

House Bill 1171, Declaration of Rights – Right to Reproductive Liberty, is an assault on the dignity of the human person and denies a child's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It dehumanizes a select class of human beings and gives power to the strong over the weak.

I have visited the National Socialist Concentration Camp in Dachau, Germany eight times. I go there to pray and to reflect on how such evil could have come about--how a government could dehumanize and then destroy a select class of human beings (Jews, Catholics, Gypsies, or essentially anyone who disagreed with the government). This cannot be who we are. The government's role is to protect life, not to enable the destruction of it. This bill not only removes protections for babies in the womb, but also for young women (of any age) who have been sexually assaulted or raped. It allows for use of taxpayer dollars to pay for killing unborn children and to mutilate the sexual organs of those suffering from gender dysphoria, including children without parent's consent. This is unconscionable. The bill must be defeated.

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