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### **Opposition Statement HB813 after Amendments**

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On behalf of our Board of Directors and members across the state, we respectfully ask for an amendment to HB813 that would exclude abortion purposes from the recommendations of the workgroup. Maryland Right to Life opposes the promotion and funding of abortion services and any policies that would increase the profit margin for the abortion industry including profits gained by pharmaceutical companies from sales of the dangerous abortion pills. The 2022 session of the Maryland General Assembly significantly lowered the standard of care for women and girls with The Abortion Care Access Act by removing the physician requirement for medical and surgical abortions. This law also requires funding of abortion by the taxpayers through Medicaid and private health insurance. Prescription for the dangerous and deadly abortion pills via telehealth has also put women at great risk. Maryland Right to Life requests an amendment excluding abortion purposes from the discussions and outcomes of the workgroup.

**D-I-Y Abortions:** While the Supreme Court imposed legal abortion on the states in their 1973 decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, the promise was that abortion would be safe, legal and rare. But in 2016 the Court's decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* prioritized "mere access" to abortion facilities and abortion industry profitability over women's health and safety.

The abortion industry itself has referred to the use of abortion pills as "Do-It-Yourself" abortions, claiming that the method is safe and easy. Chemical abortions are 4 (four) times more dangerous than surgical abortions, presenting a high risk of hemorrhaging, infection, and even death. With the widespread distribution of chemical abortion pills, the demand on Emergency Room personnel to deal with abortion complications has increased 250%. The FDA has removed safeguards that prohibited the remote sale of chemical abortion pills leaving pregnant women and girls exposed to the predatory tele-abortion practices of the abortion industry.

**Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion.** Taxpayers should not be forced to fund elective abortions, which make up the vast majority of abortions committed in Maryland. Polls consistently show that 60% of Americans, pro-life and pro-choice, oppose taxpayer funding of abortion.

**We encourage that the workgroup put patients over profits in their deliberations. Maryland Right to Life requests an amendment excluding abortion purposes from workgroup goals. Without it, we ask for an unfavorable report on HB813.**