



Maryland Section

TO: The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair
Members, House Health and Government Operations Committee
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RE: **OPPOSE** – House Bill 958 – *Public Health – Abortion*

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Maryland Section (MDACOG), which represents the Maryland physicians who serve the obstetrical and gynecological needs of Maryland women and their families, **opposes** House Bill 958.

House Bill 958 would ban abortion care after 6 weeks gestational age. It also would authorize enforcement through a private right of action. House Bill 958 mirrors the provisions of Senate Bill 8 of Texas, which has created a public health crisis by outlawing abortion and enabling legal action against providers and patients. MDACOG opposes any legislation which prohibits an individual's autonomy in making reproductive health decisions, such as the provisions of House Bill 958. An unfavorable report is requested.