

Mara Sampson
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 Mara Sampson. I am a wife, sister, and mother. I am strongly opposed to the six-week abortion ban.

Pregnancy took a toll on my body. It has been completely worth it to me, but it has been my choice. The labor and delivery of my first born was the most pain I have ever endured in my life. I worked through it though, because it was my choice to have my daughter. The six-week abortion ban takes away that choice. Having a choice is the key difference between endurable pain and torture. The body can endure a lot (think marathon runners), but without choice, the same action becomes torturous. This bill takes away choice and will add to women's suffering during their pregnancy and labor and delivery, and I think for many women for the rest of their lives.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote no on this harmful bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.