

The Honorable Shane Pendergrass, Chair
And Members of the
Health & Government Operations Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, Maryland

Re: HB 846 – Prohibit Abortion of Viable Fetus with Diagnosis of Down’s Syndrome – FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Members of the Committee,

I support HB 846 to protect each viable fetus with diagnosis of Down’s Syndrome. Tests are not always accurate. We see people with Down’s Syndrome every day leading normal lives and earning their own living. Yes, they may need extra support but their lives are worthwhile. They contribute to the well-being of our society. They should have a chance at life.

I recently saw an article about a young woman with Down’s Syndrome who has started and is successfully operating her own bakery business. Yes, she had help from her Mother to set up this business, but she runs the business. This business employs and trains workers including handicapped individuals. The business is expanding to additional locations. This young woman advocates and speaks at public forums for opportunities for employing people with special needs. What a loss to our society if she had not been born.

Please give a Favorable Report to HB 846.

Sincerely,
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