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This was originally written for HP 635 but please take my points as things to consider.

Hello

My name is Savanna Remis-Hagerthy or SAVVY FROM MAINE on TikTok. I am from district 90. Yes that district 90. Laurel does not represent all us.

You may recognize me from when I lobbied WITH Maine Christian Civic League. I was their poster child of why we SHOULDN'T ban Conversion Therapy. Today I am here in OPPOSITION to HP 682

I am a survivor of 10 years of abuse in a Christian Nationalist Cult. I have since deconstructed my faith and have realized some things.

The church perpetuates many lies. One being that our nation will be cursed if they do not follow God's laws. Especially in regards to passing in the laws against abortion. I have a lot of guilt because I didn't catch on that the language we use in our prayers was fascist

The church also says that life begins at conception, but this belief was not adopted until the 19th century. In Jewish law, a fetus is treated as property in regards to the punishment for its death. The earliest adoption into Christianity of an older fetus being a life started with a Greco-Roman philosophy.

I also heard many times that children are like arrows to train up. Train up, meaning to indoctrinate. The same people who said this said you have to schedule sex once a week for your marriage to be healthy. I suppose banning contraception means you have more arrows in your quiver.

The pastors at the cult I went to had a daughter-in-law that while giving birth, her C-section scar burst, and she almost died and the baby didn't make it. Under this bill, she would have been prosecuted. The attitudes that formed this bill is what Hosea meant when he said "my people, perish for lack of knowledge"

Another lie that was told to me was that the left wants to abort children up till birth. I have come to find this is a blatant lie, and no is doing that.

Finally, I want you to keep in mind that this bill directly contradicts last year's past bill LD 227. This can potentially can put the other half of that bill at risk that provides rights to trans and NONBINARY individuals like myself.

If you have any questions I am willing to answer.

Thank you for your time.

Please use these resources to further understand my testimony and scholarly Biblical understanding.

Resources:

Dan McClellan: Does the Bible say life begins at conception?

<https://youtu.be/NyhTOI1iOY?feature=shared>

Data over Dogma Podcast: Abortion and the Bible

<https://youtu.be/-I3W7CTX8Kw?feature=shared>

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