Testimony in Support of HB1357 - Public Health - Reproductive Health Care Data – Report

February 25, 2025

To: Health and Government Operations Committee

Subject: Testimony in Support of HB1357 - Public Health - Reproductive Health Care Data –
Report

Position: **Favorable**

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison and Members of the Health and Government Operations
Committee:

I am submitting testimony in support of HB1357 - Public Health - Reproductive Health Care Data –
Report. This legislation is a necessary public health measure to better understand and address the
healthcare needs of our communities and residents.

Passage of this bill will close a significant gap in giving officials a complete picture of healthcare impacts
on families and communities in Maryland. It will provide accurate, comprehensive data that will help
identify disparities in maternal healthcare access, improve resources allocation, and ensure that all
Marylanders receive equitable and compassionate care.

Collection of this data will lead to informed policy making and transparent healthcare planning regarding
maternal healthcare. Data collection can reveal issues and deficiencies of care that need to be addressed
and highlight where improvements can be made.

There is an urgent need to improve maternal health, especially for women in vulnerable groups. This bill
provides a necessary tool to address this need.

This legislation supports the comprehensive data collection, accountability, and transparency that is
needed to improve maternal health outcomes.

I urge a favorable vote on HB1357.

Sincerely,

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