

I am a Catholic wife and mother, and I am against Maryland HB1171 because this bill does not promote a culture that protects innocent human life from conception to natural death. The wording of this bill also fails to define age leaving no distinction between what is an adult and what is a minor. This legislation is reprehensible as it will make it unconstitutional and illegal to criminalize sex between adults and minors because of the wording, “every person, as a central component of the individual's rights to liberty and equality, has the fundamental right to reproductive liberty.” This legislation will not provide any means of protection for minor children, and it will essentially allow minor children to make reproductive decisions about their gender and sexuality without the consent of parents and/or adult guardians.

Also, the burden of this law will be placed on all taxpayers because if a person doesn't have the money to exercise their reproductive rights they will not be denied. The taxpayers will be paying for these services.

Further, because one doesn't have to be a citizen of the State of Maryland, it will essentially become an abortion sanctuary state where child molesters can take minor children to Maryland and have pregnancies terminated without question or interference by the state.

Please vote NO regarding HB1171 if for no other reason but to protect the innocent and underage children of our great nation.