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Planned Parenthood of Maryland

Committee: House Health and Governmental Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 1321 – Abortions – Reporting Requirement

Hearing: March 11, 2022

Position: Oppose

Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) opposes *House Bill 1321 – Abortions – Reporting Requirements*. The bill requires regulated abortion facilities to report rates of gastroschisis in fetuses aborted. Gastroschisis is a condition where the intestines grow outside of the abdominal wall. It can be detected in fetuses through an ultrasound, although detection is more difficult earlier in pregnancy. Thus, any reporting of gastroschisis from abortion providers would yield incomplete information. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not track the prevalence of gastroschisis through abortion reporting, but rather through birth records.

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