



**Committee:** Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
**Bill Number:** Senate Bill 504  
**Title:** Equal Protection for Unborn Human Life Act  
**Hearing:** February 16, 2022  
**Position:** Oppose

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) opposes Senate Bill 504 – Equal Protection for Unborn Human Life Act. 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> The Maryland Affiliate of ACNM is opposed to legislation designed to interfere with an individual’s autonomy in making reproductive health decisions. The bill would effectively ban abortion and many infertility treatments as well as criminalize health care providers seeking to support their patients. 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>