

**Testimony in Support of HB 812
Health - Reproductive Health Services - Protected Information and Insurance Requirements
Health and Government Operations Committee
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TO: Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee

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Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. holds reproductive choice is an important issue to ensure all women have agency over their own bodies and the autonomy to make health decisions for themselves. As the Greater Baltimore Region of Hadassah, representing over 4,100 Marylanders, we are writing to urge you to support HB 812, a bill that will provide additional protections for reproductive health information in electronic health record systems and ensures that Maryland state government protects personal patient and provider information in state databases.

Hadassah has and always will stand unequivocally for reproductive choice and empowering women with the knowledge to make critical health decisions for themselves and their families. Any interference with the doctor-patient relationship – preventing doctors from discussing women's specific concerns, sharing expert medical guidance, or providing necessary care – poses a serious threat to women's health.

Reproductive freedom is critical to women's health and all women should be able to make reproductive health choices based on medical guidance and what they feel is best for their health, families, and future. This should be done with sharing health data that may put providers and patients at risk.

We strongly urge you to support HB 812 to protect reproductive freedom.

Thank you,
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