

We wish to express our strong opposition to HB1171. This legislation is poorly worded. It enshrines abortion on demand under any circumstances and at any point in a person's pregnancy in the Maryland Constitution. It fails, therefore, to protect underage children who may be victims of incest or rape, as well as abused women who may be considering abortion under duress. It turns Maryland into a sanctuary state for abortion on demand at the expense of its taxpayers, as this legislation places no limits on out of state residents procuring an abortion in the state! And it deprives the Maryland legislature of their right and duty to enact other legislation more prudently and specifically geared towards the needs of their constituents. We encourage the House of Delegates to vote against HB1171. Thank You, Mr. and Mrs. T. Welshko