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To: Delegate Heather Bagnall, Chair

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Health Committee

The Maryland Women's Caucus is proud to express its support for **HB 633 – Health Insurance – Ovarian Cancer Prevention with Salpingectomy – Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing**.

Ovarian cancer remains one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths among women, in large part because it is often diagnosed at an advanced stage. HB 633 addresses this challenge by requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for salpingectomy as a preventive measure for ovarian cancer, while prohibiting copayments, coinsurance, and deductible requirements for this coverage.

Early intervention and prevention are critical. When ovarian cancer is detected or addressed early, treatment outcomes improve significantly and patients are more likely to avoid aggressive and toxic interventions required at later stages. Preventive procedures such as salpingectomy can reduce the risk of ovarian cancer and limit the spread of disease within the abdomen. By eliminating cost-sharing requirements, HB 633 removes financial barriers that may otherwise discourage women from pursuing preventive care or recommended treatment.

This legislation also recognizes the broader impact of an ovarian cancer diagnosis on families. A cancer diagnosis often brings substantial financial strain, lost income, and disruptions to caregiving responsibilities. Women undergoing treatment may be unable to work or care for their families, leading to additional costs for childcare and household support. Financial concerns can cause individuals to delay or forgo necessary medical care, with potentially life-threatening consequences.

By ensuring coverage for preventive procedures and prohibiting cost sharing, HB 633 promotes early intervention, protects women's health, and supports family stability. This bill represents a meaningful step toward improving health outcomes and reducing the physical, emotional, and financial burdens associated with ovarian cancer.

For these reasons, the Maryland Women's Caucus respectfully urges a **favorable report** on HB 633.