

HB1171

Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Liberty

Position: **UNFAVORABLE**

Dear Members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee,

By essentially replacing Maryland's current viability standard with a compelling interest standard, the people of the state of Maryland would see an even further expansion of late-term abortions. And since Maryland is a destination for late-term abortions, not only are the people of Maryland harmed but also those who travel from other states for their abortion.

The Maryland Freedom of Choice Act (1991) allows abortion-on-demand, for any reason and up until birth. Since Maryland state law already protects abortion and passing legislation such as HB1171 is an extreme and unnecessary step.

Regards,
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