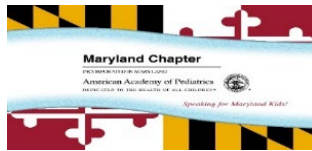




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RE: **OPPOSE** – House Bill 1233 – *Public Health – Abortion*

On behalf of The Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Maryland Section of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, we submit this letter of **opposition** for House Bill 1233.

House Bill 1233 is essentially a ban on abortion. It prohibits abortion after the 6-week gestational age and would be enforced through a private right of action. Texas enacted SB 8, which essentially mirrors the provisions of House Bill 1233 and has created a public health crisis. Oklahoma and Idaho have passed similar bills as well. As a result of the Dobbs decision, Maryland has made protecting reproductive freedom a priority. House Bill 1233 runs completely counterproductive to those objectives and undermines the work of this General Assembly. An unfavorable report is requested.

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