

According to your duties of office, please read the entirety of this statement. I am writing in opposition to the passage of LD776 & LD1343.

The baby in the womb is just that, it is not the mother, it is not the father, it is a whole new creation, it is a whole new person. A baby becomes a person at conception. When sperm meets egg. A new body and being is created. In nine months unless something tragic and unplanned happens, that baby comes out of the womb and begins life outside of the womb, just as it was living life inside the womb, but to a greater experience. Much like the rest of our years on earth.

The basis of personage can NOT be a heartbeat, as how many of our citizens have pacemakers that enable that for them. The basis of personage can NOT be the first breath, as how many of our citizens have been on respirators, and oxygen tanks, how about even sleep apnea machines. Their lives are not dispensable then, and neither is the child in the womb. The child in the womb depends on the health of his mother to the extent that the adult on a feeding tube depends on the tube. The feeding tube is NOT the adult. The baby is NOT the mother. The value of a baby or any life for that matter, must also not cling to its desirability (by parentage) , circumstances, convenience or timing. That would create a real problem when we think of the elderly in our society and the burden, inconvenience, timing of health issues, etc that we as children sometimes become responsible for.

Tell me the difference from the last day of week 40 to the first day of week 41. That baby did not change immensely over that 24 hours. In fact, many children that are born at week 25 can survive outside of the womb. They may require the same sort of dependency on modern medical equipment that our elderly or our sick do. You would not kill someone in a coma if you knew for a fact, they would be out of that coma in 9 months. Let us stop killing our babies that are coming out in 9 months as well.

When the holocaust was fresh, we did not like to see the pictures of the wounded, the dead, the mistreated. When slaves were being beaten, only a few dared to read books and see pictures that exposed it. As our citizens hung our citizens of color we did not want to look. How many of you have seen an abortion? Have you watched the movie UNPLANNED? You ought not vote something into access and availability that your own eyes cannot bear to watch. What will you tell your grandchildren if you are so lucky to have one someday? That you are partially responsible for the death of the unborn. That is not a legacy I would want to leave.

At what point should we start having concern for a child being butchered by the parent? If I saw my neighbor killing her 1 minute old son, then I would intervene with whatever means, or call the cops. And the act would be called child abuse, or murder. But this "medical intervention," this is going on in a place that ought not be associated with slaughter, murder, or abuse. And yet, it is.

A fetus is just a word that mean "little one" in Latin." Let's stop calling it a word the illiterate do not understand and start calling them humans. ONE of OUR OWN OFFSPRING! What is being done is murder. In the worst conglomeration of circumstances, should the innocent be punished, (MURDERED) for the crime of an offender? Have we not been told all of our lives that two wrongs never make a right? What of the comparisons we could make between courage and fear? Despair and hope? Selfishness and compassion? I request the research committee to inquire the reasons for abortions across the united states and see if such a study shows that the majority of abortions sought after have not been medical, incest or rape motivated, but that the access to abortion is becoming the new birth control method of popularity.

If the learned , the literate and the powerful among us do understand all of this , then the blood is on their hands, your hands if you will, as a legislator, rule maker, standard setter and example. **I implore you to let your decisions and your legacy be one you are proud of, and that your consciences will lend peace to.**