

SAY TO ABORTION IN MARYLAND'S CONSTITUTION



House Bill 1171, “Declaration of Rights – Right to Reproductive Liberty” is a dangerous bill set to enshrine abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy, and taxpayer funded, in our state’s constitution. The next step is for Marylanders to cast our vote on the ballot in November, but this bill is so deceptively worded that voters may not realize they are supporting such an extreme, unregulated, position on our generation’s most controversial issue.

Abortion Through All 9 Months



Under current Maryland law, **abortion is already legal through all 9 months of pregnancy**, for any reason¹. Abortion is never medically necessary², especially in late-term stages by which point the baby is able to feel pain³ and survive outside the womb⁴. It is overdue for our laws to restrict horrific late-term abortion, **but if HB1171 passes, we will miss our chance.**

Zero Accountability for Abortionists

With no accountability, restrictions, or reporting, several women have been put in danger and harmed by late-term **abortionists like Leroy Carhart⁵**. Abortion is always deadly for the preborn baby, and often harmful to women as well. Leroy Carhart has dangerously **injured and killed women⁶** in our state. **HB1171 grossly ignores this misconduct and ushers in even more of the same.**



Majority of Americans Support Limits On Abortion

The majority of Millennials and GenZ, **about 58%, oppose abortion through all 9 months⁷**, which is what HB 1171 would trap us into, permanently. **Millennials and Gen Z are now almost 1/3 of the voting block⁸** – HB1171 secures a fate that does not truly represent Maryland voters.

Won't voters be able to voice their opinion on the ballot?

The bill text is intentionally deceptive, not even mentioning abortion. If voters are presented with a ballot amendment inviting them to “*Reproductive Liberty*” – that sounds good to everyone – most voters will miss that the bill is meant to **enshrine abortion through all nine months without restriction.**

Women Deserve Better Than Abortion

HB1171 has the **wrong priorities**. Rather than focus on pushing more abortions on women, let’s give women what they truly deserve: **non-violent, life-affirming support**. Maryland has dozens of these resources which can be easily accessed at websites like **www.StandingWithYou.org**

Healthcare Should PROTECT

Abortion is **not healthcare**. Healthcare protects, saves, nourishes, and sustains. Abortion destroys, dismembers, poisons, and violently ends the life of a living, unique, human being. We must stop confusing these terms and progress beyond abortion. **HB1171 traps us into an archaic system of using violence to solve our problems.**



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