



## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1143**

Public Health - Office of the Chief Medical Examiner - Perinatal Autopsies  
(Lung Float Test Ban)

### **FAVORABLE**

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

**FROM: Lynn Mortoro, member of the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN)**

**DATE: March 26, 2026**

**Dear Chair Senator Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Hayes and all members of the Senate Finance Committee.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

I am a retired Registered Nurse. I have done reading on this subject. Women are in danger of being blamed for the death of a fetus after a miscarriage.

This “test” is hundreds of years old. Recent studies have all found no merit and false results. Professional organizations have stated that it should not be performed.

The Episcopal Church called for “women’s reproductive health and reproductive health procedures to be treated as all other medical procedures.”

This is not a sanctioned procedure. It should be banned.

I hope that the research to be done on this procedure will be well researched with reputable scientists who have published in scientific journals. We cannot just have opinions.

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