

Kim Gallo
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,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Kim Gallo. I am a 61 year-old teacher living in Concord, OH. I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 23, the six-week abortion ban. I have had the right to make decisions about my body for my entire life. You now threaten to take this right away from my daughters and granddaughters because of your belief that others can decide what women can or cannot do with their own bodies. This is outrageous and it is an embarrassment to our state. How is it that one of the greatest universities in our country, The Ohio State University, can be located in a state that believes that women do not have sovereignty over their own body? This is our RIGHT and this legislation is archaic. You cannot force women to have a baby if they do not want to have a baby. How can you possibly think there will be a good outcome? Are you also going to legislate guidelines for care during pregnancy or do you just believe that forcing someone to carry a child will make them take care of themselves and the unwanted child during their unwanted pregnancy?

In addition, this bill discriminates against lower income people and minorities? If this bill were to pass, women who have enough money will go somewhere else to end an unwanted pregnancy. Women who do not have the money will be forced to continue with an unwanted pregnancy.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote *NO* on this dangerous bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

I will now take any questions you may have.