

HB 1171

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Position – Unfavorable

Committee Members,

My name is Frank Hendrickson, husband and father of two, worship leader at Impact Church in Sykesville, and regular Maryland voter.

As a husband and father, I support and value my wife as my equal. We both work tirelessly to provide for our family, and I applaud her work in pro-life service that provides resources to women and fights for the protection of preborn persons.

As a worship leader in our growing church which serves the community each week, I stand in solidarity with our members who are opposed to any legislation promoting abortion violence. Abortion is the destruction of innocent human life and a substandard level of “care” to provide for women who are in need during pregnancy. Through our church ministry, I have been witness to many who have been harmed by abortion. Something as permanent and radical as putting this into our State Constitution sends a dangerous message to everyone, leading them to believe abortion has a stamp of approval from everyone here in this state – it does not.

As a regular voter, this is admittedly my first submission of written testimony or response to any proposed legislation. This issue is my top priority, but I do not want it to be assumed of me that I am in the minority of Republican voters within the state. **I am a registered Democrat** because I value several important issues where I see more progress being made within the Democrat party: spending toward public education, prioritizing our environment, and all the many efforts made toward equality. However, sadly, I have not yet been able to vote for several democrats

on any ballot as I watch many in the party participate in extreme abortion legislation that does not represent my views. This bill is already diving Maryland, but it doesn't have to. Please put a stop to this at the Committee level. Please do not subject future generations of Marylanders, my family, my children, to a lifetime of living under a state constitution that so vehemently undermines and dishonors our values.

I am opposed to HB 1171.

Sincerely,

Frank Hendrickson