



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0714

Health - Abortion Data - Submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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TO: Chair Delegate Heather Bagnall, Vice Chair Bonnie Cullison, Members of the House Health Committee.

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Dear Chair Delegate Bagnall, Vice Chair Delegate Cullison and all members of the House Health Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

I am a retired Registered Nurse. I worked for many years in nursing and one of the top priorities was patient confidentiality and protection of privacy.

I am concerned about this bill because it singles out abortion care only for the information to be sent to the CDC. It says nothing about protecting the woman whose information would be shared, it does not specify what information they may be seeking. Some states have what would be considered very punitive laws, punishing women for seeking the procedure. I do not see how anyone would be protected.

The Episcopal Church asks us to “Support legislation and non-legislative efforts that call for an end to discrimination against women’s access to healthcare, and support the right of women to self-determination in regard to their personal choices about the health care that they choose to receive, especially for contraception, pregnancy, and childbirth.”

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