



National Association of
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Support: SB 798 Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Freedom

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Maryland Senate
Finance Committee
3 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) and fellow pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Chesapeake Chapter, I am writing to express our **Support for SB 798 Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Freedom**.

The Right to Reproductive Freedom Act makes an addition to the Declaration of Rights section under Maryland's Constitution. The constitutional amendment would provide that every person has the fundamental right to reproductive freedoms including the ability to make and execute decisions to prevent, continue, or end one's own pregnancy. This bill is necessary to preserve reproductive freedoms as a fundamental freedom. It will also prevent reproductive freedoms from being used as a bargaining chip in the future.

For these reasons the Maryland Chesapeake Chapter of NAPNAP extends their **Support for SB 798 Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Freedom**.

The pediatric advanced practice nurses of your state are grateful to you for your attention to these crucial issues. The members of Chesapeake Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners are committed to improving the health and advocating for Maryland's pediatric patients. If we can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay J. Ward, the Chesapeake Chapter President at 410-507-3642 or lindsayjward@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

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