

I am adamantly opposed to HB1171. This bill, although it seems to promote America's everlasting endorsement and search for freedom, serves as a loophole for child grooming and pedophilia. I will not stand by a state that writes bills so vaguely, they cannot even protect their own children. Pedophiles already tried and failed to join the LGBTQI+ community, a community about exploring and accepting new sexualities, because even they cannot accept manipulative and predatory behavior towards children. As a result of this campaign, pedophiles received a slap in the face all across the internet as they were ridiculed and spat at by almost any individual that heard of their iniquitous endeavor. Should word of what this bill is capable of get out, Maryland will also face this same treatment, but much worse. Most adults already have sexual freedom and health insurance that covers pregnancy prevention and annulment at no or a low cost. Although it may not be nice to say, children are not capable of understanding the implications of their actions as they do not have the experience, knowledge, or forethought necessary to make such decisions and as such, should not be legally exposed to the allowance of manipulative behavior by an adult to believe they can. Individuals in America are not allowed to drink until the age of 21 because they are not legally deemed fit enough to not cause permanent damage to themselves, but with this bill, minors of any age are allowed to make sexual decisions under almost any circumstance. This is irrational and unacceptable.

I am also opposed to paying for any sexual-related medical procedures for individuals all across America. Maryland state's people pay Maryland's taxes, and therefore, it should be used for Maryland's people. The people in California do not pay our taxes and will not be the forebearer of the increase in our taxes. Many Marylanders already suffer financially and an increase in taxes to help those outside our state at the further expense of those suffering in our state is foolish. In addition, it is unlikely that people all across America will come to Maryland for such procedures. It is much more likely that they would seek such services in the nearest them that allows it and it is unlikely that Maryland will be that state.

In conclusion, I am adamantly against HB1171 because its terms for sexual freedom are too vague and allow for child predatory behavior with no legal repercussions and because of the free sexual related medical procedures for people all across America, who may or may not come, at the continuous expense of those in Maryland. This bill is unwise and quite frankly, seems to lack forethought as to the possible future implications for the people.