

Witness Testimony AGAINST Passage of HB1171

I was sexually assaulted when I was a minor child by a friend of a family member. The crime occurred in Pennsylvania. If a law like HB1171 existed in Maryland at that time, that criminal, that pedophile, that morally bankrupt and dangerous man, would have had Maryland to run to. Maryland would have offered him an opportunity to add to his crimes by kidnapping a minor child to take her to a state where he could legally hide the evidence of his criminal sexual assault. Please vote AGAINST HB1171, if you intend to actually protect victims of sexual crimes. No one has a right to commit sexual assault against anyone of any age at any time. The only duty of a moral government is to protect people from those who would inflict harm upon their person or property. If Maryland enacts a law that violates that precept, then Maryland as a state has failed the first principle of moral governance. Maryland will not be viewed as a "good neighbor" by other states. If you don't care about victims of sexual assault, then perhaps you care about your reputation and that of your state. If you care about neither victims of sexual assault nor your reputation or that of your state, then God help you on the other side of this life.