

To whom it may concern,

Regarding HB1171, I feel the obligation to voice my concerns on the issue of this bill being proposed and how it is problematic considering self-evident and foundational truths. Although it is self-evident that the rights of life and liberty are to be recognized universally and equally among all persons some still seem to put into question the rights of those unseen. The fact that life begins at conception is an undisputed fact determined by proper and valid practice by competent and recognized individuals. To continue to reject this truth is to frustrate the very rights of those you claim to protect. There is a proper order in life: do not violate the rights of an individual to assert the freewill of another. This plays into another issue that arises by the ambiguous wording used in this bill that would allow for further injustice to take place against children. By not specifying those who's development has met the legal status of being an adult you have effectively made a means for the sexual exploitation of minors. These individuals are not competent to make such decisions without proper guidance of their legal guardians and would be subject to the potential coercion of self-interested and malicious actors. Considering these issues, it would be contradictory to the purpose of government to impose such legislation upon the ones you are to serve and preserve. A final distinction I wish to point out is that just liberty is not that one should be allowed and encouraged to do all that they wish but they should free to do what they ought.

Sincerely

- Heath Feraci