

Dear Chair and House Health and Government Affairs Committee Members,

Please oppose HB 1171, which provides an amendment to the Maryland Constitution's Declaration of Rights to add a Right to Reproduction Liberty, because of these reasons. This bill is against the heartbeat bill (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/490>), which states that a woman who undergoes a prohibited abortion may not be prosecuted for violating or conspiring to violate the provisions of this bill.

I have a child, and my husband and I paid lots of effort on her from her prenatal education. I always hope to have more kids and don't understand why people allow abortion. I summarized some points as following:

1. based on scientific research and bible, human beings start from fertilization. What's more abortion destroys women's health. To protect their human rights, abortion should be illegal.
2. Raising children can stimulate economy, however on the other hand abortion cost millions of taxpayers' money.
3. Children are gifts from God, no matter they're healthy or not, they bring lots of amazing joy to the family and long-term hope to the society.
4. More people produce greater strength; more logs make a bigger fire. Many immigrants move in USA. To keep consistency of this policy, abortion should not be allowed. If the parents don't have ability to raise the unborn, they can find families for adoption.
5. China made a big mistake in birth control by abortion, now there are more males than females and aging population is increasing, but the birth rate is decreasing. Now they realized that, and they are promoting people to have a third child.
6. Japan has the world's oldest population, where more than one in four people are at least 65 years old. Their government promotes birth by providing birth funding for any children born in Japan.
7. The procedure of abortion is not a happy thing for the physicians either, because their duty is to save life but not kill people. Americans are having fewer children and the baby boom of the 1950s and 1960s has yet to be repeated. Fewer babies, coupled with longer life expectancy equals a country that ages faster.

Therefore, we should stop abortion and I am unfavorable to the bill HB1171.

Please oppose this bill.

Respectfully,

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