

I am writing to voice my opposition to the H.57 Abortion Bill. I am appalled that there are people who believe terminating a pregnancy is morally ok. The definitions of both birth and born have no mention of life. Life is defined by dictionary.com as, "the condition that distinguishes organisms from inorganic objects and dead organisms, being manifested by growth through metabolism, reproduction, and the power of adaptation to environment through changes originating internally". Life does not begin at birth. Life begins when the embryo has a heartbeat, at just 22 days old. If this is not a sign of life, why do medical professionals use the inexistence of a heartbeat as the sign of death?

I will finish with a personal experience: When my wife was pregnant, the baby in her womb was experiencing growth restrictions. We had to spend a lot of time with the doctors and have many procedures done to ensure he was ok. During the ultrasounds, the stenographers would check many things including the heartbeat. They would also check that the baby is moving. They do these things to ensure the LIFE of the baby is good. My son was born at 8 just months old. He did not need any special treatment. He did not need to spend any time in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). He was born a perfectly healthy boy. Today he is nearly 5 months old and is a happy and fast growing baby. His life did not begin at his birth. It began 8 months earlier. I have attached a photo of him at birth and I ask just one question: Does this look like a lump of cells that can just be thrown away? I also attached one of him at 3 months old. I beg of you, please don't allow children like these to be treated as objects. They are LIFE.

Thank you,
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