

From: Mary Calkins

To: MD General Assembly 3-30-2022

Re: HB1171 Right to Abortion bill

I wish to testify that I am AGAINST this bill. As a lawyer, dehumanizing whole groups of people so you can kill them is reprehensible behavior. The babies in the womb, half of which are women themselves, also have rights under our Constitution. Depriving them of constitutional rights in the name of giving rights to others is a perilous legal slope and is how genocidal regimes get started. As a lawyer I have a special responsibility to consider the needs of the most powerless in society – and in this case, the most powerless are the babies in utero.