



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0169**

**Hospitals - Emergency Pregnancy-Related Medical Conditions -  
Procedure**

**FAVORABLE**

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

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**DATE:** February 3, 2026

**Dear Chair Biedle, Vice Chair Hayes and members of the Senate Finance Committee.**

I am a member of the Episcopal Church which has long supported care for women and also a retired registered nurse, mother and grandmother.

Since 1967, The Episcopal Church has maintained its “unequivocal opposition to any legislation on the part of the national or state governments which would abridge or deny the right of individuals to reach informed decisions [about the termination of pregnancy] and to act upon them.”

This statement applies to all women at any point in their pregnancy, If there is an emergency, this bill is vital to ensure that a woman is not sent out of any hospital under any circumstances until she is stable. She must receive care, including termination of the pregnancy. There should be no questions about this.

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