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Senate Bill 23 – Six-Week Abortion Ban
Opponent Testimony
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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 through my written statement against Senate Bill 23, the six-week abortion ban.

My husband and I (a career public health nurse and high school guidance counselor) are strongly opposed to SB 23 for many reasons. One reason being that we do not believe that politicians and “right to life” advocates have the right to take away a woman’s right to make her own medical decisions and interfere with the sacred doctor-patient relationship.

This law would disproportionately impact women who already experience barriers to reproductive health care. If you are really pro-life, care about providing health care for those that cannot afford it, good sex education (not just abstinence education), and good prenatal care. Help enable women to plan for parenthood and raise healthy, happy families.

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