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Dear County Council,

I understand that the Council is seeking to add \$1 million to the FY 2023 budget of the County's Department of Health and Human Services for Assistance to Access Abortion. I oppose this measure.

County Executive Elrich's press release from May 10, 2022, stated that this \$1 million fund "will support our most vulnerable residents" but also that the intent is to "expand access to safe and legal abortions in Montgomery County." I support the protection of our most vulnerable residents, especially mothers in need. Precisely for that reason I highly object to and decry the promotion of abortion. Recommending abortion to a mother in a desperate situation is like offering medical suicide to a clinically depressed person: a destructive act masquerading as charity.

Rather than using this money to support the promotion of abortion, the County should allocate it for the promotion of life-giving support to mothers in need, including prenatal care, birth support, counseling for parenting or adoption, and postnatal material support of housing, food, and baby supplies. There are good nonprofit organizations working to provide these very things right here in Montgomery County – including the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center ([pregnancy-options.org](http://pregnancy-options.org)) and Centro Tepeyac ([centrotepeyac.org](http://centrotepeyac.org)) – and the County's funding would greatly expand their support and effectiveness.

Thank you for your support in redirecting this \$1 million fund away from abortion and towards life-giving services for our mothers in need.

Sincerely,  
Stefan Syski

p.s. My wife and I just had a baby daughter 9 days ago. She's beautiful!

