

I am opposed to Senate Bill 0798 titled "Right to Reproductive Freedom". This bill is deceptively named because no one in the country is prohibited from reproducing. The bill is designed to place into the Maryland Constitution the right to kill a child before birth. These scientific facts are well established and beyond question: the child is a human being, the child is distinct from the mother, the child grows and develops following instructions from its own genetic information, the child feels pain at least in the last trimester, etc. By this bill, the most vulnerable human beings in our society are denied the right to continue to live but rather are allowed to be killed in the most inhuman ways...commonly, torn apart limb from limb. These children are treated as property that can be discarded. Thus, the intrinsic value of each and every human being is diminished. This bill sends the message that if one is too weak or considered of low value to society, then that person can be killed. That was the intention of Margaret Sanger who started Planned Parenthood. The intent, which she expressed both verbally and in writing was to eliminate the undesirables in society: the weak, the cripple, those of an inferior race... By voting for this bill, you are building on what she started. Shame on anyone who votes for this bill and shame on all the co-sponsors.

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