

HB 1171 Against

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I am writing to voice my opposition to the Abortion Amendment, House Bill 1171 - Right to Reproductive Liberty. This is an extreme amendment which will serve to enshrine abortion and genocide in our state Constitution. Women in Maryland already have reproductive freedom. This amendment is really about **abortion coercion**. By making abortion a “fundamental right” Maryland taxpayers will be forced to pay for ALL ABORTIONS. The Amendment also would compel physicians, hospitals and other healthcare providers to participate in abortion, in violation of their rights of conscience and free exercise of religion. Finally, by passing this bill, the Maryland legislature will be infringing on the Freedom of Speech guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, by barring all future attempts to pass lifesaving legislation such as partial birth abortion or dismemberment bans. Citizens in Maryland must have the freedom not to be forced to participate in or fund abortion.

I ask you to also please remember that as a state elected official, you swore an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States. You have a Constitutional obligation to guarantee the right to LIFE, which is the foundation of all other liberties. You also have an obligation not to infringe on our Freedom of Speech or Free Exercise of Religion, as well as our rights of Representation, Assembly, Due Process and Equal Protection under the law. By passing this bill, you will be violating your Oath of Office and infringing on the rights of Maryland citizens. Vote against House Bill 1171 and this extreme amendment to our Constitution.