

Maryland General Assembly
To whom it may concern:

I, Denise Harrison, am against Maryland House bill #1171.

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the Abortion Amendment,
House Bill 1171 -

Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Liberty. This amendment has
extreme and
permanent consequences for everyone in Maryland.

Under Supreme Court precedent, Maryland lawmakers have the right to
pass laws to protect
women's health throughout pregnancy, to restrict abortion after viability,
and to ban ALL public
funding for abortion. But this Abortion Amendment would take the power to
regulate abortion
away from you- our elected representatives.

This legislation is dangerous for women and would remove all existing
health and safety
measures for pregnant women such as fetal homicide laws. This legislation
grossly ignores the
religious freedom and values of many Marylanders who are morally
opposed to abortion by
now forcing Maryland taxpayers to fully fund all abortions.

Passing this legislation would be detrimental to Maryland, causing division.
Despite public
opinion which favors abortion restrictions, Maryland already has some of
the most permissive
abortion laws in the nation. An amendment of this nature would now

permanently lock in these
extreme standards that already do not reflect public opinion. This
amendment is deceptive and
would trap Marylanders into supporting abortion through all nine months at
tax-payer expense.
In fact, it goes against the preferences of the majority of Americans.

We need you, as elected leaders to please protect pregnant women and
their children from
predatory abortion practices.

As a Mother of 5, and firm believer in the health and safety of all people,
especially the unborn, I urge you to oppose House Bill 1171 and this
extreme amendment to the Maryland Constitution.

Sincerely,
Denise Harrison