

I strongly ask you to oppose HB1171

The Maryland Freedom of Choice Act (1991) allows abortion-on-demand, for any reason and up until birth. Maryland is one of only four states that forces taxpayers to pay for other people's abortions. Maryland is one of only three states that shield abortionists from liability by refusing to report abortion data to the CDC. As a result, Maryland is failing to address women's reproductive health and the incidents of abortion-related maternal injury and death or risks of future miscarriage, pre-term birth or loss of fertility.

Under Supreme Court precedent, Maryland lawmakers still have the right to pass laws to protect women's health throughout pregnancy, to restrict abortion after viability, and to ban ALL public funding for abortion. But this proposed Abortion Amendment would take the power to regulate abortion away from our elected representatives and force Maryland taxpayers to fully fund ALL ABORTIONS.

**Senator Young**, How can you possibly think it's fair for your taxpayers pay for other's abortions.

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