

Termination of a pregnancy by dismemberment and evacuation is a gruesome and inhumane procedure performed on a fetus during the second and third trimester of pregnancy. Using forceps and other sharp instruments to tear apart the body and often to crush the skull of a fetus or nearly full-term baby in utero inflicts pain on a living being (aged from 13 weeks to just before full term birth) with brain waves, a heartbeat and functioning pain receptors; it also involves significant risks for the pregnant woman.

Dismemberment abortion also provides lucrative incentives for those who engage in illegal trafficking of body parts and organs. This cruel and inhumane procedure should not be part of any lawful medical practice in the State of Maryland.