Good morning,

I am writing to state that I am <u>completely opposed to Bills SB0699 and HB0626</u> most importantly for ethical and moral reasons. I cannot speak words more profoundly than those of St. John Henry Newman:

"Realize it, my brethren; —every one who breathes, high and low, educated and ignorant, young and old, man and woman, has a mission, has a work. We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random; . . . God sees every one of us;

He creates every soul, He lodges it in the body, one by one, for a purpose. He needs,

He deigns to need, every one of us. He has an end for each of us; we are all equal in His sight, and we are placed in our different ranks and stations, not to get what we can out of them for ourselves, but to labor in them for Him. As Christ has His work, we too have ours; as He rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also."

Those who proposed these bills attack the innocent who before, they can speak for themselves, are silenced. These bills, while proposing "freedom and liberty", actually act as "legal" agents to strip the "freedom and liberty" from the most vulnerable. No one then is safe.

Most respectfully in Christ,

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