

I urge the Maryland General Assembly to not pass HB1171 Declaration of Rights – Right to Reproductive Liberty. This Bill reflects a disturbing proposal making its way through the Legislative process in Annapolis that seeks to enshrine abortion in the Maryland's State Constitution. HB1171 is an attempt to unnecessarily amend Maryland's Constitution to expand an already extreme abortion landscape under the guise of reproductive liberty.

Maryland is already one of the most abortion permitting States in our nation. If this law were to pass and be placed on the ballot in November 2022, and if the Supreme Court were rule to eliminate the current federal abortion standards, abortion laws in Maryland would remain in effect. This would essentially make Maryland an a Abortion Sanctuary state. This would allow women from other states to come to Maryland to receive abortions. As this would be in the Maryland Constitution, those seeking abortions who could not afford the cost, could receive such abortions at taxpayer expense.

Also, this Bill would not distinguish this supposed "Right to Reproductive Liberty" between recadults and children. It would not protect the children of Maryland from sexual abuse and rape. There would be no protection or recourse for minor or prepubescent children against sexual assault and rape. Also, children could be incentivized to receive transgender drugs and surgeries without the consent or knowledge of their parents.

I am pleading with the General Assembly not to approve this disgusting Bill being put to them under the guise of Reproductive Liberty, so that this Bill would not be on the ballot this November to amend the Maryland Constitution.

I thank you for your consideration of my thoughts on this awful and disgusting Bill.