



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0334

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

FAVORABLE

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TO: Chair Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Delegate Bonnie Cullison and all Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee.

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Chair Delegate Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Delegate Bonnie Cullison and Members of the Health and Government Operations 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 Episcopal Church of Maryland asks for a **Favorable** report on this bill.