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**OPPOSE
SB 664**

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Constitutional Amendment
Declaration of Rights-Right to Privacy

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Good afternoon. My name is Sheila Wharam, Maryland Legislative Lobby for Life.

Article 1 of the **Maryland Constitution** states that our Government is “instituted solely for the good of the whole”. The good of the whole means there can be no absolute right of privacy that will provide individuals wholesale freedom from government intrusion.

The bill itself recognizes no absolute right of privacy on page 2, lines 2 and 3, in its provision that the state can regulate the sale or purchase of firearms or ammunition.

This bill will make everything a fight.

People will claim a “right of freedom from government intrusion” to grow their own marijuana or make meth amphetamine at home or run a red light when they judge it to be safe, as part of their guaranteed “freedom from government intrusion” page 1, lines 21 and 22.

Lawyers may benefit from this but no one else will.

Certainly it will not stop citizens and legislators, who see abortion as killing innocent babies, and physically and psychologically damaging women, from arguing there is a **compelling state interest, page 2 lines 4-5**

in protecting women by **inspecting** the sanitation and emergency supplies of abortion clinics, or

by requiring abortionists to have **admitting privileges at a hospital,**

or from mandating **immediate medical care for babies born alive after an abortion attempt**, or

from **protecting unborn babies** from abortion in most circumstances.

Page 1, lines 23-24 and page 2, line 1, is obscure. Would this stop the state from collecting statistics?

Abortion causes

perforated uteruses,

lacerated cervixes,

hemorrhages, and

retained products of conception.

Women need to know this and the state has a **compelling interest** in knowing this so as to judge the competence or incompetence of abortionists and the damage abortion does to its girls and women.

Please reject SB 664. Thank you. Sheila Wharam, Secretary, MLLL, Inc.
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