

**Testimony in Support of SB001
Legally Protected Health Care
Reproductive, Fertility Preservation, and Contraceptive Treatment and Services
(IVF and Contraception Shield Act of 2025)
Senate Finance Committee
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FAVORABLE

TO: Sen. Pamela Beidle, Chair, Sen. Antonio Hayes, Vice Chair
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On behalf of the Greater Baltimore Region of Hadassah, representing over 4,100 Marylanders, we are writing to urge you to **vote FOR Senate Bill 0001 - Legally Protected Health Care - Reproductive, Fertility Preservation, and Contraceptive Treatment and Services (IVF and Contraception Shield Act of 2025).**

This bill will protect patients and providers from disciplinary actions and certain criminal and civil proceedings when involved in legally protected health care, including medications and procedures associated with in vitro fertilization (IVF), contraception and other reproductive health care.

Hadassah firmly believes that every woman must have the right to control her own reproductive future, including if, when and how to have children. We believe that the whole spectrum of reproductive health services – including fertility treatment, maternal and post-partum care, contraception and abortion – are all critical components of women's health care that must be protected.

Hadassah urges the committee for a favorable report on SB0001.

Thank you,
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