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SUSAN C. LEE
SECRETARY OF STATE

July 17, 2024

Jared DeMarinis, Esq.
State Elections Administrator
151 West Street, Suite 200
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Re: Ballot Language

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

Pursuant to Section 7-103(c) of the Elections Law ("EL") Article of the Maryland Code, I have prepared and hereby certify to you "the information required under [EL §7-103(b)], for all statewide ballot questions" as follows:

**Question 1- Constitutional Amendment (Ch. 245 of the 2023 Legislative Session)
Declaration of Rights - Right To Reproductive Freedom**

The proposed amendment confirms an individual's fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including but not limited to the ability to make and effectuate decisions to prevent, continue, or end the individual's pregnancy, and provides 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.

(Adding Article 48 to the Maryland Declaration of Rights)

**For the Constitutional Amendment
Against the Constitutional Amendment**

Please let me know if you will also need an electronic version of the language.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan C. Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State

cc. : Josaphine B. Yuzuik
Assistant Attorney General