

Thank you Mr. Chairman and Committee members,

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My name is Sarah Cleveland. I am a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS, AB, OB/GYN). I have been registered for 15+ years and have worked in facilities across Ohio including nearly 9 years at a large hospital here in Columbus and in a small GYN office for 12 years.

I have been involved in anti-abortion work for many years. I am a foster parent and home schooling mom of 5. I am passionate about protecting children both out of the womb and in. I am an Abolitionist. I am here to testify regarding for SB 23.

When Heartbeat bills are promoted, it is advertised as making abortion illegal after a detectable heartbeat as early as 6 weeks. However, lines 439-442 of the bill it states "the rules require only that an examination shall be performed externally. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a transvaginal ultrasound". Per the bill itself, babies at 6 weeks, who are 2mm big, will not be seen because the very thing we need to see these babies will NOT to be used. Transabdominal scanning sees tiny babies later in pregnancy. It was only recently that ORTL published information correctly stating babies 8-12 weeks of age will be seen as per their ORTL 2019 Legislative Day brochure, page 5. According to the Guttmacher Institute, 89% of abortions take place in the first trimester. How is it that this bill will save 90-95% of babies when the sponsors of the bill admit it allows windows for abortions up to 12 weeks?

That being said, even IF a heartbeat can detected, it doesn't mean it will be documented. As someone who has operated an ultrasound machine for years, I can guarantee you, the machine only takes pictures where the operator tells it to. It is 100% operator dependent. I can choose not to see a heartbeat, if I wanted to. Choose not to show the mother, and choose not to document it. I can take a picture of the pregnancy, without showing a heartbeat, even if there is one there. The machine takes the pictures where I tell it and it can be easily manipulated. That's the problem with keeping abortion legally protected, it's trusting murderers to tell the truth.

This bill leaves the decision making regarding abortions in the hands of mothers who want abortions and abortionists who provide them. It is stated more than once in SB23, that "good faith" measures (lines 198, 410, etc) should be taken. Good faith measures? By the abortion providers? The ones who would just as soon take the life of a baby are now the ones in charge of making "good faith" efforts to protect it?

The bill also makes wide exceptions for abortions. It has wording such as "medical necessity" and "immediate inducement" (lines 25-29), but then it continues on (lines 38-39) saying the mother must wait 24 hours to abort. Not so urgent if you have to make an appointment a day later. It reiterates at lines 160-161 "medical indications supporting the physician's [abortionist's] judgment that an immediate abortion is necessary."

Page 2 talks about "medical emergencies" as determined by the abortionist. It refers back to revised code 2919.16 (section F) in which states AGAIN "good faith medical

judgement" as to whether or not the abortion should take place. All of this is built on honesty and integrity. There are no checks and balances. In practical terms, in working in the medical field, I am testifying that it will be so very easy to fulfill the requirements of this bill and STILL abort babies with beating hearts.

The deeper problem this bill has is it regulates abortion in the first place. Abortion is murder. It is unconstitutional to allow the murder of any human beings. And that includes humans who are in their mothers' wombs. And even more important than the US Constitution, it is against the Law of God to murder. We cannot expect God to bless us when we sit here and *regulate* how, when, and where babies can be butchered.

I am completely 100% with the notion of ending abortion in the state of Ohio. However, I am here today to plead with you to not pass any legislation regulating abortion. I am asking you to amend this bill to close all exceptions and shut down all permissions to harm children. Anything less than a bill stating total and immediate abolition of human abortion is unjust. Justice delayed is justice denied. It is your God given duty as magistrates to terrorize the evil doers, not allow the evil doer to terrorize others, in this case, babies. Fear the wrath of God greater than you fear losing your status among men. I ask that you pass this piece of legislation as a God honoring Abolitionist bill. Thank you.

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to you.

Amos 5:14-15, Romans 12:9, Psalm 33:4-6, Isaiah 1:17, Luke 10:27

Sincerely,
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