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TESTIMONY OF ELIZABETH COLON In OPPOSITION of HB 1171

Declaration of Rights-Right to Reproductive Liberty

I thank you for the opportunity to address you. I live in Harford County, Bel Air MD, and I oppose this Bill. The description is very vague. I believe there should be some limitations as to the right of reproductive liberty, especially when it involves how this will affect another human being. Many women decide to end a pregnancy because they do not see any other way out of some situation that they may be going through. Every women should have the right, and blessing to raise their child, to say yes to pregnancy and life. We as a community, as the sane and objective person, should be here to give hope and alternative, the joy of raising a child, which I am sure that many of you have enjoyed. We should not be the ones giving a person in despair and in trouble the solution of death. The position that you hold is a God given position, where ideally you will use this power for good. I ask you to please reconsider and think this Bill through and the harms that you will be doing as you accept this. Compassion and empathy can be very confusing, they are emotions that not always lead to do the right thing. Again, we should be able to give option of hope, of joy, of life because there is no greater gift than a human being; and not handing a tool of death to people because they are drowned in their feelings for a moment.

Thanks again for the opportunity to address you! May God bless you all and may you permit Him to lead you in the position He has given you.

Please oppose Bill HB 1171, for the good of all souls involved.