



Women's Law Center of Maryland

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Dear friend of the WLC,

I am happy to report that the Senate Finance Committee voted [SB890 – the Abortion Care Access Act](#) – out of Committee. That means it is being heard on the Senate floor TOMORROW morning!

As you may recall, the Abortion Care Access Act is a critical piece of legislation that will ensure that our right to reproductive freedom is more than just theoretical by removing barriers to abortion care. With two-thirds of Maryland counties not having a single abortion provider, this legislation will update our laws to reflect the recommendations of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists, by allowing nurse practitioners, nurse-midwives, licensed midwives, and physician assistants to also provide abortion care, as they already do in over a dozen other states. This is particularly critical right now as providers are seeing an increased demand for abortions as access is restricted in neighboring regions. Additionally, it increases access to abortion care for women utilizing both private insurance and Medicaid, by removing obstacles such as deductible requirements, co-payments, or cost-sharing provisions. Reproductive health care should not be dependent on your zip code or your source of insurance coverage.

In order to have meaningful access in Maryland, we need to be able to meet the needs of those seeking abortion care.

So what can you do? TAKE ACTION!

Call or email YOUR Senator TODAY and tell them to vote in favor of SB890 - the Abortion Care Access Act.

Don't know who your Senator is, or how to reach them?

Find out [HERE!](#)

And don't forget to THANK the sponsor [Senator Delores Kelly](#), Chair of the Finance Committee for her leadership!

Onward,

The WLC Advocacy Team

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 50th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Ceremony on May 19th, 6pm, at Live! Casino & Hotel! Join us in presenting the 50th Anniversary Legacy of Leadership Award to The Honorable Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge (Ret.), Court of Appeals of Maryland; the 50th Anniversary Power of the Present Award to The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker, The Maryland House of Delegates; and the 50th Anniversary Foundation of the Future Award, to Susan Francis, Executive Director, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service. For more information or to buy tickets, click [HERE](#).

GIVE TODAY

Sponsorships and tickets now available for our 50th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Ceremony!

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.

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