

Chairman/woman Rep Manchester, Vice Chair Cutrona, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the Families, Aging & Human Services Committee,

My name is Lindsey King, and I am a medical student at Ohio University. I oppose SB 157 for many reasons. This bill would force healthcare workers to resuscitate 19-week old fetuses after an attempted abortion, yet data shows that resuscitation of fetuses under 24 weeks of gestation are rarely successful due to their lack of life-sustaining structures. Therefore, the efforts that this bill would require would often be futile. Furthermore, the necessary resuscitation equipment for fetuses of this age and size does not exist. This means that this bill literally requires the impossible of our already overworked healthcare professionals.

It is honestly scary to see legislation like this proposed because it clearly lacks scientific knowledge and research of facts. These decisions are blind to the often complex and nuanced situations that many hopeful parents find themselves in, and serious matters such as these should be kept between the patient and the doctor, without unwanted and unwarranted legislative intervention.

Bills like this one being handed down without research or input from healthcare professionals makes me think that Ohio is not the best place for me to practice medicine in the future. I urge you to oppose SB 157

Thank you,

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