THE ABORTION AMENDMENT IN VIRGINIA

> That every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom and that the right to make and effectuate one's own decisions about all matters related to one's pregnancy cannot be denied, burdened, or otherwise infringed upon by the Commonwealth, unless justified by a compelling state interest and achieved by the least restrictive means. The amendment prohibits the Commonwealth from penalizing, prosecuting, or otherwise taking adverse action against an individual for exercising the individual's right to reproductive freedom or for aiding another individual in the exercise of such right, unless justified by a compelling state interest.

WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN VA

OVERREGULATION OF PREGNACY CENTERS

Pregnancy Centers could be guilty of "*denying, burdening, or infringing*" on a Virginia Citizen's reproductive freedom by not offering or referring for abortions. Pregnancy Centers are already involved in lawsuits in 7 states and counting.

ABORTION TOURISM

Virginia will become the Abortion Capital of the South. Since Dobbs, there has already been a **30% increase** in out-of-state abortions occurring in Virginia.

BABIES LEFT TO DIE

Babies who survive an abortion attempt will not be given reasonable, life-saving care. Abortionists will be legally allowed to deliver the baby and let it die on a medical table.

CULTURE OF DEATH

Under 50 years of Roe, the view of life decayed among Americans. Under this amendment, the respect for life will only worsen among Virginians. If we don't value life at its earliest stages, we won't value it at end of life.

PARENTAL RIGHTS ELIMINATED

This amendment eliminates the right of parents to know about or consent to their young child's invasive abortion surgery, undermining the authority of parents.

TRANSGENDER SURGERIES

"Reproductive Freedom" is an umbrella term that is not limited to women. Under this amendment men, women, and minors would also have a right to sterilization and therefore transgender surgeries.

COUNTLESS MORE DEATHS

Virginia saw **over 35,000 children die in 2023 from abortion**, and Virginia's annual volume of **abortions grew 103% in the past 6 years.** With no restrictions, no limits and no life-saving measures, the lives lost will only increase.

EXPLOITATION OF EMBRYOS

The open-ended and undefined phrase *"reproductive freedom"* would allow for the unregulated sale and purchase of human embryos, and unethical research, commodifying human beings and leading to the exploitation of women.

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