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The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
and Members of the Finance Committee
Senate of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: **SB0848** – Abortion Care Grants Program and Fund – **UNFAVORABLE**

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women opposes SB0848 for these reasons:

- It establishes an annual mandated budget allocation of at least \$2 million when the State is facing a serious budget deficit. It will exacerbate the structural deficit for years to come.
- The sole purpose appears to be to create a mechanism for government-funded abortions for anyone who wants one – no questions asked.
- There appears to be no precedent for this redirection of insurance premiums.
- Grant program services are not restricted to Marylanders, which means that health insurance premiums paid by Marylanders could be used to pay for abortions for non-residents.
- It is incomprehensible that medical treatment to save the life of a baby born alive during an abortion is not an element of “abortion care”.

Preborn babies can survive outside the womb at 22 weeks. Abortions performed at 22 weeks and beyond should be by methods that allow the child the chance to live. It would be more humane and would not require that the woman having the abortion keep the child.

The United States is approaching a level of births below the replacement level needed to maintain the population. There are so many Marylanders with fertility issues who would welcome the opportunity to adopt. We should be promoting life, not destruction.

Please vote an **UNFAVORABLE** report for **SB0848**.

Sincerely,
Ella Ennis
Legislative Chairman