Thank you Chairman Dave Burke, and Committee members for the opportunity to speak in support of SB23

Down through the centuries since the beginning of human history, there have been many civilizations that have come and gone.

Many of the civilizations that have disappeared have had one thing in common, moral decay. It often manifested itself in practices such as human sacrifice. Examples include the Aztec, Mayan, and Incan civilizations. As we know, these once great empires no longer exist today. Ancient Israel descended into the depraved practice of sacrificing their children to the false god Moloch. We also know that history tells us that Israel was judged for this.

Fast forward to today. We have now come to the place in our great nation where several states have passed or introduced laws that make it legal to kill a fully formed baby up to the time of birth, and after, if the mother feels for any reason she cannot raise the child. With a so called professional’s assistance the child’s life can simply be terminated for the sake of convenience. Just recently, the Born Alive Protection Act was introduced at the federal level. This law was to guarantee that if a child survived an abortion attempt, that it would be given the needed medical care to try and safe it’s life. Shockingly, it was voted down by one party, saying it infringes on women’s health care. Anyone in their right mind knows that once an infant is outside the mother’s womb, it is a separate human being with all the rights guaranteed under the Constitution, and has absolutely nothing to do with women’s rights or healthcare. It is appalling to think that many of our elected representatives are of the mind set that it is acceptable to commit infanticide. How far we have fallen as a nation ever since Roe vs. Wade became the law of the land. How far can we continue to fall into depravity before we ourselves are judged and suffer the same fate of all the previous civilizations that have gone down that twisted path.

Let me be clear, I believe that life begins at conception, Psalm 139:13. Some would argue that late term abortion is necessary to save the life of the mother. This argument is invalid because it takes days to deliver a dead child through late term abortion, thus putting a woman at more risk for complications as opposed to delivering a live baby through an emergency c-section. And medical advances have improved the survival rates of babies whose gestational ages prevented them in the past from surviving outside the womb. Therefore, there is no justification for the murder of an innocent baby. I believe SB 23 is an excellent first step for the State of Ohio to take in stemming the tide of the barbaric practice of abortion. Lets not go over the cliff with those other states with this evil. In closing, respectfully urge you to pass SB 23, to protect the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you for your consideration,

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