



### **1. Question 1 ballot language**

- "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."

### **2. Core Message**

- Voting YES on Question 1 protects reproductive freedom, including access to abortion, ensuring these rights are safeguarded in our state constitution.

### **3. Supporting messages**

- Freedom from government interference in deeply personal decisions, such as abortion, is essential. The decision should be up to patients, not politicians.
- The national threat to reproductive rights is real. States across the country have banned abortion and attacked other reproductive services. By voting YES, we protect these rights in Maryland for generations to come.
- Voting YES adds an extra layer of protection to our existing abortion laws, ensuring our freedoms remain in our hands despite political changes.

### **4. Talking points**

- When it comes to something as deeply personal as abortion, the decision should be up to patients – not politicians.
- Voting YES on Maryland Question 1 helps guarantee that all Marylanders have the rights, freedoms, and control to make the right decisions for themselves today, tomorrow, and well into the future.
- By voting YES, we protect the right to abortion in Maryland going forward, because you never know what can happen in politics
- Voting YES on Maryland Question 1 protects the rights that Marylanders currently have, including access to abortion.