



Maryland Section

TO: The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
Members, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Sarah K. Elfreth

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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 975 – *Public Safety – Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program – Establishment (Supporting Reproductive Health Care Clinics Act)*

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, **supports** Senate Bill 975.

Senate Bill 975 establishes the Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program in the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to assist reproductive health care clinics in the State with costs associated with security improvements and safety operational expenses. It requires the Governor to include \$500,000 in the annual budget to fund the program.

Despite the State's strong support for protecting reproductive rights, there remain ongoing concerns about ensuring the safe and secure provision of reproductive health care services. Establishing a grant program to assist the providers of reproductive health care services with enhancing the safety and security of their facilities to better protect both providers and patients will serve to advance Maryland's commitment to ensuring access to reproductive health care in the State. A favorable report is requested.

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