

**Testimony FOR HB1143
Lung Float Test Ban
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TO: Del Heather Bagnall, Chair Del. Bonnie Cullison, Vice Chair and Members of the House Health Committee

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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, a bill that would ban Medical Examiners from administering the "Lung Float Test" in our state. 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 discontinued.

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

Thank you,

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