



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0156**

**Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services – Program Establishment  
and  
Insurance Coverage**

**FAVORABLE**

**DATE: January 29, 2025**

**TO: Chair Senator Pamela Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Antonio Hayes and  
all Members of the Finance Committee**

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Chair Senator Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Hayes and Members of the Senate Finance  
Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of this Bill.

The Episcopal Church has long promoted programs that address the health of both  
the mother and newborn during the critical first weeks of life.

As a retired RN with experience in VNA and as a member of the Episcopal Church, I  
fully support this bill.

By having assessments done by experienced medical personnel who are educated in  
this period of life, support can be given that will prevent complications, give access to  
any services required and help to ensure the safety of and well being of one of our  
most vulnerable populations.

The Diocese of Maryland asks for a **Favorable** report on this bill.