WHY IS THE ABORTION BALLOT SUMMARY DECEPTIVE

"Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to

(i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care;

Because the actual amendment (see next page) gives the right to the "individual" not to an adult, it applies to minors too. That means a child could make life-altering decisions about abortion, pregnancy, or other reproductive services without a parent's knowledge or involvement.

This amendment would make it difficult for injured patients to get justice from the abortion provider, opening the door for Big Pharma and a no-guardrails abortion industry to exploit women for profit.

(ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and

(iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?"

Virginia law already allows late-term abortion when three physicians agree the pregnancy would substantially and permanently harm the woman's health. This amendment removes that safeguard, leaving the decision solely to the abortion provider performing and profiting from the procedure.

*** Not mentioned in the ballot summary:** the vague "reproductive freedom" language opens the door to:

- backdooring puberty blockers and....
- transgender procedures for minors against parents' will
- Removal of any safety standards.

While also omitting any guarantee that women can sue for malpractice or hold abortion providers accountable — and denying parents the clear right to help their daughter make life-altering decisions about her body and future.

WHAT DOES VIRGINIA'S PROPOSED PRO-ABORTION "*RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM*" AMENDMENT ACTUALLY SAY?"

Amend the Constitution of Virginia by adding in Article I a section numbered 11-A as follows:

ARTICLE I
BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 11-A. Fundamental right to reproductive freedom.

That every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including the ability to make and carry out decisions relating to one's own prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, abortion care, miscarriage management, and fertility care.

An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be, directly or indirectly, denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

Notwithstanding the above, the Commonwealth may regulate the provision of abortion care in the third trimester, provided that in no circumstance shall the Commonwealth prohibit an abortion (i) that in the professional judgment of a physician is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual or (ii) when in the professional judgment of a physician the fetus is not viable.

The Commonwealth shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right.

The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual based on such individual's own exercise of this fundamental right or such individual's own actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against any individual for aiding or assisting another individual in exercising such other individual's right to reproductive freedom with such other individual's voluntary consent.

For the purposes of this section, a state interest is compelling only if it is for the limited purpose of maintaining or improving the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted clinical standards of care and evidence-based medicine, and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision making.

This section shall be self-executing. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of the section

Overrides anything in our current or future VA statutes.

This is a sweeping, vague term. Does your child have a constitutional right to sexual experimentation?

"Individual" includes both women and men, kids, pre-teens, and minors. What happens to parental rights?

Which means this could:
- kill parental consent laws by claiming they "discrimimate" against minors.
- Punish medical staff who say "no" to abortion.
- open the door to taxpayer-funded abortions.

Despite claiming to permit some third-trimester regulation, it takes away the state's ability to limit risky, up-until-birth abortions.

- Physician = Abortionists who stands to profit from the abortion industry, making them extremely biased.

Creates limitless exceptions, making it impossible to enforce reasonable safeguards

Could prevent or deter investigations into suspicious or coerced abortions.

Think abusive partners, traffickers, out-of-state activists- they're all shielded if there's "voluntary consent"

Could easily be forged

Almost all common-sense, safety protections would be struck down. Eliminates any accountability for abortion industry.

The abortion industry sets the rules: the amendment locks in abortion-lobby standards as the legal gold standard.

ie, state interests to protect women is made secondary to "clinical standards" defined by abortion industry

Translation: You wake up the next day in a sanctuary state for big-pharma, no-guardrails, for-profit abortion industry

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