

Testimony in Favor of HB0714: Health – Abortion Data – Submission to the CDC

To the Honorable Members of the Health Committee:

My name is Brigitta Mullican and I am submitting this testimony in strong support of **HB0714, Health – Abortion Data – Submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**.

Accurate and comprehensive public health data is essential for informed policy decisions and the protection of public health. HB0714 ensures that abortion data from our state is properly submitted to the CDC, contributing to national understanding of reproductive health trends and outcomes. This transparency allows public health officials, policymakers, and medical professionals to identify patterns, improve care, and respond effectively to emerging health issues.

By supporting this bill, we strengthen evidence-based public health policy and ensure that Maryland is doing its part to contribute to national health data systems. I urge the committee to **vote in favor of HB0714** to improve public health oversight and promote safe, informed, and responsible healthcare practices.

Thank you for your consideration.

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