## **HB 1171-Steo Testimony**

HB 1171, Article 48 permits ending the existence of a developing human, a developing citizen of the United States, against their individual rights so claimed provided for in article 48. Ending the existence of an innocent life is murder in violation of the right of the developing citizen inside their mother's womb. No human, no US citizen, no Marylander should support murdering their own citizens. What if your parent allowed this to happen to you?

Support for this statement is as follows:

The beginning of Article 48 in Maryland HB 1171 states (underlines my emphasis):

THAT EVERY <u>PERSON</u>, AS A CENTRAL COMPONENT OF THE <u>INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHTS</u> TO LIBERTY AND EQUALITY, HAS THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE LIBERTY WHICH INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO...END THEIR PREGNANCY

From the Fourteenth Amendment, Section 1 of the constitution of the United States:

All persons born...in the United States,...are citizens of the United States...No State shall make or enforce any law which...deprive any person of life...nor deny to any person...protection of the laws.

From Oxford Learner's Dictionaries online we find the following definitions:

Person: a human as an individual

<u>Citizen</u>: a <u>person</u> who has the legal <u>right</u> to belong to a particular country

Woman: an adult female human

Female: belonging to the sex that can...give birth to babies

**Baby**: a very young child

Pregnant: a woman...having a baby...developing inside her...body

Womb: the organ in women and female animals in which babies...develop before they are born

Abortion: the deliberate ending of a pregnancy at an early stage

Murder: the crime of killing somebody deliberately

Kill: to make somebody/something die

Somebody: a person who is not known or mentioned by name