

Testimony in opposition to HB1373:

First: There is no excuse for any bill that can be construed to criminalize or otherwise punish miscarriage, a fully natural process that NO HUMAN has control over.

Second: If the goal is to have more children, making it impossible for people who desperately want to have children to access IVF without potentially being criminalized and prosecuted for murder is incredibly foolish.

Third: Since, at conception, there is NO WAY OF KNOWING whether a fertilized egg will survive gestation (An adversarial biological process in the best of conditions!) to become a baby capable of survival outside of the womb, conception itself only indicates a POTENTIAL FOR LIFE. In no way should this POTENTIAL be given privileges or special treatment OVER the ACTUAL life of the person carrying the child. A POTENTIAL FOR LIFE IS NOT THE SAME AS A LIVING HUMAN BEING and should not be afforded the rights of personhood. Period.

I urge you NOT to support this bill or any other of its nature. DO NOT PASS.

Thank you.