

HB 1401: Public Health - Abortion - Informed Consent: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Health Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **SUPPORT** House Bill 1401 during committee consideration or floor votes.

Informed consent is a fundamental principle of medical ethics and patient rights, ensuring individuals make voluntary, knowledgeable decisions about their health care. For a procedure as significant and irreversible as abortion, providing comprehensive information about potential risks is essential to empower women to make fully informed choices. **This bill aligns with standard practices for other medical procedures and promotes transparency, patient autonomy, and safety without restricting access.**

I believe Maryland women deserve the highest standards of care and information when facing life-altering decisions. **HB 1401** is a commonsense measure that prioritizes women's health and informed decision-making.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to **vote in favor of HB 1401.**

Thank you for your attention to this important women's health and women's health care legislation.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals