

HB 1171

OPPOSED

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NIFLA strongly opposes HB 1171, the abortion amendment to the Maryland constitution, which would enshrine abortion as a fundamental right.

NIFLA represents over 1,600 pregnancy centers across the nation, including several in Maryland. These centers provide hope and help for women in unplanned pregnancies. The statistics show that when women encounter helpful resources and support, they are more likely to choose life. In addition, when women see their babies on the ultrasound machine, more than 75% of them change their minds from abortion to choosing life. This shows that when women see the truth and have support, they overwhelmingly choose life. Abortion is certainly not good for the unborn child, but it is also not good for women. Many of our centers give women support after abortion. Many women deeply regret their abortions and wish they would have known how difficult it is to live with the decision to end the life of their child.

This amendment is dangerous to unborn children, to women, and to the society at large. We oppose this bill and ask that you focus more on helping women in unplanned pregnancies with real resources instead of offering abortion as the primary focus of Maryland.