

HB 1171

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Position - Unfavorable

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing all sides of this issue today. My name is Michele Hendrickson, Strategic Initiatives Director with Students for Life of America. We are in all 50 states, on more than 1,300 middle and high school, college, medical and law school campuses. 30 of those groups are right here in Maryland who *strongly oppose* HB 1171.

I want you to see two things today.

First, I want you to see those harmed by abortion. Preborn children, through all nine months here in Maryland, who are violently dismembered, callously poisoned, and discarded as trash through the abortion process. I want you to see women who deserve better than abortion – [women like the plaintiffs in Carhart's most recent lawsuits](#), the late-term abortionist who STILL operates in Bethesda Maryland. See the woman who woke up from her anesthesia mid-abortion, crying out as her uterus was perforated, only later to find out parts of her baby were still left inside of her. This is the reality of abortion: A once healthy, growing, safe child is now torn apart, and the mother harmed because our laws set-up the falsehood that abortion is healthcare.

Second, I want you to see us. We have gathered outside of this state house every year for decades at the *Maryland March for Life*. I want you to see this next generation of young people. The majority of Millennials and GenZ, [about 58%, oppose abortion through all 9 months](#), which is what HB 1171 would trap us into, permanently. [Millennials and Gen Z are now almost 1/3 of the voting block](#) – do not secure a fate that does not represent us, your people, your voters.

And while I represent thousands of Maryland students and supporters in my role today, I hope you'll see ME, and my family, and my daughter and STOP believing the lie that women actually want abortion – we do not.

This bill is about to be a tragic catalyst of division in our state and a catastrophic precedent for years to come if we don't stop this today. More lives will be lost, more women harmed, with zero accountability to the abortion industry.

I am opposed to HB 1171.

Sincerely,

Michele Hendrickson

1. Lawsuit against Leroy Carhart, late-term abortionist who has injured and killed women in the late-term abortion process: https://abortiondocs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Complaint-Norris-v-Carhart-et-al-Case-21-cv-02437-TDC_Redacted.pdf
2. 2022 Poll on Millennial & Gen Z opinions on abortion: <https://www.instituteforprolifeadvancement.org/new-poll-finds-that-millennials-gen-z-now-about-one-third-of-the-electorate-dont-hold-extremist-abortion-views-embrace-limits/>
3. Time Article on younger voters making up 1/3 of voting block: <https://time.com/6049270/2020-election-young-voters/>