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HB 834 Public Health- Federal and State Funding for Abortions-Prohibition and Exceptions

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Madam Chair, Mr. Vice Chair and Distinguished Members of the Appropriations Committee:

For the Record, I am Delegate Ric Metzgar from Legislative District 6 in Baltimore County. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. It is always good to speak to friends.

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the use of Federal or State funds to pay for an abortion procedure or health benefits coverage of abortion procedures; providing that a certain prohibition does not apply under certain circumstances; and generally relating to Federal and State funding for abortions.

This prohibition does not apply if the woman's pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest or if the woman has a life endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself that would, as a certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 834. Thank you for your time and consideration.