



TESTIMONY ON HB0885

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

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

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Dear Chair Delegate Bartlett, Vice Chair Delegate Davis and all members of the House Judiciary 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

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