

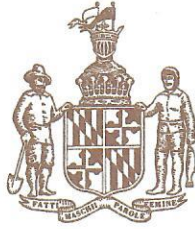
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HB 1179- Public Health - Unborn Human Beings and Infants Humane Disposition
of Human Remains Act

Dear Chair Pendergrass, Vice-Chair Pena-Melnyk and Health and Government Operations
Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to bring to your attention an important matter that without meaningful legislation cannot be remedied. Currently, the medical community may dispose of human fetal remains in the same manner as medical waste which is contrary to the respect for life that is paramount for civilized societies.

This bill recognizes the irrefutable truth that human fetal remains are human. Both legal and medical communities agree that human fetuses are unborn human beings, who are unique and separate from their mother.

Human remains of the unborn should be treated with the same deference as those who have been born and died. Too often human fetal remains are treated inhumanely, like medical waste. This bill would ensure that any remains of an unborn human being regardless of the gestational development are treated with dignity and respect.

I respectfully request a favorable report on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Cox', written in a cursive style.

Dan Cox