

**Testimony FOR HB1143  
Lung Float Test Moratorium - as Amended  
Senate Finance Committee  
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TO: Senator Pamela Beidlel, Chair Del. Senator Antonio Hayes, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Nancy Braverman & Barbara Deitch, Co-Presidents  
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Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. staunchly supports full and complete access to reproductive health services and has —and always will — unequivocally stand for women's reproductive rights and empowering women with the knowledge to make critical health decisions for themselves and their families.

The Hadassah Greater Baltimore Region, representing over 4,200 Marylanders, is writing to urge you to vote FOR HB1143 as amended. This bill that introduces a two-year moratorium of Medical Examiners from administering the "Lung Float Test" in our state and directs the Department of Health, and the Offices of the Attorney General and the Medical Examiner to study the usefulness of this test and render recommendations by 12/1/2028. For decades, medical experts have rejected the accuracy and credibility of the "lung float test" to distinguish between live versus stillbirth. Its use in Maryland should be halted and studied as required by the amended bill so that an informed recommendation can be made.

We strongly urge you to protect the health of women and to return a FAVORABLE report HB1143, the Lung Float Test Moratorium, as amended.

Thank you,  
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