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**SUPPORT – HB1131 - Public Health - Pregnancy Loss - Prohibited Actions (Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act)**

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of **HB1131 - Public Health - Pregnancy Loss - Prohibited Actions (Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act)** to prohibit individuals who experienced a pregnancy loss from being subject to investigation, civil liability, or criminal prosecution. There are many reasons why a pregnancy may not be carried to term, and those individuals should be protected rather than persecuted.

Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland work in low income neighborhoods to address the needs of children and families in their respective jurisdiction. We work in the areas with the highest negative maternal and child health outcomes. Prosecuting people for pregnancy loss would involve our families in the justice system and have negative impacts on families. People experiencing pregnancy loss may already be parents, and criminalizing their losses will create trauma for the whole family.

**We urge you to support HB1131 - Public Health - Pregnancy Loss - Prohibited Actions (Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act)** to protect individuals experiencing pregnancy loss from facing criminal charges.

Sincerely,

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Chair