

My name is Brian Roy, and I support LD 975. I also support any effort that aims to abolish abortion except in extreme circumstances such as when a mother's life is at risk. Compassion demands that we take into account extenuating circumstances, and I do not promote extremism on this or any other issue. In point of fact, extreme is the monetizing of human flesh by organizations that profit from it such as Planned Parenthood who in fact do the opposite of what their name suggests. Extreme is also a society that promotes a convenient and grotesque solution to unwanted pregnancy instead of promoting the avoidance of unwanted pregnancy altogether. A healthy society might instead consider offering hope and support to vulnerable mothers in need as do organizations like Life House Maine. Extreme is to popularize promiscuity, and extreme is to confuse or sexualize a generation of children as this administration has shamefully done.

In some ways I feel like I am wasting my time here because history has demonstrated that this administration will not support LD 975, so I might ask you to please at least consider this...

Even by the world's standards you declare that a person is deceased when their heart stops. Why then do you not declare them alive when their heart begins to beat? By the world's standards if we find a single fossilized cell on Mars, we say we have found life, yet merely one week after conception with now hundreds of cells rapidly forming into a human being we are confused about when life begins.

So, the question should not be when does life begin since the answer is obvious, but rather what are the consequences to taking that life? Some of you may not believe in eternal consequences, but I will quote Ayn Rand by saying that "you can choose to ignore reality, but you cannot ignore the consequences of ignoring reality."

So as Christians we are called to pray for those in authority. As such I sincerely pray for each and every one of you here, and I ask that God may give you the wisdom and the courage to choose what is right.

Thank you.