

House Health Committee

April 2, 2026

Senate Bill 551 – Health Insurance – Ovarian Cancer Prevention With Salpingectomy – Required

Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

I am writing in my capacity of a female physician residing in Maryland who has lost a friend to ovarian cancer. Another friend has a significant family history of ovarian cancer and would like to consider salpingectomy for cancer prevention. I would like the option for opportunistic salpingectomy without cost-sharing myself.

The State of Maryland has a Health Improvement Plan that includes a main pillar dedicated to Women's Health. I support this bill not only because it aligns well with that plan, but because it provides a low-risk preventative solution to a high-mortality cancer we have no way to screen for.

In my work, I find that most women have no idea about the fallopian tube cellular origin of ovarian cancer. I am inspired by the work of Dr. Rebecca Stone and strongly feel the urge to advocate for increased awareness and action.

Let's vote to pass Senate Bill 551 and make Maryland a national leader in this space!

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