

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

RE: HB 1109 – Require Ultra-Sound & Waiting Period before Abortion – FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Members of the Committee,

HB 1109 calls for an ultra-sound and a 24-hour waiting period prior to having an abortion. It provides for a more limited 2-hour waiting period if the individual lives 100 miles or more from the clinic. It does not apply in cases of rape or incest.

A woman may not be sure about the development of the fetus and an ultrasound may help her decide if an abortion is the right choice. HB 1109 does not require the woman to look at the ultra-sound, or listen to the heartbeat, but it offers her an opportunity to do so. This opportunity may perhaps give her more peace whatever her decision.

Please give HB 1109 a Favorable Report.

Sincerely,
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