

Approve HB1401, Public Health – Abortion – Informed Consent.

Dear Honorable Members of the Health Committee:

My name is Brigitta Mullican and I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB1401, Public Health – Abortion – Informed Consent.

Informed consent is a fundamental principle of medical ethics and public health. HB1401 ensures that individuals seeking abortion care receive **accurate, comprehensive, and understandable information** about the procedure, its potential risks, and available alternatives. This empowers patients to make informed decisions about their own healthcare.

Providing clear, timely information is essential to patient safety and wellbeing. It also supports healthcare providers in delivering care that is responsible, ethical, and aligned with best practices. HB1401 strengthens the commitment to transparency and patient-centered care in reproductive health services.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the committee to **vote in favor of HB1401**, supporting informed, safe, and responsible healthcare for Maryland residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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