

Written Testimony in Favor of HB 1198
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My name is Pamela Palumbo, I am a resident of Anne Arundel County.

I respectfully request a favorable vote on HB1198.

I serve as President of the Maryland Coalition of Medical Pregnancy Clinic's **which represents 30 Medical Clinics across the state caring for more than 20,000 women a year.**

I have also served for 39 years as the CEO of the Pregnancy Clinic, a non-profit Women's medical clinic with offices in Annapolis, Bowie Crofton & Severna Park. Since 1982 we have served nearly 40,000 women with totally free medical, counseling and support services. We are entirely supported by private donations from local individuals, businesses, churches and foundations and do not accept any state or federal funding

I have been involved with Abortion Pill Reversal since 2015 when Dr. Clif McClain, our OB/GYN Medical Director decided this was a valid medical procedure we should offer to women who began a medical abortion and then had second thoughts and wanted to at least try to stop it from completing.

Dr. Clif McClain is a local OB/GYN who delivered thousands of babies over his 36 years of practice at Anne Arundel General Medical Center. He knew that the procedure of supplementing women with threatened miscarriage with the naturally produced hormone progesterone, was one he had used in the past and if it could work for miscarriage, then it made sense it could for threatened abortion. He investigated Dr. Delgado's work and research and decided we should offer this for women who had begun a medical abortion and changed their minds.

If you believe in a woman's 'right to choose', then you should also support her 'right to choose' when she needs to know about a safe simple procedure such as taking progesterone supplements which might help her save her pregnancy.

I support allowing women to know of available medical services and decide for themselves what course of action to take.

Thank you