



**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL
AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORIZATION
TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION**

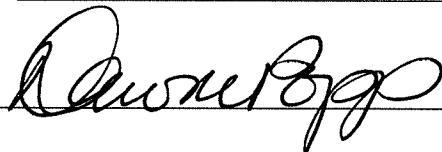
I, Dawn Popp, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

Columbia Democratic Club to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding CR102-2022 to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.
(Please circle one.)

Printed Name: Dawn Popp

Signature: 

Date: 06/21/2022

Organization: Columbia Democratic Club

Organization Address: Clarksville, MD 21029

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Number of Members: 250

Name of Chair/President: Cynthia Fikes

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training. What we *can* do is to refuse to be silent in the face of his dereliction of duty. Please vote YES on CR102-2022 and send a message to Governor Hogan that the voters in Howard County believe in the separation of powers, and he's overstepped his. And more importantly, send the message loud and clear that Howard County stands for CHOICE.



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I, Jan Kriebs, CNM, have been duly authorized by
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Maryland Affiliate, American College of Nurse-Midwives to deliver testimony to the
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Printed Name: Jan M Kriebs

Signature: Jan M Kriebs

Digitally signed by Jan M Kriebs
Date: 2022.06.21 16:20:59 -04'00'

Date: 06/22/2022

Organization: Maryland Affiliate, American College of Nurse-Midwives

Organization Address: c/o Jan Kriebs 13121 Idlewild Drive, Bowie MD 20715

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Number of Members: 140

Name of Chair/President: Jamie Swietlikowski, CNM

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I, Mahima Krishnamoorthi, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

Medical Students for Choice - Johns Hopkins Chapter to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

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Printed Name: Mahima Krishnamoorthi

Signature: 

Date: 06/21/22

Organization: Medical Students for Choice - Johns Hopkins Chapter

Organization Address: 1600 McElderry St, Baltimore MD 21205

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Number of Members: 30

Name of Chair/President: Mahima Krishnamoorthi

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Sayers, Margery

From: Christine SANTOS-NURSE <christine.santosnurse@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 6:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote Yes on CR 102-2022

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Dear Council Members,

My name is __Christine Nurse_____ and I am a resident of District __4__. I am writing to express my strong support for CR102-2022, the Resolution encouraging Governor Hogan to release the funds that the General Assembly set aside to provide training for additional abortion care providers in order to expand abortion access in our state.

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Sincerely,

Sayers, Margery

From: Christine SANTOS-NURSE <christine.santosnurse@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 6:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote Yes on CR 102-2022

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Dear Council Members,

My name is __Christine Santos-Nurse_____ and I am a resident of District _4___. I am writing to express my strong support for CR102-2022, the Resolution encouraging Governor Hogan to release the funds that the General Assembly set aside to provide training for additional abortion care providers in order to expand abortion access in our state.

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Sincerely,

Sayers, Margery

From: Lisa Marini <lisavmarini@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:36 AM
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Subject: Vote Yes on CR 102-2022

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Sincerely,
Lisa Marini
District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: Scott Tiffin <stiffin@policypartners.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:52 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony for CR 102
Attachments: PPM 2022 HoCo resolution.pdf; 2022 ACNM CR102 Howard County.pdf

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Hello Council Members,
Attached is supportive testimony for CR 102 from the Maryland Affiliate - American College of Nurse-Midwives and Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

Thank you,
Scott



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Planned Parenthood of Maryland

Testimony Before the Howard County Council
CR102 – A Resolution Requesting Governor Hogan to Immediately Release Specified Funds for The
Abortion Care Clinical Training Program Established Under Maryland Law
June 21, 2022
Support

Planned Parenthood of Maryland strongly supports CR 102 because it is needed to ensure that Maryland is prepared for the imminent overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. In the next few weeks, the Supreme Court is will release a decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which is expected to result in 26 state's banning or severely restricting abortion care. This will lead to Maryland experiencing a significant influx of patients from other states coming to Maryland for care.

