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Planned Parenthood of Maryland

Committee: House Health and Governmental Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 1167 – Public Health – Abortions - Coercion

Hearing: March 11, 2022

Position: Oppose

Planned Parenthood of Maryland opposes *House Bill 1167 – Public Health – Abortions – Coercion*. The bill creates a separate penalty for someone interferes in a person’s decision to carry a pregnancy to term, but fails to provide protection from someone who interferes with a person’s ability to seek abortion care.

Health care practitioners already ensure patients are making their own health care decisions without interference from partners or family members. The provisions of this bill conflict with best practices when identifying a patient in an abusive situation, thus actually endangering patients.

We ask for unfavorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.