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SB 890 - SUPPORT

Abortion Care Access Act

Dear Chair Kelley, Vice-Chair Feldman, and Members of the Finance Committee:

Secular Maryland supports laws that facilitate better access to abortions. According to the Guttmacher Institute, there are 44 abortion provider locations across Maryland. Most Maryland jurisdictions lack a provider. Less than half of U.S. medical schools offer students hands-on clinical abortion training. There is also a lack of such training during the residency period. Some health providers refuse to provide abortions, further limiting the learning and training opportunities. This bill proposes enabling nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants to qualify as abortion service providers. This bill would also support providing clinical training for physicians and nurses.

Respectfully,
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