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TESTIMONY ON HB#/1159- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Public Health and Health Insurance - Access to Abortion Care - Reporting Requirements

TO: Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the Health Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/1159, **Public Health and Health Insurance - Access to Abortion Care - Reporting Requirements**

This bill works to ensure that on or before July 1 each year, the Department shall submit an annual report on the Program to the Governor and ... the General Assembly, that includes recommendations on actions the state can take to ensure that there are a sufficient number of health professionals to provide abortion care in the state. It defines which health care organizations are affected. It mandates that each year, the commissioner shall collect data from the entities subject to this section on receipts, disbursements, ending balances, and interest for segregated accounts established under ... of the federal patient protection and affordable care act... It further will require that on or before January 1 each year, the Commissioner shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee, in accordance with ... of the state government article, on the aggregate data collected.

This bill will require that the annual report on the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program include certain recommendations; and require the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to collect certain data on certain segregated accounts established under the federal Affordable Care Act and certain federal regulations from certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations and then submit a certain report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee on or before January 1 each year.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#/1159.