I oppose SB0798 because the Maryland constitution should protect the citizens of Maryland, and the <u>overly broad language</u> of this Bill hurts the citizens of Maryland.

It states that "every PERSON" has an individual right to liberty. I am writing to you on behalf of the interests of these "PERSONS." These young children have a right to live and not to be indiscriminately dismembered.

I'm here to remind the legislators of Maryland that the individual right to liberty of these persons (newborn and unborn) should not be "directly or indirectly denied, burdened, or abridged." Helpless newborns and unborn children are not expendable. Maryland already has provisions for the life of the mother and fetal problems. There is no need for this dangerous Bill.

This Bill states that every person has the right to equality. If you can end the life of an unborn or newborn baby at any time and for any reason without repercussions, that is not equality.

This Bill states that every person has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom. How about the fundamental right **to live**? In Maryland, convicted murderers will have more rights and liberties than babies.

This Bill could hurt children who get brainwashed into removing his or her sexual organs or who get an abortion, without parental consent, all in the name of reproductive freedom. There is no protection for parental rights in this Bill.

In the name of reproductive freedom, children could be sterilized and chemically castrated without the maturity to make that decision. There is no protection for minors in this Bill.

This Bill could allow newborns to be left to die of starvation or exposure, in the name of reproductive freedom. There is no protection for newborns in this Bill.

SB0798 is really about legalizing **child abuse** in Maryland.