

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, & Delegates of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

Please vote HB0108 *Public Health - Abortion (Heartbeat Bill)* out of the Committee with a **favorable report**. This bill protects the preborn by prohibiting induced abortions when a fetal human being's heartbeat is detectable. **95% of secular biologists agree that science proves that life begins at conception.** Legal induced abortion excludes the unborn from their inalienable right to life. It is not right for public servants to ignore an entire segment of the public who are being murdered, no matter how old or young they are.

Science tells us that an unborn baby is a **completely new and unique human being from the moment of fertilization**. At that moment, all of the baby's DNA is present, including the determination of physical characteristics from gender to hair color. Mothers do not have the right to murder their sons and daughters, for the same reason that fathers do not have the right to do this. The unborn deserve to receive the same **love, care, and legal protection** as any child or adult.

Dependency upon others does not alter the right to life. We are all dependent upon one another throughout each and every stage of life. Babies and children rely on their parents for food, care, and a loving home. This is why neglect is such a terrible form of abuse. All persons depend upon one another for support, community, and friendship. Babies who are born prematurely and those with certain disabilities rely upon ventilators and other support in order to stay alive. **Do these people have less value?**

This law only affects induced abortion, which is committed solely for the purpose of ending the life of unborn babies. Medical treatment that is provided for pregnant mothers in order to save their lives from imminent danger but could potentially result in the death of their preborn child is **legal in every state in the nation and this law does not change that.**

Passing laws to protect the unborn does not impose views on other people. **Law is supposed to protect human life despite the views of those who would destroy it.** This is why it is just to legally protect you and I from murder.

Please support and vote in favor of House Bill 0108 and other legislation that protects mothers and their babies. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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