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Senator Dolores Kelley, Chairman
and Members of the Finance Committee
Senate of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: **SB 0535** – Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortions Act – **SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Kelley and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women supports SB 0535 to prohibit dismemberment abortions on live babies in the womb, especially when they have reached the stage in development where they feel pain. This is a gruesome and inhumane procedure and should not be used except in cases of extreme emergency threat to the pregnant woman's life or serious physical health emergency.

SB 0535 defines dismemberment abortions on Page 3, lines 3 – 10 as:

(d) (1) "dismemberment abortion" means, with the intent to cause the death of the unborn child, to purposely dismember a living unborn child by using clamps, grasping forceps, tongs, scissors, or similar instruments that, through the convergence of two rigid levers, slice, crush, or grasp a portion of the unborn child's body to cut or rip it off and to extract the pieces of the body of the unborn child one at a time with the aforementioned devices or tools or by use of a suction device.

The Senate of Maryland recently passed a bill to prohibit the declawing of cats because, in some cases, it might cause pain or disability. Can we not have equivalent compassion for the unborn human child to not destroy it by such a painful and inhumane procedure in the final stages of gestation?

Please give SB 0535 a **FAVORABLE** report.

Sincerely,
Ella Ennis
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