

I am very much opposed to HB 403 because the law does not adequately protect adults with disabilities in our state. My adult son has Down Syndrome and is 29 years old. He has no siblings and eventually will be living independently of his parents. The bill does not have adequate safeguards for him and others in the disability community who cannot make medical decisions on their own. Maryland is not Oregon and we should not be letting outside groups determine how Marylanders will live or die. This is a dangerous bill and should not be considered for a vote. Many more highly esteemed professionals like Johns Hopkins doctors agree with my position.

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