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I would like to speak in regards to those who claim to be pro-life, but suggest we should not pass the Heartbeat Bill because it is unconstitutional.

If they believe it's unconstitutional how will they ever outlaw abortion? By their own argument they have pigeonholed themselves into a position they cannot escape.

Instead, it is actually Roe v. Wade that is unconstitutional because it goes against the 14th Amendment which says that, "nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law". But, for the sake of argument let's say the Heartbeat Bill is unconstitutional. What do we do? Accept this unjust law and allow the killing to continue? Hope that the law will magically change on its own? Or do we challenge a law that was made by a handful of men and women who are fallible just like us and make mistakes?

The opponents strategy is to sit back and roll the dice and hope that it lands on a pro-life President and pro-life justice and in the meantime while they are hoping and praying for those perfect conditions in life that do not exist, nor will they ever, by their own admission they allow another generation of children to be massacred all in the name of choice. Since Roe v. Wade over 54 million children have been murdered and those who oppose it are content with over 3,000 a day being murdered because they claim it's unconstitutional and we need to be united.

I would like to encourage you to ask yourself three questions:

Should we adhere to any and every law passed down by man?

Slavery was at one time legal. I can't imagine anyone today openly suggesting that those laws shouldn't have been challenged and overturned.

Should we wait?

Martin Luther King Jr., one of the greatest civil rights leaders of our time wrote in his book, "Why We Can't Wait", how ironic it was that those who suggested that desegregation needed to wait were usually those who already enjoyed their freedoms. And much like today those that are suggesting the Heartbeat Bill should wait are those that have already made their passage through the womb into life, the same way every one of these unborn children will also arrive here.

Is unity our ultimate goal?

If unity had been our ultimate goal throughout the history of our nation, Hitler would have succeeded in his wish to wipe out the Jewish population and would have went on to dominate the rest of the world. If unity had been our ultimate goal, blacks would still be slaves because the Civil War would have never happened.

Once again to refer to Martin Luther King Jr. he said, ***"I felt that the white ministers, priests and rabbis of the South would be among our strongest allies. Instead some have been outright opponents, refusing to understand the freedom movement and misrepresenting its leaders; all too many others have been more cautious than courageous and have remained silent behind the anesthetizing security of stained glass windows."***

When overturning a grave social injustice, opposition from within is nothing new, as MLK makes clear. Thank God the leaders before us pressed on and didn't allow the intimidation, fear and false pretense of unity to stop them from taking a stand and doing what they knew to be right.

In the struggles of history there were some who stood on the side of Hitler, there were some who fought with the south, and there were some who placed burning crosses in the yards of those who wanted rights for blacks. Nobody today would want to be on that side. That is because truth and justice *always* prevail.

The Heartbeat Bill needs to be passed because it is the right thing to do because it will save the most lives and it has the greatest chance at being passed than at any other time in history.

I'm asking you today to be a leader and take a stand as those before you have done. I am optimistic that you will do this and pray for the sake of our nation, that you will go down on the right side of history.