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Senate Bill 23 – Six-Week Abortion Ban
Opponent Testimony
Ohio House Health Committee
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Chairman Merrin, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Boyd, and Members of the Ohio House Committee,

My name is Mason Caminiti and I'm strongly opposed and deeply troubled by SB 23, the six-week abortion ban, for a myriad of reasons:

1-This bill undermines a woman's autonomy, when men are afforded the privilege to make their own decisions in all facets of life.

2-This bill spends time, attention and money on an issue that can better be spent on things like the higher rates of crime, poverty, hunger, and the drug epidemic specifically in the Akron metro area which encompasses Senators Roegner's district. Ohio also happens to be home to some of the highest student loan debt in the country ranking 11th overall, yet were still focused on this bill

3- Even if this legislation is passed and signed by the governor, it will be overturned due to its unconstitutionality, just as it has in various states across the country, yet were still focused on this bill

So what truly is the point of this legislation?

A Catholic nun, Sister Joan Chittster, O.S.B. (order of Saint Benedict) sums up the hypocrisy in the pro-life movement and legislation best: "I do not believe that just because you're opposed to abortion, that that makes you pro-life. In fact , I think in many cases, your morality is deeply lacking if all you want is a child born but not fed, not a child educated, not a child housed. And why would I think that you don't? It's because you don't want any tax money to go there. That's not Pro-life. That's pro-birth. We need a much broader conversation on what the morality of pro-life is"

By this definition passing this legislation is NOT pro-life but sadly only pro-birth.

Thank you,
Mason Caminiti

Data Referenced:

- Sister Joan Chittster, O.S.B quote - Bill Moyers interview
- USDA average hunger rate nationwide- 11.8% /akron/canton regional food bank -summit county 15.3%
- As reported by FBI- Akron Metro area violent crime rate higher than national average by 55.25%
- US census bureau- Akron residents 30.9% below poverty level (whole state 19%)
- Ohio Attorney General and Dayton Daily news- Student loan debt