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"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."-  
Genesis 1:27

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who by Myself spread out the earth- Isaiah 44:24

6th Commandment- "You shall not murder"- Exodus 20:13

Jesus Christ said in Luke 18:20- You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'

Jesus also tells us in Mark 9:42- "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea." If Jesus says that regarding someone causing a little one to stumble or sin, how much worse would it be for someone who takes the life of the most helpless human possible?

Leviticus 24:17- "And if a man takes the life of anyone else, he must surely be put to death."

Proverbs 6:16-19- "These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, HANDS THAT SHED INNOCENT BLOOD, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that run swiftly to evil, a false witness who gives false testimony, and one who stirs up discord among brothers

These truths & warnings from our Creator & Lord were taken seriously by our Founders & they put them in our Declaration of Independence by affirming our creation & our right to life. Governments are instituted to secure our rights, not carve out exceptions for innocent human life to be taken at the whim of anyone, including the mother. Then the Founders put our right to life in the Constitution in the 5th Amendment & that was affirmed later in the 14th, that life shall not be taken unless the person has had due process of law. How is an unborn human person supposed to get due process? It can't, therefore it should be off the table for government to make allowances for that life to be taken.

Please honor God & our Constitutional right to life at every stage & oppose HB 1488. Thank you

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