

**Support**  
**HB 952 – Access to Abortion Care and Health Insurance Act**

Dear Honorable Chair Pendergrass:

In the early 1990s, I had completed a second B.S. degree at the University of Maryland in elementary education and was early in my career as a 4<sup>th</sup>-grade teacher. My husband and I lived in a small house in Silver Spring with our two young children. My birth control failed, and we chose to abort the fetus because I would not have been able to work at my dream job and also be able to give a third child the kind of attention I gave – and wanted to give – to the first two.

I want all families and all people who can become pregnant to be able to weigh their choices the way I was able to do – including those who live in nearby states where the legislators may be working to limit those choices. Solving the problems of provider shortages and poor insurance coverage will be a help to many.

Thank you for your time. I urge a favorable vote on HB 952.

Most sincerely,  
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