



March 17, 2026

The Honorable Heather Bagnall, Chair
and Members of the Health Committee
Maryland House of Delegates, Annapolis, Maryland

RE: **HB0714** – Health - Abortion Data - Submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - **FAVORABLE**

Dear Chair Bagnall and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women supports H0 714 that would require the State of Maryland to submit data annually to the CDC on abortions performed in Maryland.

Maryland is one of only 4 states that do not provide this statistical information to the CDC.

Information on the number of abortions, the stage of development of the baby at the time of abortion, and the age and health condition of the mother are important for health services planning and improvement. Collecting and reporting this information would aid efforts by government and health care providers to improve outcomes for both the pregnant woman seeking an abortion and the pre-born baby.

The United States is on the verge of not producing enough children to sustain our population. However, we don't know how much of the dearth of population renewal is due to abortions.

All other deaths are documented and the cause and age noted.

Preborn babies can live outside the womb after approximately 23 weeks. With proper care, most can live, be adopted, and grow up to be healthy, contributing citizens. Their lives are worth saving. Their survival does not diminish the rights of the woman to end her pregnancy.

It is important to know how many abortions are taking place each year.

We urge a **Favorable** report for **HB0714**.

Sincerely,

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