

Senator Melony Griffith, Chair
and Members of The Senate Finance Committee
Maryland State Senate
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB0798- Declaration of Rights- Reproductive Freedom- **OPPOSE**

Dear Chair Griffith and Members of the Committee,

I strongly urge your opposition against SB0798. If passed and the question on the ballot subsequently receives a "yes" vote from the majority of the voters, it will become a constitutional amendment that will be extremely difficult, if not impossible to reverse. The following viewpoints should be considered:

- First, and foremost, as previously stated, the passing of, and affirmative voting on the ballot, will establish a Constitutional Amendment that will be extremely difficult, if even possible, to change in the face of new evidence or mindset changes; consider Roe vs Wade and the overturn thereof.
- SB0798 guarantees the right to an abortion at any time during the pregnancy as well as perinatal which is considered, by most medical professionals, to be up to 28 days after birth. Perinatal death can occur as a result of starvation, dehydration or any other abuse which leads to the end of life. **THIS IS BLATENT MURDER** in the form of **INFANTCIDE**, in which the perpetrator would be protected by the Constitution! All other acts of murder are punishable by law. I fail to see the justice in allowing infanticide to occur unpunishable!
- In the case of surrogate mothers, the ambiguous and broad language in SB0798 could raise questions in regards to who has the decision-making rights for such pregnancy and dismisses the father's rights in the decision-making process.

I urge you to consider the above concerns and present an **UNFAVORABLE** report against SB0798.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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