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Senate Bill 23 – Six-Week Abortion Ban
Opponent Testimony
Ohio House Health Committee

Chairman Merrin, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Member Boyd, and members of the House Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 23, the dangerous six week abortion ban.

TESTIMONY: STOP ALL ABORTION BANS

‘Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for *justice*, for they shall be satisfied’
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’
- *Matthew 5: 3 - 12*

Justice is NOT the cruelty of forcing girls and women to give birth against their will.

Justice is NOT keeping the necessary medical procedure of abortion from a woman whose foetus is dead at six months’ gestation.

Justice is NOT forcing a 16-year-old student to bear the child of her rapist.

Justice is NOT the cruelty of forcing girls and women to give birth against their will.

Justice is allowing girls and women to make their own reproductive choices: to have total autonomy – access to birth control, emergency contraception and abortion – and honest sex education.

Justice is treating girls and women in fairness, equality, and equity under the law.

WILL YOU STOP AND WITHDRAW ALL BANS NOW and GIVE US JUSTICE?

Thank you!

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