

### **A PLEA TO OPPOSE HB 1171**

Over the years key constitutional & inalienable rights such as the right to life of preborn babies has been steadily eroding under the kraken of apparent right to privacy laws that champion sexual liberation over more fundamental intrinsic rights and moral principles that aim at safeguarding the common good—the right to life being the basis for any other human right to be predicated on. HB 1171 in both its vagueness and arbitrary use of personhood language exposes the unjust dichotomy between a mother’s autonomy while denying the purpose and result of such autonomy, vis a vis, the direct impact of so-called reproductive health on greater society, but more importantly on the innocent lives of preborn children who are daily aborted as a result of the euphemistic “choice” which never considers the nascent autonomy of preborn fetuses whose full potentiality and dignity are completely ignored in bills such as HB 1171 whose text is too silent on such a grave matter as the question of human life. As an abortion survivor I implore this body to reject this frivolous bill and I urge its creators to define clearly what a ‘person’ is and whether such proposed reproductive liberties will safeguard all persons regardless of age, sex, size or the like, from the abuse of equal rights for the most vulnerable in our society, that is, the preborn child. Thank you

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