

To the Maryland General Assembly

Concerning HB1171

Please do not pass this bill! Let this testimony be a voice for the unborn and the innocent. I believe that each fetus is a living person, and abortion is therefore murder. If nothing else, consider common sense. Would any person that hears the arguments on this legislation be complicit in the killing of one innocent human being to improve the circumstances of another's life? Most abortions are done for these reasons and not to save the life of the mother.

Furthermore, we do not need any MORE reproductive liberty. Rape is already against the law. If it is not being enforced, then we have a process by which the judicial system holds the executive branch accountable for this failure. No person is forced to reproduce and is fully free to reproduce with whomever can and will give consent via the conjugal act. Please consider that humanity's attempts to divorce consequences from decisions has always led to other consequences. However, do not let this position take any precedence over the argument above. Killing the innocent is never permissible in order to improve financial or long-term physical health of another!

Thank you for receiving my opinions on the matter.

God bless you,

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