

The Honorable Delores G. Kelly, Chair
and Members of the Finance Committee
Maryland Senate
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: SB 0423- Federal and State Funding for Abortions – Prohibition and Exceptions- SUPPORT

Dear Chair Kelly and Members of the Committee,

SB 0423 preserves the already struggling economy.

In essence, state funding is resident funding. If the cost of abortions is paid with state funding, more than likely, Maryland State Tax will increase for residents in order to meet the financial need required to do so. Marylanders are struggling financially. An increase in taxes would add to the detriment of our families and decrease our already diminishing quality of life.

Payment for the termination of a pregnancy that complies with the guidelines outlined in SB 0423 should be the responsibility of an individual's health insurance.

Should SB 0423 receive a favorable report, thus, entered into MD law, there must be a strict process in place for the determination of instances of rape, incest, and the existence of a medically, life-threatening condition in order to prevent abuse of the "system" , and/or fraudulent claims.

Please vote for a Favorable Report for SB 0423 with consideration of the financial responsibility being a function of one's medical insurance.

Sincerely,
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