

In response to the proposed amendment to HB1171, no; every person should not have the “reproductive right” to cause harm or death to another person i.e. “end a pregnancy.”

Therefore, the Maryland Constitution should not be amended to protect ending pregnancy at any stage. It should, however, be amended to protect living human fetuses from dismemberment and aspiration/suction, poisoning and burning with saline, intracardiac injection or any other abortive measure. It is understandable that circumstances surrounding pregnancies can be challenging but the **healthcare** solution(s) should be to respect and protect the lives of both mother and child. The **government** solution(s) should include such measures as equal and fair wages, compensated maternity leave for 6+ months (not a meager 6 weeks), access to financial assistance programs and quality daycare centers, etc.

Thank you for your consideration in this serious matter of life and death. Please vote against HB1171.

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