

Right to reproductive freedom HB705. SB798

Oppose this bill. The phrase "reproductive freedom" does not make any logical sense when applied to abortion, because once you are pregnant you have already reproduced a human offspring like yourself that is also unique. The state has good reasons and an interest in putting support for birth and child rearing above abortion. The primary function of government is to first protect life then liberty and property of individuals. Both the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence guarantee the right to life in uncertain terms. The Supreme Court said there is no right to abortion in the constitution in Dobbs v. Jackson striking down Roe vs. Wade where the court had overstepped its role and nullified the pro-life laws of the vast majority of states in 1973. The founders could never have dreamt of our nation aborting approximately one million unborn children each year in our country. Abortion has been declining almost every year since 1990. There is no reason to go in the opposite direction now. Abortion has well put social security funds, upon which millions of Americans rely, at risk. When it was created citizens had more children enabling the system to work. Many women suffer in the aftermath of abortion. Men also regret lost fatherhood. Abortion hardens our culture rather than improves it. It contributes to the incivility we experience today. When families don't thrive the nation suffers proportionally. Families are the building block of the entire nation. Parents want to leave their children a legacy. There is no legacy when children are aborted. I'm concerned the rights of conscience for nurses, doctors, and even hospitals would be forced aside by enshrining the right to abortion in our state constitution. By elevating abortion to a "fundamental right" taxpayers might find themselves forced to fund all abortions in MD. Citizens and future delegates and state senators should continue to have a voice in regards to abortion. This Constitutional amendment would stifle that function of good government.