The implementation of SB 8 in Texas, give us a sobering preview on abortion access after the Dobbs decision. A month after SB 8 went into effect, the number of abortions in Texas dropped by 50%. Individuals who were able to go out-of-state traveled hundreds of miles for services, sometimes even thousands as we have seen individuals from Texas at Planned Parenthood of Maryland. *The states that surround Texas were overwhelmed by requests for abortion care appointments – increasing waiting times for both in-state and out-of-state patients to as long as 19 days in Louisiana , 20 days in New Mexico, and 23 days in Oklahoma.*ⁱ

Maryland is already the worst state for abortion access geographically, when we are compared to other East Coast states with similar abortion rights protections. Maine, the most rural state on the East Coast, has providers in 69% of its counties which is the exact opposite of Maryland where 71% of counties do not have a single abortion provider.ⁱⁱ

As we know from the Texas experience, when one state bans abortion, the impact is felt in the surrounding states and throughout the region. With 26 states poised to ban or severely limit access, the scale of the abortion access crisis could be immense, particularly in states, like Maryland, already facing access issues. When Marylanders live outside of the Baltimore-Washington corridor, they usually have to travel to obtain abortion care. This situation can be immensely challenging for those facing limited resources as they have to arrange for transportation, time off of work, and child care. After the Dobbs decision, they could very likely face the additional barrier of waiting times for services.

Maryland does have many healthcare providers who would be able to provide care if they had access to training options. Opportunities for abortion training are shrinking, especially for practitioners educated in states like Texas where abortion is banned or severely restricted. In order to ensure that Maryland has enough providers to address increased need for care, the General Assembly set aside \$3.5 million for an Abortion Clinical Training Program. However, the Governor has not yet released these important funds. This resolution will help highlight the urgency of the need for increased provider training.

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

ⁱ <https://sites.utexas.edu/txpep/files/2021/10/initial-impacts-SB8-TxPEP-brief.pdf>

ⁱⁱ https://www.guttmacher.org/sites/default/files/report_pdf/abortion-incidence-service-availability-us-2017.pdf



Testimony Before the Howard County Council

Bill Number: CR102 – A Resolution Requesting Governor Hogan to Immediately Release Specified Funds for The Abortion Care Clinical Training Program Established Under Maryland Law

Hearing Date: June 21, 2022

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) supports CR 102, which calls on Governor Hogan to release the \$3.5 million the General Assembly set aside to train Maryland abortion providers. Howard County is one of the 71% of Maryland counties that do not have an abortion provider.ⁱ The release of the training fund is essential to ensuring Howard County residents have access to abortion care following the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

The recent leaked draft of the *Dobbs* opinion has made it clear that the Supreme Court is preparing to imminently overturn *Roe v. Wade*, which is expected to result in 26 state's banning or severely restricting abortion care.ⁱⁱ This will result in an unprecedented number of out-of-state patients coming to Maryland for abortion care. Because of our current provider shortage, we are not going to be able to provide timely care to these out-of-state patients, nor are we going to be able to ensure that Maryland patients are able to access care without significant delay. However, we have physicians, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and certified midwives who are capable to provide abortion care, but due to lack of training options are not currently able to provide this care. Releasing the abortion training funds would allow Maryland to begin to close our provider gap and prepare for the overturning of *Roe*.

We ask for a favorable vote on this resolution. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Scott Tiffin at stiffin@policypartners.net.

ⁱ https://www.guttmacher.org/sites/default/files/report_pdf/abortion-incidence-service-availability-us-2017.pdf

ⁱⁱ <https://www.guttmacher.org/article/2021/10/26-states-are-certain-or-likely-ban-abortion-without-roe-heres-which-ones-and-why>

Sayers, Margery

From: lindaleslie@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 9:20 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote Yes on CR 102-2022

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Dear Council Members, My name is Linda Leslie and I am a resident of District 4.

I am writing to express my support for CR102-2022, the Resolution encouraging Governor Hogan to release the funds that the General Assembly set aside to provide training for additional abortion care providers in order to expand abortion access in our state.

Access to abortion care has already been limited for many in our community – indeed, there are NO abortion care providers anywhere in Howard County, while there is at least one anti-choice “crisis pregnancy center.” And things are only going to get worse unless we do something about it.

I appreciate that doing a council resolution in support of this topic may seem symbolic, but sometimes symbolism is what we need to remind everyone of the importance of an issue.

