

Written Testimony of Thomas P. and Tina M. Wilson

**RE: In Opposition to House Bill HB0812 - Health - Reproductive Health Services -
Protected Information and Insurance Requirements**

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As citizens of the state of Maryland, we are opposed to **Maryland House Bill HB-0812** on both legal and moral grounds. This testimony seeks to express our concerns around **HB-0812**.

HB-0812 seeks to implement an abortion shield law that seals records of surgical and chemical abortions occurring in the state of Maryland. This law will further hide information about the volume of abortions being conducted in Maryland, and inhibit attempts by other states that may be seeking to enforce their own laws on their citizens who crossed state lines to obtain an abortion. This bill is in keeping with the Maryland legislature's drive to make the state an abortion destination. These types of laws have been passed in several states but remain to be tested in the courts. We oppose all efforts to expand abortion in the state of Maryland, including those to extend their services to people outside the state.

Respectfully,

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