

March 29, 2022

RE: HB1171

Declaration of Rights – Right to Reproductive Liberty

Dear Committee Members,

This bill should not be accepted as a right to reproductive liberty, but instead it should be rejected as an act of oppression and discrimination against a specific group of persons. Most of us know that it is against the law to kill someone, or that if we would choose to do so we would face dire consequences. This bill makes it legal for someone to kill someone else. It justifies killing because of a person's stage of development, which one could argue, is age discrimination. Since science has proven that life is present at the first stage of a person's development, conception, this bill is about allowing a person to take another person's life, without that person having any say, or way of defending itself. If it is not ok to kill a person once it is born, then why should it be ok to kill them before birth? They are still a person, regardless of their age or stage of development.

This bill allows for infanticide, which means someone can kill their child if they choose. Aside from being barbaric... this disproves the vision we have of a "progressive" society. If there is no protection for the rights of all persons, regardless of age, then who is the judge in deciding who has the right to live or die?

Also included in this bill is the right for someone anyone who identifies as transgender, or who thinks they are not the gender they were born as, can have a procedure done to change their gender, without restrictions, including parental consent. The reason there are guardians for children, whether they are birth parents or family members, is to protect them and help them in making decisions. How can children have the capability to decide about gender identity? It has been said that adults have committed suicide and/or suffer with suicidal thoughts after having changed their gender through medical procedures. This is a subject is deeply rooted in mental health, not physical anatomy, and needs more time to be researched. It does not merit a physical alteration to someone's body. Past experiences have shown that gender- change procedures have done more harm than good.

All of this is also supported by tax dollars, which forces those who do not support the killing of innocent persons and gender-change procedures (which are done by choice and not by medical necessity) to support them financially. This is infringing on a person's right to follow their conscience.

Please reject this bill, and protect every person's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Thank you,

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