negative Blood factor in Abortion – FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Members of the Committee,

HB 1198 provides some important health protections for a woman or teen girl choosing to have an abortion. Abortion is an invasive medical procedure that should only be performed by a licensed physician.

Procedures for abortion change over time and the use of powerful drugs to cause an abortion have increased in use. The use of these drugs can be dangerous to a woman or teen girl's health or life. They need proper medical supervision. There is a higher risk because the abortion happens away from the clinic and the woman or girl may be alone and may not know what is abnormal bleeding or pain. She may not know about the Rh-Negative factor in blood. Her future fertility or even her life can be in danger. Having the proper tests such as the Rh-Negative Blood factor test and, where appropriate, receive Rh immunoglobulin administered by a qualified physician are very important and should not left to chance.

Please give a Favorable Report to HB 1198.

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