

I am submitting testimony opposed to HB1171 Constitutional Amendment. I am opposed to this bill because the wording is so broad as to not allow for any safeguards for the lives of not only for preborn babies but also for minors (male or female) or for women. By stating that every person has the fundamental right to reproductive liberty, you are allowing statutory rape, abortion at any stage of pregnancy, no requirement for parental consent either for an abortion or for transgender medical treatments. The current law stipulates that an abortion must be performed by a licensed physician. There seems to be no such requirements in this new bill. Also it would appear there is no requirement that the person be a citizen of the state. Also since this bill is indicating that reproductive liberty is a right and the state can not deny this right, it implies that the state would need to provide services even if the person cannot afford the treatment (abortion, transgender medications etc.) – meaning the state may be liable to provide this service through taxpayer dollars. I am strongly opposed to this bill.