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Maryland State Legislature (General Assembly)

To all it may concern:

Regarding HB 1171, Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Liberty, it is of vital importance to protect the rights of families, parents, and most especially our children. We have come to a point in our history where ideas, "rights" and laws that would have been unthinkable a mere generation ago are now commonplace. Most Americans are AGAINST these ideas, knowing the harm they cause individuals and families, yet arrogant "representatives of the people" believe they know what is best and desire to codify individual and family harm in the name of "progress," and when disagreed with, are shouted down and vilified as "phobic" or racist.

This bill does not delineate any difference between minors and adults. Adults are capable of making their own decisions based upon logical reasoning coupled with their life experiences, but minor children and even young adults are not. From a simple scientific (a word those on the left love to throw out, regardless of whether it makes sense or not) standpoint, the prefrontal cortex of humans does not fully develop until their mid-20's. Children, adolescents, and young adults are NOT capable of complete functional reasoning. Poor decisions (e.g., contraception for the purpose of avoiding the gift from God of life, abortion to terminate the gift from God of life, engaging in a sexual relationship with an adult, or with others as "entertainment," relying on strangers to help them with life decisions rather than a trusted family member, basing decisions on emotions rather than Godly discernment, etc.) and the inevitable physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma that ensues are left to whom? The individual? The individual who made the poor decision(s) in the first place? The family that was torn apart by the privacy laws of the State? Or the State, which says it cares of the rights of its people, but only really cares for votes in order to consolidate power and money.

As for money, who pays for this? The taxpayer of course, who is forced into paying for "reproductive healthcare" in which there is absolutely no care whatsoever for the poor child being manipulated by someone. And **absolutely** no care for the poor voiceless and defenseless child being MURDERED in the womb of an innocent because abortion and infanticide is the way the State cares for its people best.

I strongly object to this bill and any bill that removes God and Family and substitutes the State.

I pray for your discernment and moral decisions,

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