

My name is Robin Maurer. I am a retired nurse and my husband is a practicing physician in Howard County. We both oppose the HB705 amendment. I trained as a nurse in the mid 1970's and had a life changing experience that cemented my opposition to abortion under any circumstance except to truly save the life of the mother. During my training I spent some time at a large university affiliated hospital in Baltimore. I witnessed women who were undergoing saline abortions..laboring on the same unit where mothers were happily laboring to deliver their precious, wanted "live" babies. The experience affected me dramatically because I realized that it was actually legal for a woman to essentially murder their babies based on whether they were wanted or not. Very few of these women had a medical reason for aborting the babies. I remember reading one chart that stated the reason as being "stress reaction to pregnancy". Then the real shock came when my nursing instructor took me and my group of fellow students to a refrigerator on the unit and removed a plastic bag with one of the aborted babies in it. There was a perfectly formed little baby that was about 7 inches long, it's skin red from the saline solution that had been put into the mother's uterus. I believe that anyone that had been there and witnessed all that I saw would have to know that abortion is wrong and that a civilized society that allows it is heading in the wrong direction. I am totally aware that unplanned pregnancies are not easy for anyone to handle...but to end a baby's life at any stage of their development totally ignores the sanctity of human life. This is not just about preserving the constitutional rights to obtain an abortion. Instead it's about everyone's right to life regardless of the circumstances that created them. We need to put efforts and money into supporting women in a crisis pregnancy, supporting adoption and end this travesty in our country.