

To: Members of the Maryland General Assembly

Regarding HB 1171: "Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Liberty"

This bill, already passed by the Senate, is an affront to the citizens of your great state and its Christian heritage. Rather than a just declaration of rights, the proposed bill in fact attacks the rights of Maryland citizens. Whose rights are we declaring anyway? First of all, it removes any rights these aborted children have, not only erasing any "reproductive rights" they might have had in the future, but destroying their right to life itself. Second, the bill as stated is so wide-ranging and inexact, especially in that there are no age limitations, that it will be interpreted to remove any right to sexual protection for our underage children. Third, it also will take away any parental right to supervise their children's sexual well-being. And, fourth, the bill also threatens to make Maryland an abortion mecca, by which anyone from any state could procure an abortion at Maryland tax-payer's expense. For these reasons, I urge you to defeat this unwise and dangerous bill.

Thank you for your consideration,

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