



**Testimony in Support of HB0930  
Public Health Abortion Grant Program - Establishment  
House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Hearing Feb 28, 2025**

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**Presidents**

Nancy Braverman  
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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 HB 0930 Public Health Abortion Grant Program - Establishment**

**Vice Presidents**

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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.

**Recording Secretary**

Robin Sakin

Now that we have enshrined the right to abortion in the Maryland state constitution following the overwhelming passage of Question 1, this legislation (HB 930) will create an innovative program to secure access to that right.

**Treasurer**

Rona Pepper

This bill will create a public health grant program to support equitable access to abortion care in Maryland. The program will provide support for abortion care to people who are uninsured and underinsured and will be managed by the Department of Health, just as all other public health grant programs.

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The program is funded by unspent premiums for abortion coverage. Since those funds cannot be returned, the legislation reinvests the funding in public health grants. There are approximately ~ \$25 million accumulated in surplus funds between 2014-2024 and it’s anticipated that the surplus funds will accrue an additional \$3 million a year.

**Major Giving Chair**

Jackie Cohen

Hadassah Greater Baltimore urges a favorable report on HB 930 to affirm Maryland’s commitment to individual’s reproductive rights and access to healthcare and to create a model for other states to follow

Thank you .  
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