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Maryland Right to Life Condemns Violence Against Pro-Life Advocates in Maryland

A violent assault occurred May 26th against two pro-life citizens praying peacefully outside of the Planned Parenthood abortion mill on North Howard Street in Baltimore City, Maryland. The unprovoked attack on the two men, who are senior citizens, left one of the men severely injured with multiple fractured bones and potential blindness in one eye. While the assailant who was talking with Planned Parenthood employees just prior to the attack has not yet been identified by police, a video tape of the assault has been secured by our friends at the American Center for Law and Justice, who have agreed to take this case.

While these victims are not affiliated with Maryland Right to Life, we will continue to defend the rights of ALL pro-life citizens to engage in peaceful pro-life speech and action. We condemn these ongoing acts of violence by abortion extremists in our state. Maryland Right to Life is calling upon Maryland Governor Wes Moore and Baltimore City Mayor Brandon Scott to condemn these acts of violence. We urge them to prosecute the assailant and any co-conspirators for this hate crime against these gentlemen who were practicing the tenets of their Catholic Faith.

We urge Governor Moore to promote policies to end child poverty that do NOT include killing poor children. We appeal to those in authority to recognize that they can have no credibility to end the violence in our streets while the government sanctions abortion violence in the womb.

It is important to understand that these brutal attacks are not an isolated event but are consistent with America's abortion culture – a culture that seeks to normalize the use of violence and killing as a solution to societal problems. But 50 years of legal abortion has FAILED to remedy any of the underlying socio-economic challenges that women face in raising their families, because the truth is that abortion has never been about empowering women, but instead exploiting women for sex and profit.

From the beginning, Planned Parenthood has targeted black lives for destruction and they have done so with government's blessing. We estimate that more than half of all black children in Baltimore City are killed through abortion violence before they have even drawn their first breath. Maryland taxpayers are being forced to fund this genocide in violation our rights of conscience and free exercise of religion. Now Democrat lawmakers want to weaponize the State Constitution to empower them to persecute Christians and pro-life citizens by enacting a "Reproductive Freedom" amendment to the Maryland Constitution. Maryland voters will be asked to approve this extreme measure as a ballot question in the November 2024 general election.

If the government succeeds in infringing on the unalienable right to life from our State Constitution, no human being will be safe in Maryland. The assault on these two good citizens demonstrates that God's people will be treated no better than the precious preborn children we seek to defend. But we will not back down and we will not be silenced. Pro-life citizens and Christians must get off the sidelines of the abortion battle if we are to save our state and the family. The defense of innocent human life is biblical, not political. "The only thing necessary for the the triumph of evil is that good men should do nothing."

Finally, Maryland Right to Life would like to remind all pro-life citizens to use extra caution and to continue to use peaceful means when protesting.

For more information or to get involved in pro-life action, please visit MDRTL.org.

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