



### **Opposition Statement HB1310**

Prescription Drug Repository Program – Out-of-State Pharmacies  
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**On behalf of our Board of Directors and followers across the State, Maryland Right to Life opposes HB1310 without an amendment to exclude its use for abortion purposes.**

**Maryland Right to Life opposes the promotion and funding of abortion, including the expansion of accessibility to the dangerous and deadly abortion drugs. This bill extends the Prescription Drug Repository Program to pharmacies outside of Maryland. The State of Maryland already spends over \$33 million for abortion, including the use of taxpayer funded Medicaid to cover the cost of abortion drugs. Marylanders have many other health concerns, such as diabetes, wound care, heart disease, lung disease, post-operative care, etc., (and the list goes on) that should be addressed, but the State of Maryland prioritizes abortion. Governor Wes Moore and the Board of Public Works spent over \$1.3 million to stockpile Mifepristone and Misoprostol. Maryland taxpayers paid for this, and they should not be forced to fund abortion drugs for other states. To prevent appropriations from this bill from being exploited by the profit-minded, multi-billion dollar abortion industry, we ask for an amendment to exclude abortion purposes from this bill.**

**Maryland taxpayers subsidize the abortion industry** in Maryland through direct Maryland Medicaid reimbursements to abortion providers, through various state grants and contracts, and through pass-through funding in various state programs. Health insurance carriers are required to provide reproductive health coverage to participate with the Maryland Health Choice program.

Programs that utilize public funding for abortion-related activities include:

- the Maryland State Department of Education,
- Maryland Department of Health,
- Maryland Family Planning Program,
- Maternal and Child Health Bureau,
- the Children’s Cabinet,
- Maryland Council on School Based Health Centers,
- Maryland Assembly for the Advancement of School Based Health,
- Community Health Resource Commission,
- Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP),
- Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund and even the
- Maryland Department of Public Works, and
- Maryland Abortion and Reproductive Clinical Health Training Program.



**Abortion is not healthcare, and abortion is never medically necessary.** The fact that 85% of OB-GYNs in a representative national survey do not commit abortions is glaring evidence that abortion is not an essential part of women’s healthcare. **Abortion enables the exploitation of women and girls by sexual abusers and sex traffickers to continue their crimes and victimization.**

**Funding restrictions are constitutional.** The Supreme Court of the United States, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health* (2022), overturned *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and held that there is no right to abortion found in the Constitution of the United States. As early as 1980 the Supreme Court affirmed in *Harris v. McRae*, that *Roe* had created a limitation on government, not a government funding entitlement. The Court ruled that the government may distinguish between abortion and other procedures in funding decisions – noting that “*no other procedure involves the purposeful termination of a potential life*” and held that there is “*no limitation on the authority of a State to make a value judgment favoring childbirth over abortion, and to implement that judgment by the allocation of public funds.*”

**More funding and resources directed toward abortion means less funding and resources for other health care concerns, including support for women choosing to continue their pregnancies. For these reasons, we respectfully ask to amend HB1310 to exclude the bill being used for abortion purposes. Without an amendment, we urge you to oppose HB1310.**