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Planned Parenthood of Maryland

**Committee:** Health and Government Operations  
**Bill Number:** House Bill 610  
**Title:** Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care  
**Hearing:** March 10, 2022  
**Position:** Support

Planned Parenthood of Maryland supports House Bill 610 – Public Health – Commission on Universal Health Care.

As an established and trusted community reproductive health care provider, serving Marylanders for nearly 95 years, PPM believes that all Marylanders deserve access to basic health coverage. House Bill 610 would establish a Commission to explore the creation of a single-payer health care system which would provide comprehensive, affordable, and high-quality publicly financed health care coverage for all Maryland residents, regardless of income, assets, health status, and citizenship.

We support that the proposed Commission would explore benefit packages which include reproductive health care, including pregnancy-related care, contraception, and abortion care services. All reproductive and pregnancy-related health care is essential health care and should be accessible to all Marylanders.

We ask for a favorable vote on this legislation. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at (443) 926-3443 or [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).