



## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0302**

**Criminal Law - Causing Ingestion of an Abortion-Inducing Drug - Prohibition  
(Women's Freedom From Coercion Act)**

### **UNFAVORABLE**

**TO: Chair William C. Smith, Jr., Vice Chair Senator Jeff Waldestreicher and members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.**

**FROM:** Lynn Mortoro, member of the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN)

**DATE:** February 5, 2026

**Dear Chair Senator Smith, Vice Chair Senator Waldestreicher and all members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of this bill.

As a retired registered nurse, I had misgivings about this bill. As I read through it and researched more, I question why it is needed. There are already laws that are against the forceful administration of any drug. This bill is aimed at pregnant women. Why are women and drugs that they may need to use, being singled out?

I am a member of the Episcopal Church. The Church has, for many years held a strong belief that women's reproductive health and reproductive health procedures should be treated as all other medical procedures, and not singled out or omitted by or because of gender.

The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) requests an  
**UNFAVORABLE report**

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