

**Testimony on Senate Bill SB302 – Unfavorable**  
SB302 – Criminal Law - Causing Ingestion of an Abortion-Inducing Drug - Prohibition  
(Women's Freedom From Coercion Act)  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
February 3, 2026

Dear Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

My name is Michelle Koul, and I am a constituent of District 31. I am writing **to oppose SB302 – Criminal Law - Causing Ingestion of an Abortion-Inducing Drug - Prohibition (Women's Freedom From Coercion Act)**

I would first like to argue against this bill in that it is generally unnecessary: using force to put something in someone's mouth constitutes unwanted physical contact and bodily harm and is considered a crime even if no permanent injury occurs.

Secondly, implying that women need protection from coercion when making a decision about their own bodies is consistent with the infantilization of women by the GOP. This is not about protecting women. Instead, it is a deceptive attempt to make the legal right to abortion in Maryland less accessible by intimidating abortion providers with a felony. Women don't need or want this kind of protection.

Bill sponsors: Did you know that approximately 1 in 5 adult women in Maryland (about 466,000) have experienced forcible rape in their lifetime?<sup>1</sup> I respectfully ask that you work on solving this problem, rather than writing anti-choice bills under the guise of protecting women. This is an insult to our intelligence.

Please submit an **unfavorable** report on **SB302 – Criminal Law - Causing Ingestion of an Abortion-Inducing Drug - Prohibition (Women's Freedom From Coercion Act)**

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
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<sup>1</sup> [https://mcase.org/assets/files/Reported\\_rapes\\_by\\_MD\\_County\\_2023-2022\\_12.2024.pdf](https://mcase.org/assets/files/Reported_rapes_by_MD_County_2023-2022_12.2024.pdf)