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The Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health expresses its support for Senate Bill 965 – Public Health – Women's Health Care Data – Report, which requires the Maryland Department of Health to collect and compile data on an annual basis regarding the cost of birth, postpartum care, pregnancy care, and abortion services. This will help gain a clearer understanding of the financial impact of these services on individuals, providers, and the State. It is our experience that maternal healthcare services available to women in the Eastern Shore are extremely underserved. Data collection will help identify the need for maternal and supportive services within these areas. As a nonprofit agency providing free services and supported by donations, we are stretched to our limit trying to supplement services for women in our geographic area.

Respectfully,

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