I urge you to send this message by voting YES on CR102-2022.

Thank you.

- Linda Leslie

Sayers, Margery

From: globe37@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:14 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote Yes on CR 102-2022

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Linda Bogard and I am a resident of District 7. I am writing to express my strong support for CR102-2022, the Resolution encouraging Governor Hogan to release the funds that the General Assembly set aside to provide training for additional abortion care providers in order to expand abortion access in our state.

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Sincerely,
Linda Bogard

Sayers, Margery

From: Patricia Thomas <palthomas@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 1:07 AM
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Dear Council Members,

My name is _Patricia Thomas_____ and I am a resident of District _2____. I am writing to express my strong support for CR102-2022, the Resolution encouraging Governor Hogan to release the funds that the General Assembly set aside to provide training for additional abortion care providers in order to expand abortion access in our state.

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Sincerely,

Pat T.

Sayers, Margery

From: Ted Stewart <stewarttede3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote Yes on CR 102-2022

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Ted Stewart and I am a resident of District 5. I am writing to express my strong support for CR102-2022, the Resolution encouraging Governor Hogan to release the funds that the General Assembly set aside to provide training for additional abortion care providers in order to expand abortion access in our state.

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I urge you to send this message by voting YES on CR102-2022.

Sincerely, Ted Stewart

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Ted Stewart

Email: StewartTedE3@GMail.com

Twitter: [@Stewart_Ted](https://twitter.com/Stewart_Ted)

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Sayers, Margery

From: Carla Gates <carla.g725@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote Yes on CR 102-2022

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Dear Council Members, My name is Carla Gates and I am a resident of District 12.

I am writing to express my strong support for CR102-2022, the Resolution encouraging Governor Hogan to release the funds that the General Assembly set aside to provide training for additional abortion care providers in order to expand abortion access in our state. Access to abortion care has already been limited for many in our community – indeed, there are NO abortion care providers anywhere in Howard County, while there is at least one anti-choice “crisis pregnancy center.” And things are only going to get worse unless we do something about it. In light of the leaked Supreme Court opinion indicating that the Court is likely to overturn Roe vs. Wade, and the increasingly extreme anti-abortion legislation being passed in many states across the country, we can expect a significant influx of people traveling to Maryland seeking abortion care, which will put a strain on our already limited access. This is just the concern that the General Assembly was trying to address when it passed the Abortion Care Access Act and set aside \$3.5 million to begin training additional, newly eligible abortion care providers as soon as this July. But although the General Assembly successfully overrode his veto, Governor Hogan has found another way to block this legislation from taking effect, by refusing to release the funds for their intended use. While this resolution may be purely “symbolic,” the symbolism is nonetheless important and worthwhile for two reasons. First, because we need to remind Governor Hogan that he is not a dictator, and that voters won’t stand for his attempt to substitute his will for that of a supermajority of our democratically-elected legislature. And second, in the face of the mounting attacks on the basic human right to make the most personal of healthcare decisions without government interference, we need to send a message loud and clear that Howard County stands for CHOICE. I urge you to send this message by voting YES on CR102-2022.

Sincerely,

Carla Gates
5417 El Camino
Columbia, MD 21044

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Carla Gates / Candaca Okun
~ Love IS the Law

Sayers, Margery

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To: CouncilMail
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Deeba Jafri and I am a resident of District 2. I am writing to express my strong support for CR102-2022, the Resolution encouraging Governor Hogan to release the funds that the General Assembly set aside to provide training for additional abortion care providers in order to expand abortion access in our state.

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Sincerely,

Deeba
Deeba Jafri
Elkridge MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Leslie Pick <lpick3185@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote Yes on CR 102-2022

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Leslie Pick and I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to express my strong support for CR102-2022, the Resolution encouraging Governor Hogan to release the funds that the General Assembly set aside to provide training for additional abortion care providers in order to expand abortion access in our state.

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Sincerely,
Leslie Pick
6085 Covington Road
Columbia, MD, 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: David Bader <dbader@dhbader.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
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My name is David Bader and I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to express my strong support for CR102-2022, the Resolution encouraging Governor Hogan to release the funds that the General Assembly set aside to provide training for additional abortion care providers in order to expand abortion access in our state.

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