

I strongly Oppose HB930 Public Abortion Grant for the following reasons:

1. Use of Taxpayer Funds for Abortion

This bill would allocate taxpayer money toward expanding abortion access, which many oppose on moral, ethical, or religious grounds. Public funds should not be used to support a procedure that is highly controversial and opposed by a significant portion of the population.

2. Prioritization of Healthcare Spending

Maryland faces pressing healthcare challenges, including maternal healthcare, infant mortality, mental health services, and rural healthcare access. Instead of expanding abortion services, state funds should be directed toward supporting prenatal care, adoption services, and resources for pregnant women.

3. Forcing Insurance Premiums to Fund Abortion

HB930 mandates that certain insurance premium funds be used to expand abortion access. This forces individuals and businesses that may morally oppose abortion to indirectly contribute to its funding, infringing on their freedom of conscience.

4. Expanding Government's Role in Abortion Services

The bill would establish a government-managed program and fund dedicated to abortion services, further entrenching government involvement in an issue that should be left to private healthcare providers and individuals.

5. Lack of Parental and Community Oversight

If the program funds abortion services for minors without parental consent, it undermines parental rights and family involvement in critical healthcare decisions.

Please vote Unfavorable against HB930!

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