

March 29, 2022

Dear Maryland General Assembly and Delegate A. Jones,

Re: Bill 1171, Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Liberty

It is with a very disgusted heart that I am writing to you today regarding Bill 1171, Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Liberty. This bill is by no means a well thought out bill for anyone's rights but rather a slippery slope placing our youth at the gravest amount of danger.

While you may believe that everyone has a right to an abortion, by using the designation of "everyone" you have created a criteria of even underaged children - the most vulnerable among our society - being able to procure an abortion.

In addition, this bill eliminates the necessity to contact a parent or guardian before an abortion or other life changing surgery is completed. You are taking away the rights of parents and guardians with this bill and saying you know what is better for my child than myself as the parent.

This is atrocious and quite honestly an affront to myself as a person and more so as a parent. Likewise, you are allowing anyone from any other states to come and procure these mutilating "surgeries" under a guise of generosity. Once again, this is not a generous, caring act but rather a selfish stance. You will be allowing pedophiliacs, rapists and others who do not understand or respect another human life.

I urge you in good conscience, please do not pass this bill. This is not a productive way to use taxpayer monies. I shudder to think that this act is driven by monies foreseen to be raised that would go to the Maryland government, abortion facilities and gender altering doctors. You are literally selling a corrupt practice under the guise of a given right that really no one has the right to make.

Perhaps the most vile part is you are offering to corrupt the remaining 49 states to use Maryland taxpayer monies to pay for non-Maryland people - who are not contributing to your taxes to come to your state to receive these atrocious services.

As a nearby resident in New Jersey, I will make sure that I will never vacation or give any money to your state in anyway if this bill passes. Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you.

Denise Galloway