## **Testimony in Opposition to Maryland State Legislature Bill HB1171**

I, Jordan Bergeron, declare my position on Maryland Bill HB1171, Declaration of Rights — Right to Reproductive Liberty, as highly unfavorable. I oppose this legislation because it offers to protect those who would commit crimes, such as pedophilia, rape, other sexual abuse, and abortion, against others. These crimes are heinous and completely reject and deny the human dignity of those against whom these crimes are committed. Pedophilia, rape, and other forms of sexual abuse are easily understood as crimes; however, the current state of our Union would suggest that abortion is not a crime. I strongly oppose any legislation that supports abortion because abortion negates all rights and dignity of the human being in the womb of the mother and murders this human being. Murder is a clear crime. I restate, I am opposed to declaring "reproductive liberty" a right in Maryland, and everywhere, because it negates the rights of other humans.