I am opposed to Senate Bill 0798 titled "Right to Reproductive Freedom". It seems to me that this bill is less about "Reproductive Freedom" than it is about ending the life of the unborn. With or without this legislation, citizens will still have the freedom to reproduce. So, let's call it what it is.

"...FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ABILITY TO MAKE AND EFFECTUATE DECISIONS TO PREVENT, CONTINUE, OR END ONE'S OWN PREGNANCY..."

This bill gives a human being the ability to choose who should live and who should not and I would suggest that this decision is not for us to make. Undeniably, a human egg becomes a living being the moment it is fertilized. Who are we to justify ending its life by saying it is not a human being because it is not yet fully developed. Doesn't it contain all of the genetic coding to become a human being? So, hasn't the line for where life begins already been drawn?

Not only are there moral issues with making a decision to end life, but there are societal issues as well. Each of our parents chose life for us--thank you Mom and Dad!!! Where would our country and our world be if it were not for a decision for life by the parents of our most important contributors?

Where would our society be today without...

- ...George Washington?
- ...Thomas Jefferson?
- ...Abraham Lincoln?
- ...Martin Luther King?
- ...Rosa Parks?
- ...Albert Einstein?
- ...James Watson and Francis Crick?
- ...you?
- ...and so many, many more.

How many future contributors' lives will be taken with the decisions that results if this legislation is passed?

Finally, I would not want my taxpayer dollars to be used to pay for someone else to take the life of a fellow human being.

Sincerely,

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