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SB 535 – Unborn Child Protection From Dismemberment Abortion Act

Chairman Kelley, Vice Chairman Feldman, and Members of the Finance Committee:

SB 535 is legislation to end an inhumane and unnecessary manner of performing abortions. Ten states have passed this law as of August 2020, and it is being introduced in several othersⁱ.

Dismemberment abortions are a disturbing procedure carried out to terminate the life of an unborn child. Dismemberment abortions involve utilizing instruments such as tongs, scissors, or similar tools to extract the fetus from the womb, one piece at a time. It is incredibly painful to the unborn child, particularly after 20 weeksⁱⁱ. There is no aim at a particular part of the fetus. The abortionist will pull, twist, or pry whichever appendage is the easiest to reach. The result is the mutilation of the unborn during the termination of the pregnancy.

SB 535 does not attempt to ban abortions in the State of Maryland. It simply prohibits dismemberment abortions. In cases where there is a serious threat to the health of the mother, there is an exemption. I ask that the members of the Finance Committee vote in favor of protecting the dignity of human life.

I respectfully request a **favorable** vote on Senate Bill 535.

ⁱ Dilation and Evacuation Bans. *Legislative Tracker*. 2020.

ⁱⁱ Yes, an unborn baby can feel pain in an abortion. Here's the scientific proof. *Illinois Right to Life*. 2019.