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TO: The Honorable Thomas Mac Middleton, Chairman
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RE: **LETTER OF CONCERN** – Senate Bill 583 – *Health – Medical Procedures –
Ultrasound Options*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) which represents over 7,300 Maryland physicians and their patients sends this Letter of Concern regarding Senate Bill 583.

Senate Bill 583 directs a physician performing or inducing an abortion to provide the pregnant woman the opportunity to view the “active ultrasound image” of the embryo or fetus and offer to provide the pregnant woman with a “physical picture” of the ultrasound image....” MedChi believes that the General Assembly should not dictate medical procedures to physicians. The issue of abortion is a divisive one. However, as long as abortion is a legal procedure, the General Assembly should not adopt special rules to govern the standard of care being delivered by physicians.

Senate Bill 583 proposes such special rules and thus generates this Letter of Concern.

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