

HB 1317

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I am writing due to the overwhelming push by this legislature to remove all protection for the unborn human begin and, in addition, the push to make it impossible for anyone to aid these most vulnerable individuals.

All efforts to pass legislation to assist the pregnant woman so she can keep her child never get past committee. Why? Why not help the woman in other ways. Why not make insurance companies offer free prenatal care rather than free abortions? Why the pressure for abortion?

Two reasons: economics and the new idea that an individual's rights don't have to consider the rights of other individuals.

Efforts to preserve our religious freedom are denied when we attempt to practice what we preach. Pregnancy centers are harassed by biased restrictions, religious schools and communities are forced to have their insurance cover actions that are against what they believe in. And the list goes on.

The claim is that this is 'reproductive' freedom! How far have we descended? In the beginning a few said abortion was okay to save the life of the mother, now it becomes a freedom to do as you want no matter what. And no responsibility is associated with this newly defined freedom. Sex has become a recreation with no responsibility attached to the results. If they are not what one wants or expect then dispose of it and get someone else to pay for this. When you have a car, you must pay for insurance and get a license to use it. If you are reckless, you are responsible for the results, and can lose your license to drive. It seems that that is against my 'transportation' freedom. Oh, but my actions affect others so you can limit this right. Well abortion has the ultimate effect on another and yet you see nothing wrong with this. This is not logical.

Are you all so blind? Who is next on this agenda, the newborn who isn't wanted for whatever reason? The elderly who is a financial burden?

I have recently read several biographies of the early days of our country when other individuals where left unprotected, the slaves. Many don't think it right to make this comparison, but I ask why not? A human is a human, and to disregard that person due to the rights ,i.e. the convenience, of another is just plain wrong. How far we have descended. A war was fought to protect the rights of the slaves, yet Maryland is going out of its way to make sure the unborn human being is as unprotected as possible, and that the rights of anyone who stands in the way of this new so-called freedom is in the wrong.

How many of you claim that Black Lives Matter? I would hope that each of you would say that all lives matter, equally. But, whichever your preference, look at the statistics for 2016 & 2017 from CDC and the Guttmacher's Report that show the causes of death in the black community:

HIV	2,965
Drug-induced	9,406
Homicides	9,908
Diabetes	14,798
Accidental	19,869
Cancer	69,872

Heart Disease 106,397

All deaths from 20 top causes 297,000

And then there is

ABORTION 327,647

As you can see if you really believe that all lives matter, then you cannot support abortion.

If you claim to be concerned for the pregnant woman or girl, then show your concern by offering real help. Cover prenatal care, assist the many pregnancy centers that are helping now, assist in adoption expenses. A pregnancy is not going to ruin a life. It will change it, but so will having an abortion, and so will many other things that happen during one's life.