

Approve HB1281, Health – Abortion – Ultrasound and Wait Time.

Dear Health Committee Members:

My name is Brigitta Mullican and I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB1281, Health – Abortion – Ultrasound and Wait Time.

This legislation is important to ensure that individuals seeking abortion care have access to **timely, medically appropriate services** while also providing **critical information about their healthcare choices**. By standardizing wait times and ultrasound protocols, HB1281 supports safe, informed, and responsible reproductive healthcare practices.

Access to timely care is a public health issue. Delays in abortion care can increase medical risks, create unnecessary emotional stress, and disproportionately affect those with limited resources or access to healthcare. HB1281 provides a framework that protects both patient safety and healthcare provider responsibility.

I strongly urge the committee to **vote in favor of HB1281**, ensuring that Maryland residents have access to safe, informed, and timely reproductive healthcare services.

Thank you for your consideration.

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