

Good morning –

I am writing in opposition to HB 1171.

There is no fundamental right found in the US Constitution to terminate a pregnancy. In fact, the Constitution guarantees the fundamental right of Life through the 5th and 14th amendment.

There is no social problem, including poverty, racism, sexism, rape, or incest, that will be solved by the deliberate killing of a live human being inside the womb.

I ask the members of the committee to oppose House Bill 1171 due to the extreme nature of the bill. In particular, amending the Maryland Constitution is an unusual and extreme measure, and this bill would take an extreme position on abortion

A recent poll shows that 71% of Americans are in favor of some limits on abortion, and that 81% of Americans believe that laws should protect both the mother and her unborn child. A number of issues found broad support, suggesting that the extreme position of this amendment goes well beyond what the public believes.

My daughter-in-law cannot have children. She would happily adopt a baby but with the availability of abortion, her chances are slim of ever having the chance to experience motherhood.

As Ronald Regan once said: **“I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born.”**

Thank you,

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