

I strongly oppose HB1171. Abortion is an inhuman act of killing human offspring that should be protected, not harmed. Abortion is an act of cruelty to children as well as the mothers that are wounded forever emotionally and spiritually, and often physically as well. Abortion helps men avoid the responsibility for the children they beget, helping them to prey on the women they impregnate. Abortion hurts women as well as children, as the original feminists knew. Abortion also disproportionately affects minority women and children, and is used as a tool to keep them from reproducing under the guise of "freedom." Enshrining "reproductive freedom" in our constitution would perpetuate all these evils and hurt the most vulnerable in Maryland society. I oppose HB 1171 for these and many other reasons.