Committee:	**House Health and Government Operations Committee**
Bill:	**House Bill 1357 - Public Health – Reproductive Health Care Data – Report**
Hearing Date:	**February 27, 2025**
Position:	**Oppose**

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) opposes *House Bill 1357 – Public Health – Reproductive Health Care Data*. The bill would require healthcare providers to report sensitive data about reproductive health services to the Department of Health. The data would include a range of pregnancy care services, including abortion care.

Maryland enacted data privacy legislation in 2023 and 2024 to protect reproductive health data. We believe it would be a reversal of policy to move forward with HB 1357. ACNM believes that Maryland should continue to protect the privacy of reproductive health data, especially given the recent efforts by the federal Department of Government Efficiency to gain access to sensitive data despite federal privacy protocols.

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