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WHY WE OPPOSE THE RADICAL ABORTION BILLS

H.2370/S.1563, “AN ACT PRIORITIZING PATIENT ACCESS TO CARE”

PUSHED BY RADICAL PRO-ABORTION GROUPS LIKE PLANNED PARENTHOOD, THESE BILLS SEEK TO REMOVE VIRTUALLY ALL REMAINING PROTECTIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS FOR UNBORN BABIES AND THEIR MOTHERS. HERE ARE THE SPECIFICS:

These bills would remove all remaining restrictions on abortions after 24 weeks, when a baby can survive outside the womb. Massachusetts law already allows late-term abortions when a mother’s life or physical or mental health is at risk (which would include cases of rape and incest), or when a baby has a lethal condition. These bills are designed to eliminate even those limits, allowing the killing of viable babies for any reason, or *no reason at all*.

By removing the requirement that a physician certify one of these specific conditions, the bill would allow abortion on demand at any point in pregnancy, with no justification required.

The bill eliminates the Department of Public Health's oversight of the policies and protocols that medical facilities use handle late-term abortions. This removes an important layer of accountability for how a facility conducts a procedure at a stage when a baby is fully viable. Facilities should not be left to police themselves when it comes to something as hazardous as late-term abortion.

In addition, current law requires late-term abortions to be performed in a hospital — recognition that a procedure this

serious, at this stage of pregnancy, demands a hospital's resources and safeguards. This bill eliminates that requirement. A late-term abortion could legally be performed anywhere a provider chooses, with none of the protections a hospital setting is meant to guarantee.

Critically, the bill contains no gestational limit whatsoever after 24 weeks. Under its language, an abortion could legally be performed at 36 or even 40 weeks, days before a natural birth, for any reason a patient and provider choose not to disclose. Maine passed very similar legislation in 2023, becoming one of a small handful of states with no enforceable restrictions on late-term abortion. Massachusetts would join that group.

MFI opposes abortion at every stage, and we oppose this bill in the strongest possible terms. But even for those who accept earlier abortions, this legislation should be alarming. It removes every remaining protection for children who, by any medical standard, are already fully developed babies.

Contact your senator and representative and urge them to oppose H.2370/S.1563.

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