



**Committee:** Senate Finance Committee

**Bill:** Senate Bill 535 – Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act

**Hearing:** March 16, 2022

**Position:** Oppose

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) opposes *Senate Bill 535 – Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act*. The bill would ban the safest method of second trimester abortions, thus risking the health and life of Maryland patients. The Maryland Affiliate of ACNM is opposed to legislation designed to interfere with an individual’s autonomy in making reproductive health decisions. In 2019 after state legislatures introduced a record-breaking number of anti-reproductive health measures, ACNM – National issued a statement that “reaffirms its commitment to individual patient autonomy across the spectrum of reproductive health, including abortion.”<sup>i</sup> Therefore, we oppose this legislation and ask for an unfavorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).

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<sup>i</sup><https://www.midwife.org/acnm/files/cclibraryfiles/filename/000000007327/ACNM%20Opposition%20Statement%20to%20Threats%20to%20Abortion%20Care%20March%202019.pdf>