

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

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Written Testimony in Support of SB 145 The Dismemberment Abortion Ban

Thank you chairman Bacon, vice chairman Dolan, ranking minority member Thomas and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. My name is Jim Tobin. I am an Associate Director with the Catholic Conference of Ohio. On behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Ohio I urge your support of SB 145. We believe the proposed ban on dilation and evacuation abortions it is another important step in protecting unborn life. Dismemberment abortions are particularly gruesome.

The Catholic Church's teaching concerning abortion is well known. We hold that every child, at every moment of existence, deserves love and the protection of the law. We do not believe any person or government has the right to take the life of an innocent human being – and we hold that the real problems that lead women to consider abortion should be addressed with solutions that support both mother and child.

We encourage your support for SB 145.