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**Testimony FOR HB1131
Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act
Judiciary Committee
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FAVORABLE

TO: Del. J. Sandy Bartlett, Chair, Del. Debra Davis, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Nancy Braverman & Barbara Deitch, Co-Presidents
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Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. firmly believes that every woman must have the right to control her own reproductive future, including if, when and how to have children. We believe that the whole spectrum of reproductive health services – including fertility treatment, maternal and post-partum care, contraception and abortion – are all critical components of women's health care that must be protected.

On behalf of the Greater Baltimore Region of Hadassah, representing over 4,200 Marylanders, we are writing to urge you to **vote FOR HB 1131 The Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act.**

Now that we have enshrined the right to reproductive freedom in the Maryland state constitution with the overwhelming passage of Question 1, this legislation (HB 1131) is needed to protect every person who can become pregnant. HB1131 will prohibit individuals who experienced a pregnancy loss from being subjected to investigation, civil liability, or criminal prosecution (except under certain circumstances.) Across the country women are being investigated and prosecuted for their pregnancy outcomes, including miscarriages, stillbirths and self-managed abortions. This is part of a disturbing national trend to punish women for their reproductive experiences instead of supporting their health, dignity and right to choose.

HB1131 would prohibit criminal or civil penalties based on women's pregnancy outcomes and safeguard providers who deliver compassionate, evidence-based reproductive care.

We strongly urge you to return a FAVORABLE report for HB 1131

Thank you,
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