

Dear Senators,

Please reject HB 1171.

It is your sworn duty to protect the lives of Maryland citizens from violence. This bill does not protect women and children. Instead, it enables profiteers to take advantage of our citizens who are often in emotional and economic distress. Maryland women need loving assistance with their material needs in times of vulnerability, and not the cold elimination of their child which will leave them emotionally scarred for the rest of their lives. You have the responsibility to ensure that violence in Maryland be put to an end. We have so many non-violent alternatives to abortion that enhance the future of our state by building robust families that celebrate children and motherhood. Please use the power which you were entrusted with to turn the tide of violence in Maryland and to bring about a culture of peace and compassion. I urge each of you to reject this bill.