I stand in support of HB 1373 and ask the committee to for a DO PASS vote.

This bill is not about peripherals when it comes to pregnancy. It's not about mom. It's not about dad. It's not about any other interested parties. It addresses whether the fertilized egg, which has been scientifically proven to be a human life, from the moment of conception, should have the same constitutional right as any other human being: the <u>RIGHT</u> to have it's human life developed. A baby has never been a "clump of cells". This is a living human being who will grow into a bigger human being in its first stages of life and has every right to have equal protection under our laws, as specified in our Constitution.

This bill gives that precious baby the protection our Constitution promises. LIFE. The right to live. Not the privilege. The RIGHT.

This bill is about <u>equal protection</u> for the baby. Period.

A DO PASS vote for this bill ensures every human life is protected by the God we profess as well as our God-ordained Constitution.

A Do Not Pass is a vote to keep murder of another human being (who as yet is not able to speak or fight for themselves) as a legal procedure. This cannot stand!

I pray you will have eyes wide open and protect the most vulnerable humans in our society with a DO PASS vote of the committee. If we say we believe in the human rights that are codified in our Constitution, there is no way the rights of any human life can be exempted. Our babies have become modern day slaves, to be treated as property versus a person with the right to the human experience of life. I believe nowhere in its creation were the founders thinking that child sacrifice would ever be an option.

Each of us will have to answer for our choices one day. I pray you choose wisely.

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