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## OPPOSE: The Abortion Amendment SB664

Honorable Legislators,

I have been a nurse serving the healthcare needs of Marylanders for 50 years and now I stand before you asking for your vote to defeat SB664, or as this Assembly defines it a Declaration of Rights or a Right to Privacy. No one has a “right” to infanticide or abortion on demand through her 9<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy. We all have a right to life and the first stage of that life begins as a zygote, progresses to an embryo, then a fetus, then a newborn. We don’t just get to live as a human being any other way. It’s a progression of life through stages and this bill wants to undermine the science, medical technology and reason we now have to prove that. Ignoring genetically-distinct human beings growing in a woman’s womb, and confusing that with a “right” to kill a human being, you have no regard for the human beings “right to life” in any stage they may be in.

**SB644** will deregulate the abortion industry in Maryland, making all abortions *back alley* with no requirements for sterile instruments or licensed physicians. It will also weaken the existing Infanticide and Partial Birth abortion bans and prohibition of procurement and sale of aborted body parts, effectively legalizing all three practices without knowledge of same and therefore impossible to prosecute. It will outlaw data collection so all this can happen. Everyone wants privacy from the government but this bill is not about that. It is about abortion. This bill will change the Constitution of Maryland under the guise of "privacy" and will wipe out existing regulations and prevent future regulations and bills

Abortion is also a form of racism that targets minorities. According to the CDC, a black woman is 5 times more likely to have an abortion than a white woman and a Hispanic woman, twice as likely. Don’t their babies have a right to life like all human beings do? Do you really want to promote this killing of all human lives with verbal engineering, calling it a right to privacy and not what it really is?

The data regarding abortion is there for you to know. The truth regarding this bill is to support that cause. You do not have a right to enable others to kill. None of us do.

As a Maryland voter I vehemently oppose SB664, and ask you to do the same.