

I strongly oppose this bill. This bill is even more extreme than Maryland's already extreme abortion laws. The right to life is inherent to all human life and this life begins at conception. Without this right, no other rights have meaning. This bill would allow the killing of any unborn child for any reason at any time, even after the baby could survive outside the womb. This is reprehensible. This is legalized murder. At least you had the tiny fraction of decency to remove the wording of "perinatal" which would have legalized the murder of innocent babies AFTER their birth. When do these children get to exercise their "reproductive rights"?

The U.S. Constitution, in its preamble, states in part: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union... secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity..." Our posterity refers to all future generations of people, all the descendants of a person, offspring, progeny, children, grandchildren. This includes all the unborn, the rights of whom you are radically and violently ripping away.

You are enshrining the ability for anyone and everyone to engage in sex without repercussions, without regard to the natural biological result of said sexual activity (namely, the creation of a child). In addition, this bill has no age limits/restrictions, therefore making it legal for an adult to engage in their so-called "reproductive liberty" with any other person of any age. You are, in effect, legalizing pedophilia. Again, reprehensible.

And the icing on the cake: the taxpayers must pay for this, must pay for the "choice" of someone else, a "choice" that so many vehemently disagree with. This is taking away the rights of all who oppose abortion by forcing them to take part in it. So the "right" to freely engage in irresponsible sexual activity and then dispose of a child that may result from that activity takes precedence over the rights of individuals to protect life, to not participate in something they find horribly immoral and unethical, to practice their religious beliefs (a right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment).

Again, once you take away the right to life, no other rights have meaning.