

Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair
and Members of The Health and Government Operations Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: HB 626- Pregnant Person's Freedom Act of 2022- **OPPOSE**

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Members of The Committee,

HB 626 is a "woke" piece of legislature that should be opposed. Referring to a "pregnant woman" as a "pregnant person" minimizes the female sex. There are only two sexes- male and female, and unless I failed Anatomy and Physiology, males cannot bear children. Therefore, referring to pregnant women as pregnant persons is degrading.

In addition, HB626:

- Will affect the investigation of criminal penalties or civil liabilities of an individual seeking/performing an abortion, and the health care provider performing an abortion;
- Prevent any lawsuit against an abortion provider, chemical or surgical, private citizen or licensed physician. Abortion is undoubtedly murder and should be treated as such. The penalty should be commensurate to such action.

Additionally, should the fetus survive an abortion attempt, there is no legal requirement to assist that baby.

Therefore, I ask that you vote an UNFAVORABLE report for HB 626 – Pregnant Person's Freedom Act of 2022.

Thank you for your time,

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