

Vote **AGAINST** Amending the Maryland Constitution  
in the November 2024 General Election

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## The proposed constitutional amendment states:

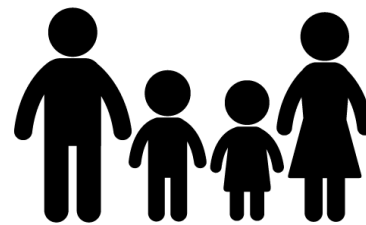
“That **every person**, as a central component of an **individual**’s right to liberty and equality, has the fundamental right to **reproductive freedom**, **including but not limited to** the ability to make and effectuate decisions to prevent, continue, or end one’s own pregnancy. **The State may not, directly or indirectly, deny, burden, or abridge the right** unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.”

### Amendment vs. Law

An amendment to the Maryland constitution, which must be ratified by the voters, **creates a new legal standard** that **supersedes** pre-existing laws. Any changes to the amendment must be passed by the General Assembly and ratified by the voters. Very difficult to correct for negative consequences.

### NO limits

“**Including but not limited to**” leaves the door wide open for any drug, procedure and activity related to the reproductive system and reproductive anatomy. Efforts to replace “reproductive freedom” with abortion were rejected.



### KIDS are NOT adults

**Persons** or **individuals** are males and females, adults and children. **Efforts to replace person/individual with woman were rejected. Efforts to include minimum age and parental consent requirements were rejected.** Minors will be able to exercise “reproductive freedom.” **Parents lose authority over their children.**

### NOT good for healthcare

Money cannot be an obstacle for a person/individual to exercise their rights. The cost of these new “reproductive freedom” rights will be covered by the taxpayer through Medicaid and private health insurance. Many of these drugs and surgeries are elective. **Health insurance costs will increase for all.**

Removing parents from the healthcare discussion decreases safety for children.

**DECEPTION:** The wording of the ballot question is not likely to match the wording of the amendment.

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