

Bill Number: HB 367
Title: Community Colleges – Contraception – Access Requirements
Committee: Appropriations
Health and Government Operations
Position: FAVORABLE

My name is Maxine Shindel and I am in strong support of House Bill 367: Community Colleges – Contraception – Access Requirements. This Bill addresses a vital need for on-campus access to over-the-counter contraceptives.

As a parent, a retired High School teacher, and a member of the *Mountain Maryland Alliance for Reproductive Freedom*, I know that many Community College students have limited financial resources. Many need to work, some more than one job, so they can continue their studies. An unwanted pregnancy would force a quick end to their education, limiting options for future employment. 61% of community college students who have children while in community colleges do not continue their education.

HB 367 recognizes and addresses the need for on-campus access to contraceptives, allowing students to make informed health choices. This Bill would make on-campus contraception a readily available option and offer protection for students from disease and unwanted pregnancy.

I strongly urge a favorable report on HB 367.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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