

Written Testimony HB 1171  
Unfavorable

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in vehement disagreement of House Bill 1171.

This proposed legislation seeks to create a right described as “reproductive liberty” that simultaneously allows for abuse by sexual aggressors and the stripping of parental rights over children.

It appears that the proposed legislation also seeks to evade any checks and balances provided by public disclosure by stating that the provisions of Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution do not apply.

This gruesome legislation would open the door to child sexual abuse, child physical abuse, and the concomitant mental torture of our youth with the willful lack of age-related safeguards in the bill. To pave the way for a “no questions asked” smorgasbord of reproductive decisions “including but not limited to the ability to prevent, continue, or end (their) pregnancy” is to seek to destroy the physical, mental, and emotional lives of our children and young adults. Additionally, the state would like to do this without parental consent.

This level of evil masquerading as “liberty and equality” must be stopped now.

Thank you.

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