

Dear Chairwoman Pendergrass and Committee members,

I write today to the House Health and Government Operations Committee in support of HB 1179

Public Health - Unborn Human Beings and Infants (Humane Disposition of Human Remains Act).

All lives deserve a proper goodbye when they pass on, including the unborn that are aborted. Most people when their beloved pet passes on, they give it a proper goodbye ceremony. Don't the unborn deserve the same respect?

In 2010 in the State of Michigan, 17 aborted fetuses were found discarded in a dumpster. In accordance to Michigan law, It is legal to take an aborted baby and put them into a garbage disposal and grind them up. Apparently it's also legal in Michigan to dip that baby into formaldehyde and simply throw them into a garbage dumpster. Where is the dignity and respect in that?

In 2019 Pennsylvania passed The "Pennsylvania Final Disposition of Fetal Remains Act" — or [House Bill 1890](#). The bill redefines fetal death to mean death at any point in pregnancy after conception. Under it, health providers would have to cremate or bury all fetal remains if they aren't claimed by a parent.

In 2019 The United States Supreme Court upheld a part of Indiana's law that requires abortion providers to bury or cremate fetal remains. Passed in 2016 and signed by then-Gov. Mike Pence, the law prohibited what the state called discriminatory abortions — those sought because of characteristics of the fetus, including gender, race or a diagnosis of Down syndrome or other congenital condition.

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If Pennsylvania, and the US Supreme Court can stand up for dignity of the lives of the unborn, why can't Maryland? That is why I respectfully ask this committee for a favor on HB 1179, and let's show some dignity for the lives of the unborn in Maryland.

Sincerely,

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