

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Honorable members of the Joint Standing committee on judiciary:

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In computer programming, each capability of the system is generated by the programmer, using thousands of combinations of zero and one. These combinations give the computer instructions on how to complete various complex tasks, and are designed for a specific purpose. I use this analogy today to speak about the design of the very cells in your body, each cell's function is instructed through the precise and intentional creation of codes in your DNA. Instead of zeros and ones, our DNA, and that of our children is a code 3 billions letters long, consisting of combinations of A, G, T, and C, or Adenine, Guanine, Thymine, and Cytosine. Each letter combination instructs our bodies on how to complete complex functions, and much like a computer program being designed by a programmer, our very cells are brought into being and developed by God. I say this to tell you today that every baby inside of a mothers womb is created and developed, cell by cell by the very God who breathes life into your body and life into every child that He intricately designs and fully loves. The Bible says, in Psalm 139 verses 13 and 14b, "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mothers womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex."

I wish to end with another piece of scripture found in Deuteronomy 30, verses 19 and 20 which state..."Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on Heaven to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!".

Thank you, and please vote ought not to pass.