

Chair Shane E. Pendergrass
House Office Building
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Annapolis, MD 21401

SIGN ON SUPPORTER LETTER
HB 952 – Access to Abortion Care and Health Insurance Act

Honorable Chair Pendergrass:

We, the undersigned, ask for a favorable report on House Bill 952, the Access to Abortion Care and Health Insurance Act.

Our organizations range widely in work and mission, but we are united in our belief of bodily autonomy and abortion as a fundamental human right. We understand that the legality of abortion isn't enough to guarantee access— especially for low-income people, Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), and people living in rural areas.

Abortion access for Marylanders is already limited by provider shortages and poor insurance coverage. Currently, Maryland Medicaid's coverage of abortion is subject to debate each year and only allows for care to be covered in certain circumstances. Low-income Marylanders – those who are least likely to afford abortion care on their own – should be able to rely on permanent coverage. For individuals with private insurance, cost-sharing and deductibles often require people to pay entirely out-of-pocket for their care, which can put abortion out of reach.

We stand in support of this legislation as a recognition that our movements are intersectional, and individuals in the communities that we serve have had—will continue to have —abortions. Indeed, everyone loves someone that has had an abortion.

We urge a favorable report on House Bill 952. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Advanced Practice Clinician (APC) Cluster of the Reproductive Health Access Network,
Nurses for Sexual and Reproductive Health, and the National Abortion Federation

Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF)

Medical Students for Choice – University of Maryland School of Medicine Chapter

Reproductive Health Access Project, Mid-Atlantic Cluster

