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Dear Members of the Ohio House Health Committee,

After what happened in the lame duck session when lawmakers came one vote away from overriding then Gov. Kasich's veto, we know there are more than likely the votes to pass the Heartbeat bill. And now that we have a governor who has pledged to sign the bill, it seems to me this is going to be put into law sometime very soon.

So, with that in mind, allow me to address the criticism that the bill, once passed into law, is going to found unconstitutional. Let's be clear about something, Roe v. Wade is unconstitutional not the Heartbeat Bill.

Lest our representatives, executives, and judges here in Ohio be let off the hook, those who abide by moral and legal atrocities such as Roe v. Wade are no better than those who wrote it. It is the responsibility of every senator and representative to reject the court and reclaim their authority over the writing of laws and pass bills which protect preborn people from murder, just like everyone else is protected from murder.

Ohio lawmakers have a duty to challenge and even defy Roe v. Wade and protect the preborn.

To those that who complain about the expense to Ohio tax payers to defend the law in court. I ask, "what price should we put on human life?" If even one life is spared by this law, the expense is worth it.

Finally, with the changing composition of the Supreme Court, there could soon be enough justices to overturn Roe v Wade which would return the abortion issue back where it belongs to the state legislatures. This is another reason to act now.

Its time our Ohio legislators do the right thing and pass the Heartbeat Bill!

I ask for yes vote to move this bill out of committee.



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