

# HB 626 - Pregnant Person's Freedom Act of 2022 – Unfavorable

## Oppose

To: Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee

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The Pregnant Person's Freedom Act is an affront to the dignity of all human beings. There is no way to sugarcoat or make palatable a law which would allow for the destruction of preborn human beings at any stage, for any reason, as long as the mother does it herself.

The language of this bill makes it clear that it will be open season on fetuses, which even pro-choice individuals will find unsavory. HB 626 would basically legalize the back-alley, coat-hanger self-abortions that pro-choice stakeholders universally claim they wish to prevent.

As a pro-life person and activist, I truly do understand the sentiments of pro-choice advocates. For many years, I was a pro-choice activist. I am not going to talk down to you and diminish the reasons you claim to be pro-*choice*. But, I will righteously call you to account for dangerous policies that not only destroy innocent human life in utero, but create a situation that puts women/persons at risk of **grave harm**. Self-managed abortions are dangerous and the danger only increases with age of the fetus. There is no place in our state for reckless policies like HB 626.

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