Keegan S. Walker, Ph.D. House Bill 705 (HB0705) Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Maryland Representatives,

I was extremely close to my grandmother who passed several years ago. Shortly before she died, I learned that in her earlier years, she miscarried three pregnancies; one of which left her unconscious in the kitchen, lying in a pool of blood, nearly dead. She lived at a time when there was not another choice. As the son of a mother, nephew of an aunt, uncle to a niece, grandson to one of the most incredible women I have ever known, and partner to a strong, independent woman, I have learned the importance of valuing women, the strength of their wills, the wisdom of their bodies, and the power of their choices. **Thus, as a voting resident of the state of Maryland, it is with great enthusiasm that I urge a favorable report on House Bill 705 in support of** *protecting the right to reproductive freedom.* **I hope you will uphold and protect this basic human right as well.**

Sincerely,

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