

Dear House of Representatives,

March 29, 2022

I am writing in regards to HB 1171. I am writing to oppose this legislation and I beg you to do the same. This bill would gravely harm children under the age of majority (18 years) due to its lack of age limitations in the language of the bill. It is unconscionable that adults would be able to have sexual relations with minor children with no legal consequences. It would put all children at great risk for being used as objects of sexual pleasure for predator adults. The language of the bill also states that abortion, sterilization and transgender surgeries could be performed on children of any age without parental consent and at no cost. This too would basically give adults free license to use, abuse and disfigure children with no consequence or penalty and force your constituents to pay the bill. The harm this will cause to children is mind boggling! I am appalled that such a bill would even be allowed to be put before each house. I am horrified that it has passed in the Maryland Senate and every person who voted in favor of it should be charged with an attempt to do harm to children. Please do not allow predators the freedom to harm our greatest resource, our children. PLEASE VOTE NO!

Sincerely,

Alice Hamilton