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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 644

Bill Title: Maternal Mortality Review Program – Local Teams – Access to Information and Records

Hearing Date: March 3, 2023, Finance

Greetings, Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee

I write to urge you to support Senate Bill 644. SB644 was created to lessen the fatal mortality rates of infants and create awareness of the issue. In approving this bill, the state health department will work in concert with the local health department. The maternal mortality review team will work to identify the root of which maternal deaths occur. This will allow the team will be able to provide recommendations to legislators and healthcare facilities to prevent these occurrences from happening in the future.

Together, the local health department will be able to better assess the deaths of children and infants in the community. In approving this bill,

the state will be obligated to provide necessary information to the local jurisdiction immediately. Providing data promptly increases the chances of gathering an analysis for our constituents in need of answers. It is critical to do what is best for our community. Providing methods, recommendations, and knowledge is what we need.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your support in approving Senate Bill 644.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory V. McCray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cory V. McCray

State Senator