



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1143

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

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TO: Chair Delegate Heather Bagnall, Vice Chair Bonnie Cullison, and members of the House Health Committee.

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Dear Chair Delegate Bagnall, Vice Chair Bonnie Cullison and all members of the House Health 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.

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