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In Maryland, existing law allows a woman to have an abortion at any stage, if she wishes. By voting for HB 1171, you would do two things: produce bad unintended consequences and reinforce the status of mothers as second-class citizens. Yes, this is not a pro-woman bill! quite the opposite. Doctors and nurses who recognize that child killing is morally wrong and brutal, could be forced to perform such acts because it would be considered a basic "right" of the patient. Minors could be induced to solve an unplanned pregnancy by money-hungry abortionists without the opportunity to really understand what they are doing by talking to their parents, for instance, or seeing a sonogram of their child.

Currently, mothers, whether the child was planned or unplanned are at a disadvantage when seeking a career. Working at the university I have seen that often. These mothers deserve special consideration and support but get very little. Childcare is difficult to obtain and there is no sick-child day care. Pregnancy centers who help women with crisis pregnancy go begging and get no government funding whereas Planned Parenthood is well funded with tax dollars. This bill further sends the message that the government will not help you to keep your baby but will pay to kill your child. Do these women have a real unbiased choice? NO! They are denied full informed consent and are pressured into having the child killed.

Further, in proportion of the population many more black and Hispanic children are killed by abortion. Hence it could be argued that this is racist. Certainly, the founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, was a terrible racist.