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**HB 876: Maternal Mortality Review Program – Local Teams –  
Access to Information and Records**

**Bill Hearing: March 7, 2023 at 1:00pm, Health & Government Operations Committee**

**Chairwoman Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk and Vice Chair Bonnie Cullison and esteemed  
members of the Health & Government Operations Committee,**

The Maryland Maternal Mortality Review program was initially established in 2000. The purpose of the program is to (1) identify maternal death cases; (2) review medical records and other relevant data; (3) determine preventability of death; (4) develop recommendations for the prevention of maternal deaths; and (5) disseminate findings and recommendations to policymakers, health care providers, health care facilities, and the public. Maternal mortality reviews are conducted by a committee of clinical experts from across the State, the Maternal Mortality Review Committee. The program must submit an annual report on findings, recommendations, and program actions to the Governor and the General Assembly.

House bill 876 provides altering information to which a local maternal mortality review team is to be provided access on request of the chair of the team and that a local team be provided immediate access to requested information and records including information on prenatal care maintained by a health care provider regarding a woman whose death is being reviewed by the

local team. This bill will help to expedite the process so that any findings and/or recommendations are given to policy makers, health care providers, health care facilities and the public in a timely fashion.

For this reason, I urge you to vote favorably on HB0876.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie M. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Delegate Stephanie M. Smith