

Thank you, Chairman Merrin, Vice Chairman Manning, Ranking Member Boyd, and members of the Health Committee for the opportunity to testify in favor of Substitute Senate Bill 23, the Heartbeat Bill.

My name is Christian Harrington – I am 15 years old – 7 years ago I spoke on behalf of the Heartbeat Bill at a press conference here at the State House.

I am here, once again, today because I want to save babies with beating hearts.

It has been 7 years since I spoke in defense of the Heartbeat Bill. Since then, over 140,000 babies have died with beating hearts.

The children cannot wait any longer. The time for delay has passed.

As I said then and I will say now, I want the Heartbeat Bill to pass now and when I say now, I mean right now.

Thank you!

Christian Harrington