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Thank you for allowing me to testify in favor of HB735.

It is not hyperbole to state the other than the soul, the heartbeat is the very foundation of all supported life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

My faith elicits my support of this legislation, but the tenets set forth in the *Rowe v Wade* decision clearly demonstrate the need for this type of legislation.

The trimester framework of the *Rowe* decision is no longer valid by advances in science, with pre-borns able to survive outside the womb in as little as 20 weeks, now shown to be in error in favor of viability.

The fetal heartbeat is now known to be detected in as little as six weeks. The argument that the mother may not be aware she is pregnant is a canard that does not justify a termination.

Norma McCorvey — the “Jane Roe” behind *Roe v Wade* — made a “deathbed confession” in 2017 saying she switched her support to the anti-abortion movement because she was paid to do so. McCorvey publicly lied about being raped and apologized for making a false rape claim. In the mid-90s, McCorvey switched her support, becoming a face of the pro-life movement.

The *Rowe v Wade* decision violates science. We’ve been told for the last two years+ to follow the science, not the political science, or the science-fiction established by this bad ruling.

Since this legislation mimics the heartbeat bill passed in Texas, it is reported there has been a 60% reduction of abortions since its passage.

Your parents thought life matters, and if you have children, you believe life matters as well. Other bills in this legislature is trying to allow post-birth abortion as well. The agenda is clear. Would any of us who have children look them in the eye to tell them they do NOT matter?

My birth parents thought I was valuable as well, putting me up for adoption. I could never look my children or grandson in the eye to say they do not matter.

We should follow the science, not the political science. Consequences for the passage of these onerous bills will only exacerbate the already declining value of human lives.

Thank you for your time, I am willing to answer any questions you may have.