



“Abortion-on-Demand”

Defeating a State “Constitutional Right” to Abortion

The \$2 billion abortion industry knows that there is **NO CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO ABORTION**. They are desperately trying to create one through Congress and by amending state Constitutions. An abortion amendment would coerce taxpayers into funding abortion-on-demand, invalidate all existing health and safety statutes and regulations regarding abortion, and bar any future attempts to pass lifesaving legislation such as heartbeat laws, partial birth abortion bans or dismemberment bans.

Important Reasons to Oppose Abortion Amendment Bills

- **The Constitution of the United States is silent on abortion but clear on the right to Life.** The Constitution affirms that no one can “be deprived of life, liberty or property” and deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence’s proclamation that “all” are “endowed by their Creator” with the unalienable right to Life. The Constitution of Maryland does not secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion, but defers to the Constitution of the United States as controlling law.
- ***Roe v. Wade* is not settled law, but one of the most highly contested cases of judicial activism.** Before *Roe*, 46 states had enacted laws prohibiting abortion. Since *Roe*, states have enacted 1,142 abortion restrictions. If *Roe* is overturned, abortion will remain legal under the Maryland Freedom of Choice Act (1991) unless the legislature amends or repeals the Act.
- **An abortion amendment would silence the voices of everyday Marylanders who want to engage in a meaningful public discussion and debate over the availability, safety, and even desirability of abortion.** The vast majority (76%) of Americans support reasonable restrictions on abortion, especially in the third trimester (6-9 months). 80% would prefer policies to protect both the mother and the child. Nearly 60% of voters, whether pro-life or pro-choice, oppose use of our tax dollars to fund abortion. Maryland women would be blocked from receiving information on lifesaving alternatives to abortion like pro-life pregnancy centers, adoption and Safe Haven programs.
- **An abortion amendment would invalidate state abortion restrictions that are supported by the majority of the public,** including the following common sense, protective laws: partial-birth abortion bans; infanticide bans; human cloning bans; sex trafficking reporting requirements; bans on selective abortion based on race, gender or disability; parental notification; informed consent; wrongful death laws that protect unborn children; religious freedom and rights of conscience laws that protect healthcare workers and employers; clinic safety regulations; and public funding restrictions.
- **Maryland’s abortion laws already are some of the most extreme in the nation,** permitting abortion on demand at any time during a woman’s nine-months of pregnancy. Maryland is one of only 4 states that compel taxpayers to fund abortion. We pay millions in state Medicaid to reimburse abortionists.
- While Maryland is one of three states that does not require abortion facilities to report the number and cause of abortions that they commit each year, **it is estimated that nearly 30,000 human beings die from abortion annually in Maryland.**

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