

I am opposed to Senate Bill 0798 titled "Right to Reproductive Freedom". This bill is incorrectly 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. 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.

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