



**Paul Coudron
Senate Bill 28
Government Oversight and Reform Committee**

Distinguished Members of the Government Oversight and Reform Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify today on Senate Bill 28.

My name is Paul Coudron and I am the Executive Director of Dayton Right to Life. On behalf of Dayton Right to Life and our membership, I am here today to speak on the issue of the disposal of fetal remains following abortions.

Dayton Right to Life has a personal history on this issue, dating back to 1986 when Dayton Right to Life discovered Baby Fran. That March, Baby Fran's head was discovered in a trashcan behind the Women's Center of Dayton on Stroop Road. Baby Fran was 14 to 16 weeks old at the time of the abortion. The finely detailed eyes, nose, mouth, chin and spinal column were clear testimony to Baby Fran's humanity.

Not long after this horrifying discovery, Dayton Right to Life and other pro-life organizations held a memorial service for Baby Fran at Woodland Cemetery. Four hundred people attended. Four hundred.

A short time later, another pro-life organization buried the remains of 6 unborn children, 3 girls and 3 boys, at a separate site at Woodland.

To this day, Dayton Right to Life observes the National Day of Remembrance for aborted children at Woodland Cemetery.

I share these stories to demonstrate that there is precedence for the humane burial of abortion's victims. Is not a humane burial appropriate for all members of our human family?

Despite the legal status of abortion in America, Dayton Right to Life firmly believes that we must treat abortion's victims with dignity, with equal dignity. As much as we believe in the living pre-born child's dignity, we also believe in honoring that dignity after death.

Dayton Right to Life respectfully asks that the Government Oversight and Reform Committee pass Senate Bill 28 with due diligence, ensuring that the brothers and sisters of Baby Fran are given the respect they deserve.

Thank you.