

Written Testimony in Favor of HB714 Health - Abortion Data - Submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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To: Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Health Committee

I am submitting written testimony in favor of HB714 Health - Abortion Data - Submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This bill requires the reporting of any data regarding abortion requested by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These are standard metrics to measure impact of abortion on Maryland women and families.

Data reporting on abortion numbers and associated complications is a common-sense public health measure that provides full and accurate health statistics. Data collection can reveal issues and deficiencies of care that will need to be addressed and can demonstrate the need for regulations and safeguards to improve public health.

This legislation will support accurate reporting of basic information that can help inform beneficial health care policy.

Sincerely,

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