

Bill SB664

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Position - Opposed

I'm from Charles County, Maryland and I am writing to share that I oppose SB664. It is an obvious matter to me that all individuals have an inherent right to privacy when it comes to personal choices such as what book to read or which store should earn my business. This right to privacy no longer applies when the life of another person is at stake. I'm sure you understand this concept because the bill mentions that it should not prohibit the State from regulating firearm/ammunition sales. I assume the reason for this sidenote is because you are aware of the possible consequences of irresponsible and immoral citizens being allowed to privately purchase firearms with ill intent. Another instance in which you forfeit your right to privacy is if you injure your infant child. Yes, the government can and should intrude at that point and serve justice for the inhumane treatment of another human being. If this applies to an infant at two-weeks old, it should also follow that this applies to an infant two-weeks from being born into the world. Nobody, not even a mother carrying her (and the baby's father's) own flesh and blood should be exempt from government intrusion when their decision may affect the life of another person. in a negative manner. Even if that small, vulnerable person whom is affected is still residing in the womb of his or her mother.

I am a mother to three living children, and I have lost two children before they were born. Those that I lost were real. They were tiny people, too fragile to survive on their own without me, but still worth protecting and valuing nonetheless. The "right to privacy" would allow irresponsible individuals to decide for themselves at any point of gestation, even up to 40-weeks, to end the life of that tiny person for no justifiable reason. I do not support this right, just as I do not support a parent abandoning their infant in a toilet or trashcan after being born. I do not support this right, just as I do not support an abusive spouse from punching and injuring their family members. Government intrusion is bad, as I mentioned when it comes to trivial personal decisions that do not affect anyone but ourselves. The government should not be able to dictate to me that television program I watch or which groceries to buy. But government intrusion is sometimes necessary to protect all of our citizens from potentially irresponsible actions by others who are too immoral to be trusted to make their own decision, or too ignorant to know the harm of their actions to others.

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