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It seems that one question is necessary: why ought this bill be before the legislature? This is just another divisive wedge issue policy that we do not need as a state. Shouldn't we be focusing on helping our poor and despairing after COVID, and not dodging the issue with a non-solution? Shouldn't we be encouraging childbirth and community care for pregnant women in an aging population such as ours? Joshua Chamberlain, our governor in 1866 (roughly 250 years ago) mentioned the same population problems we have chronically had since then, now with only double the population in 250 years. We ought to encourage and expand responsible, socially supported childbirth. Why should we expand access to abortion up to (but not yet including) the point of birth with no questions asked? I cannot think of one person that this would help, given that we have medical exceptions to our viability cutoff for medical reasons. However, I can think of many that this bill would harm, as in the thousands of unborn human beings with detectable heartbeats and fully functional nervous systems; with which they can feel all the pain and brutality of the inhuman process of abortion. I urge you to vote your conscience and not what our partisan party system has unfortunately made a platform issue.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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