

Senate Bill 302
Judicial Proceedings
UNFAVORABLE

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee;

Please give Senate Bill 302 an unfavorable report.

Senate Bill 302 is unnecessary. There are already laws against assault and battery. This bill is actually just another attempt to criminalize abortion providers.

Anyone who has decided to terminate their pregnancy has to give consent before they're provided with the means to do so. In fact, in every case in Maryland of which I'm aware, they are counseled as to their options and screened to make sure they are not under undue influence to end their pregnancy. If they regret their decision after the fact (which absolutely can happen as a result of threats and coercion of family members, partners, and friends who disagree with their choice,) they could allege that they did not consent to the abortion.

I urge an unfavorable report on this bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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