

Unfavorable Testimony HB1171

February 18th in the Year of our Lord Jesus Christ Two Thousand Twenty-Two

Honorable Chairman and Delegates, I am Pastor David Whitney, Senior Instructor at the Institute on the Constitution where I teach the only course available anywhere on the Maryland State Constitution. This is the Constitution to which each elected official swears a solemn vow before Almighty God to uphold.

If you are to uphold that oath and thus uphold the Maryland State Constitution it will mean that you vote against amending the Constitution to include this language regarding “the right to reproductive liberty.”

Our “rights” can never include depriving another person of their God given rights. No one has a right to steal the property of another because the Creator has established the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God which in the 8th Commandment states, “Thou shalt not steal.”

You cannot have a right to do that which is wrong, that which violates the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God. So as you have no right to steal another's property, for that violates their God given right to own and possess their own property, so you have no right to murder another human being, for that would be to deprive them of their God given right to life.

The deceptive language proposed in this bill is “the right to reproductive liberty.” That supposed right involves taking the life of another human being in the womb.

Many pro-abortionist clearly understand that abortion is taking of innocent human life. For example Camille Paglia, in an article “Fresh Blood for the Vampire,” in Salon, September 10, 2008, stated, “Hence I have always frankly admitted that abortion is murder, the extermination of the powerless by the powerful. Liberals for the most part have shrunk from facing the ethical consequences of their embrace of abortion, which results in the annihilation of concrete individuals and not just clumps of insensate tissue.” Many others could be cited who also assert what she states as well.

Why not be honest in the language of this bill with something like, ‘Every person has the power to hire a contract killer to murder a baby which resides in the womb of his or her mother at any time whatsoever for any reason whatsoever and the State will not interfere with that power directly or indirectly.’

You cannot in one part of our Maryland State Constitution guarantee the right to life, but then in the proposed Constitutional Amendment propose that some humans based on their place of residence, their size, their level of development or degree of dependency do not have that same right to life.

I urge an unfavorable report on HB1171.

