

I'm writing today to express my opposition to H.57. I was hoping to be able to make it to the State House to talk in person but sadly won't be able to.

When I think about how far this bill takes abortion and how it strips the rights of the unborn it deeply saddens and troubles me.

I support equal rights and opportunities for women. I participated in the woman's march on January 21, 2017 in support of equal rights and opportunity. I wanted to show my daughter that she's worth fighting for. That women's rights are worth fighting for. And now, I want to show the unborn that they are worth fighting for.

H.57 goes beyond "My body, my choice." If it were simply talking about a woman's own body and choices she inflicts on herself, I wouldn't have an issue. But H.57 is talking about the unborn child within. It's not longer just a woman's body.

People want to pretend that the unborn isn't life, that they are just a "clump of cells." But if life doesn't begin at conception, then when does it? And since it is life, how is it not deemed as murder when you chose to destroy it? Furthermore, the fact that an independent heartbeat can be detected in as little as five weeks is proof that it is life. Things that aren't alive don't have heartbeats. Anyone who denies this is denying science. And let's face it, we're all just a clump of cells when you break everything down. However in our cases, our mothers allowed us to fully develop.

Just because a developing embryo isn't "viable" doesn't mean it's not worth living and not worth protecting. Please show me one person on this planet who's viable without the assistance of others. It can't be done because everyone needs help in one form or another to survive. And these most precious unborn children need your help to survive. They need H.57 to be denied.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this sensitive matter.

Sincerely,
Tim Lawrence

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MARK 5:36

Do not fear, just believe.