

I am opposed to the Maryland the HB1171 regarding the Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Liberty. I do not believe the Maryland government should expand abortion rights at the expense of the taxpayers. I am morally opposed to abortion and resent that Maryland would write in the language of this law provisions that would necessitate tax payer moneys to cover the killing of innocent human beings, especially those children of the most vulnerable women rather than offering them true help to raise their children. I am opposed to the language that does not use any limitations on age and thus include minors. I am opposed to tax payers having to fund any type of procedures for sex change, especially a minor. Abortion is an issue that has divided the state of Maryland and nation for decades. The passage of H.B. 1171 will further this deep divide by disrupting the laws already in place that safeguard life and freedom of conscience and prevent even modest laws to protect life from being enacted. I believe we should continue to push for ways of dignifying every life, no matter how young or small, and of lifting up every woman and of promoting the dignity and value of every person.