



## Support: HB 808 Reproductive Health Protection Act

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Maryland House of Representatives  
Judiciary Committee  
Room 101  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) and fellow pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNP) Chesapeake Chapter, I am writing to express our support of **HB 808 Reproductive Health Protection Act**.

This bill would protect patients, providers, and people supporting out-of-state patients seeking reproductive health care in Maryland from criminal, civil, and administrative actions from restrictive states. The act would prohibit a judge from requiring an individual to give testimony, sworn statements, or produce evidence in another state regarding the prosecution of legally protected healthcare in the state of Maryland. Additionally, the act would protect healthcare professionals, providers, and insurance plans from being disciplined or having any adverse action if they provide abortion services.

This bill will continue to protect reproductive rights. Following the Supreme Court's dangerous and deeply harmful decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in June, we need to help ensure every American has access to safe and affordable reproductive health care.

For these reasons the Maryland Chesapeake Chapter of NAPNP extends their support to **HB 808 Reproductive Health Protection Act and requests a favorable report**.

The pediatric advanced practice nurses of your state are grateful to you for your attention to these crucial issues. The members of Chesapeake Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners memberships includes over 200 primary and acute care pediatric nurse practitioners who are committed to improving the health and advocating for Maryland's pediatric patients.

If we can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay J. Ward, the Chesapeake Chapter President at 410-507-3642 or [lindsayjward@hotmail.com](mailto:lindsayjward@hotmail.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay J. Ward".

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