

Dear Committee Chair and Committee Members,

I **oppose** HB1171. As a woman, I realize that this seems illogical to oppose a bill that says it is about reproductive rights. If HB1171 actually were about reproductive rights then I might not oppose, but the wording is very different once the bill has been read. This bill is about murder of innocent blood. So therefore, I vehemently oppose.

Let's take a look at what the word reproduction means... "the act or process of reproducing: specifically, the process by which plants and animals give rise to offspring and which fundamentally consists of the segregation of a portion of the parental body by a sexual or an asexual process and its subsequent growth and differentiation into a new individual." The result of reproduction for humans is a human baby being created, complete with its own DNA and identity. This new being had no choice in whether it was created or not. It does not matter how this baby came to be created, it was not the child's choice and therefore should not be punished for any decision made by a person different than itself.

If this bill truly was about wanting to protect life and women, then it would be protecting the mothers and the new lives in the womb. This bill is worded in hypocrisy and is shameful.

My question to you is this: if these new lives who are too young to care for themselves can be murdered simply due to being a burden...when will it stop? When will the murder stop? What happens when a bill is brought forth for the same thing to happen to anyone in hospice care? What happens when another bill springs up about those with special needs? If you don't do your part and speak on behalf of the people, ALL people, then shedding of innocent blood will become prevalent with no prosecution. It's up to you to make the right choice and We The People are counting on you to hear our voices, including all those who can't yet speak.

I pray that this committee sees the dangers to life and liberty that this bill holds and votes **UNFAVORABLY** to HB1171, or let it expire in this committee without receiving a vote to proceed.

Sincerely,
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