



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 411**

**An Act Concerning Health Insurance, Postpartum Depression Screening-  
Required Coverage  
Authorized Cost Sharing.**

**FAVORABLE**

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

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Chair Senator Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on behalf of this bill.

The Episcopal Church has long promoted improvements in maternal health. We, as a country, are doing poorly, especially in certain geographical areas and care for mothers pre and postpartum.

Postpartum depression screening is a vital part of caring for both the mother and infant after birth, as well as the family.

When noted early in the postpartum period, it is much more manageable and outcomes as with most disease, are generally improved.

Screenings would lead to earlier diagnosis and assistance for those involved, especially the mother.

The Diocese of Maryland requests a **Favorable** report