

Montgomery County Council

RE: on the issue of adding of \$1,000,000 of the county FY23 Operating Budget,  
Department of Health and Human Services for Assistance to Access Abortion

Greetings,

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion on the abortion funding issue as it relates to the fiscal 23 budget with taxes solely earmarked for abortion providers while neglecting pregnancy centers which do more for our community than any abortion clinic ever has and which I will summarize below.

Pregnancy centers actually save States and counties tax dollars by providing many SUBSIDIZED services to women that abortion clinics simply have failed to provide or never have provided.

Planned Parenthood's sole purpose is the killing of the unborn...period! Not only that, PP charges customers for abortion services one way or another yet also received millions in Federal and State taxes either directly or likely "under the table" to skirt the rules.

Pregnancy center support includes parenting education, housing, material assistance, and even post-abortion support. These services provide many other healthcare services, such as prenatal care, pregnancy diagnosis, and STI testing. Other services strengthen families including parenting education classes and fatherhood programs. Still other services may offer referrals addressing opioid addiction or public education on handling sex trafficking issues in areas where these problems are exceptionally horrific.

By funding pregnancy centers, Maryland could offer badly needed services for those families choosing childbirth over killing a child instead of taking a ONE SIDED approach to this abortion issue as this State of Maryland has done for decades now.

You are elected to REPRESENT ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS---yet you continue to operate a one-sided council that never compromises on any issues as if the county only has one viewpoint or residents belong to only one political party. We saw this with vaccines mandates, policies where you forced churches to close yet allowed County run liquor stores and gambling sites to continue during a pandemic among other questionable policies and NOW this abortion issue.

The State of Maryland DOES NOT have to ONLY SUPPORT THE KILLING OF CHILDREN as there are MANY OTHER PRO LIFE (not death) OPTIONS for women in 2022. The excuse that abortion is their only choice is a LIE and only harms the women.

The MAJORITY of this State does NOT support abortion and certainly does not support TAX dollars in funding it. You want to give 1 million dollars---then get tax dollars from all abortion-loving supporters of which you MUST have at least 1 million supporters—right??? I DO NOT WANT MY TAX DOLLARS GIVEN TO SUPPORT ABORTIONS!!!! Even if you could prove a majority

supports abortion that doesn't make it morally good...only popular. Subjugation of blacks and women used to be popular too but no one would ever claim those were 'good'.

This is what planned parenthood is about summed up in 3 bullet points:

- They are the most prolific killer of babies in this country
- Particularly of blacks and minorities
- And they sell baby parts for profit

Is this what you want our great State of Maryland supporting when you could easily allocate tax monies to ACTUAL services which support women across the board?

What the Supreme Court did was end a BAD LAW....that's all. STOP pushing the narrative that a "right was taken away" because no such right ever existed. Had the 1973 court stayed out of this debate perhaps this country would have resolved this issue decades ago. BUT FOR THEIR INTERFERENCE IN 1973 they stopped the debate in the States and here we are today divided as ever.

The difference TODAY, is that YOU (as representatives of ALL county residents and not just liberals or democrats) cannot claim abortion is the only option available to all women and must reconsider this one-sided allocation of tax monies. Stop giving public tax money to one-sided issues that are unsupported by large numbers of residents. OR, ensure services provided by pregnancy centers ALSO benefit from tax monies to be fair and balanced.

You keep pushing the "choice" narrative. Women do NOT have the right to kill an unborn human being simply because a pregnancy is inconvenient. The vast majority of abortions are performed on healthy women with healthy babies. This need not be so in our modern age. During the pandemic you kept pushing "follow the science" ....well, follow the science now when it truly is life or death for a human being.

Maryland, especially Montgomery county, can do better than this. We don't have to be known as the baby killer capital of this State or nation. How about tempering your positions and supporting both sides for a change....might actually realize supporting births rather than killing generations improves the future.

Please consider dropping this policy or at least provide equal funding for alternatives to abortion....

Thank you for your time,

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