

Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair  
and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee  
Maryland Senate  
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 0461- Retirement Tax Elimination Act of 2023- **FAVORABLE**

Dear Senator Guzzone and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

For many years, Maryland has been losing residents, upon retirement, due to the taxation of retirement income. SB 0461 is the solution! It makes sense that as Marylanders age and their income is a fixed amount, that this income would be exempt from taxes upon filing of their yearly return. While its always nice to save money, it's especially beneficial in these days of record inflation.

In addition to adding well-deserved money back into the pockets of retired Maryland residents, the passing of SB0461 will play an important role in preserving Maryland's retired population. These Marylanders contribute to the state's economy.

I ask your committee to return a FAVORABLE report for SB0461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair  
and Members of Health and Government Operations Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB0933- End-of-Life Option Act- **OPPOSE**

Dear Delegate Pena-Melnyk and Members of the Committee,

I have seen, and opposed, many far-reaching, extremely outrageous, and, to be truthful, absolutely idiotic proposals for legislation over the past few years but, this is the most egregious to date! Why would anyone even consider making it legal to kill themselves? Not only that, but to put in place legal protection for any health care worker that assists in this process, and insurance exceptions?! I cannot express how urgent it is that you **oppose** HB0933! Please consider the following:

- HB0933 opens the door for **legal** manslaughter! Even though this bill requires that the person asking for assistance in dying be able to self-administer the drugs, and that the request be voluntary, there is no way to be sure that a person is not pressured to take this action. It should be obvious that such a law will be misused by some dishonest medical personnel, or those who feel strongly about the issue and think their moral stance dictates that they break or stretch the law.
- Denying treatment to ill, elderly, or disabled individuals is inhumane. The broad language used in this bill has led to cases in some US states of people being denied treatment for cancer because it was deemed not appropriate for their condition. Instead, they were offered drugs, or psychologically pressured to take drugs, to end their lives. There have been instances of disabled individuals in other states who were pressured to end their lives through physician counseling

HB0933 is outrageously inhumane and widens the possibility of immoral acts against humanity! I pray that you reconsider HB0933 and render an UNFAVORABLE report for this bill.

Thank you for your time,

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