Paul M. Snook Senate Bill 23 – Six-Week Abortion Ban Opponent Testimony Ohio House Health Committee

Chairman Merrin, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Member Boyd, and members of the House Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 23, the dangerous six week abortion ban.

Pro-choice means exactly this: this that a woman has the absolute legal and moral right to choose amongst the following options is she finds herself pregnant: giving birth to the child and keeping it; abortion, or giving birth to the child and giving it up for adoption. There is no reason for anyone else, anyone NOT personally involved, to force their personal choices and beliefs on the person who is pregnant.

All Ohio women deserve options.

Those who do not believe that abortion is right for them, have the RIGHT TO CHOOSE to not have an abortion.

Those who are against abortion DO NOT have the right to forbid others to CHOOSE ABORTION as their option.

To those who are against not only their own abortion option but are determined to deny others their legal and moral RIGHT TO CHOOSE abortion: it appears that their justification comes from personal religious beliefs and sexual mores and attitudes which are not shared by a majority of citizens. Those who are against abortion as a CHOICE also seem to misunderstand the scientific facts of birth control and abortion.

Banning abortion at any arbitrary time period, making mandatory funeral rites, and ANY other legislative interference is clearly and unquestionably an undue burden, unconstitutional and UNJUST violations of WOMENS' REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS and REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE.

Thank you.

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