



Women's Law Center of Maryland

Celebrating 50 Years of Advancing Justice

Dear Jessica,

Today is a big day for reproductive freedom in Annapolis! Three of the bills that comprise [Maryland's 2023 Reproductive Health Protection Package](#) will have hearings today. **We need you to take action now in support of these bills.** By passing the 2023 Reproductive Health Protection Package, we will protect the rights of Marylanders to bodily autonomy no matter what is happening in the rest of the country.

TAKE ACTION #1: We need you to **contact members of the Senate Finance Committee and urge them to vote in support** of [SB798 - Declaration of Rights- Right to Reproductive Freedom](#) and [SB786- Reproductive Health Services – Protected Information and Insurance Requirements](#). Click [here to send an email](#) to the Committee. If you have time, call the committee members directly; their contact information can be found [here](#). If you would like to watch the hearings live, you can visit the YouTube page for the committee [here](#) at 1pm.

TAKE ACTION #2: We need you to **contact members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee and urge them to vote in support** of [SB859 - Reproductive Health Protection Act](#). Click [here to send an email](#) to the Committee. If you have time, call the committee members directly; their contact information can be found [here](#). If you would like to watch the hearings live, you can visit the YouTube page for the committee [here](#) at 1pm.

Onward together,

About the Bills Heard Today:

[SB798 - Declaration of Rights- Right to Reproductive Freedom](#) The Constitutional Amendment provides the highest possible level of protection of reproductive freedom in Maryland. This bill provides for the rights of individuals to make and effectuate their own decisions about abortion, birth control and continuing a pregnancy. This legislation is singularly the most important action we can take to protect the reproductive freedom of the generations behind us.

[SB786- Reproductive Health Services – Protected Information and Insurance Requirements](#) The campaign to intimidate providers and patients in Maryland depends on having access to information about reproductive health care provided in our state. Under electronic health record systems, protected health information – including reproductive health records - flows easily between states. Information sharing is allowed by law if it is related to coordination of care among a patient's providers. Under most circumstances, care coordination improves the health outcomes of patients. But in the case of reproductive health, information sharing is putting reproductive health providers and patients at great risk.

[SB859 - Reproductive Health Protection Act](#) This legislation states unequivocally that Maryland will not support out-of-state investigations about legal reproductive health care in our state. We will not support other states that seek to intimidate our providers and threaten their state residents who travel to Maryland to seek reproductive health care. Our

courts will not process subpoenas, our state agencies will not provide records, and law enforcement will not cooperate with states investigated legal reproductive health care in our state. With this bill, we will protect health care providers, patients, and the people who support patients in their reproductive health decisions from criminal charges, civil litigation, and administrative penalties. We will only have reproductive freedom in Maryland if we shield ourselves from the threats and intimidation tactics of other states.

P.S. As always, if you appreciate the work we do, whether in the General Assembly or through our [direct legal services](#) across the State, [give here!](#) And if this email was forwarded to you by a friend, make sure to sign up for our legislative alerts [here!](#)

P.P.S. **Save the Date for the WLC's [Annual Celebration and Awards Ceremony on May 3rd at 6pm at Citron!](#)** Join us in presenting the Rosalyn B. Bell Award to Marla Zide, Esq.; the Dorothy Beatty Memorial Award to Robyn Elliott; and the Access to Justice Award to Natasha M. Dartigue, Esq. and Debbie Feinstein, Esq. For more information or to buy tickets, click [HERE](#).

P.P.P.S. Save the date for these upcoming events from our partners and friends!

- Hosted by the Women Legislators of Maryland, Executive Alliance, Planned Parenthood of Maryland, and Pro Choice Maryland, the **2023 Gender Justice Rally** will be held March 6th at 6pm at Lawyer's Mall in Annapolis. Register to attend [HERE!](#)



- Join Leadership Baltimore County for a [Rebalance, Rediscover, Reinvent](#) event on how leaders support women at home, and work, and in the community on Thursday, March 16th 8:30-10:30am in Owings Mills.

**REBALANCE
REDISCOVER
REINVENT**

How leaders support women
at home, at work and in the
community

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16
8:30 - 10:30 AM**

BECO Towers, 10461 Mill Run Circle, Owings Mills



Speakers



Janet Currie

President
Bank of America
Greater Maryland



Heather Iliff

President & CEO
Maryland Nonprofits



Natasha Wainwright

Owner
Natasha's Just Brittle



Sloane Brown

Podcast/Interview
Host

Moderator

\$30 LBC MEMBERS, \$35 NON-MEMBERS
Register at leadbaltimore.org

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Have an event you'd like to share with us? Send us an [email!](#)

About The Women's Law Center of Maryland: The vision of the Women's Law Center of Maryland is a legal system that provides justice and fairness for women. The Women's Law Center's mission is to ensure the physical safety, economic security, and autonomy of women throughout the State. We work towards this goal by providing direct legal representation, information and referral services, and legislative advocacy.

**Our efforts to promote justice, fairness, and equality for women are only possible
because of friends like you.**

Give Today

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