

Reasons **HB2002 Relating to health; declaring an emergency** should NOT be passed into law

1. HB2002 incorporates an incorrect, anti-life redefinition of “pregnancy”

The [*Harvard Medical Dictionary of Health Terms*](#) defines “conception this way: “conception: [The start of pregnancy, when an egg is fertilized by a sperm.”

Implied by this definition is that when an egg is fertilized by a sperm, a woman is pregnant. Pregnancy begins at conception.

[*The National Institutes of Health \(NIH\) National Library of Medicine*](#) says, “Birth control, also known as contraception, is the use of medicines, devices, or surgery to prevent pregnancy.”

Putting these two definitions together logically, **contraception is a means to prevent conception, which is the start of pregnancy which is when an egg is fertilized by a sperm.**

HB2002 incorporates this statement in Section 2. Lines 12-16:

“(1) “Contraception” includes: (a) Steroidal, chemical, physical or barrier, natural or permanent methods for preventing the union of an ovum with the spermatozoon, or for **preventing the subsequent implantation of the fertilized ovum in the uterus**; [bolding added]

The bolded statement, “**preventing the subsequent implantation of the fertilized ovum in the uterus**”, cannot logically be called “contraception.” The statement mentions as a form of contraception, “the fertilized ovum” not implanting in the uterus. If the ovum is fertilized, conception has already taken place at fertilization. Preventing the subsequent implanting in the uterus cannot be prevention of already-occurred conception, i.e., contraception. It is abortion.

Since we citizens share a common language through which we are governed constitutionally only with our consent, legislation should use words according to their accepted, normal definitions. **Legislation should not try to change the meaning of words by fiat.** To do so is illegitimate and tyrannical. This redefinition of the word “contraception” appears to be an attempt to make the use of IUDs and chemical “birth control,” when they cause the death of a preborn child by preventing implantation, acceptable by linguistic subterfuge. Defining contraception in the way HB2002 does confuses and manipulates our political discourse toward a normalization of abortion, which is the killing of an already-formed innocent human individual.

HB2002 is flawed in its foundational definition here, and therefore should not be passed.



2. HB2002 declares that persons have the right to have innocent living human beings intentionally killed.

HB2002 in Section 3, lines 2-5, says,

“SECTION 3. Every individual has a fundamental right to make decisions about the individual’s reproductive health, including the right to make decisions about the individual’s reproductive health care, to use or refuse contraception, to continue the individual’s pregnancy and give birth or to terminate the individual’s pregnancy.”

To restate the key phrase, **“Every individual has a fundamental right . . . to terminate the individual’s pregnancy.”**

When conception has occurred, which is when pregnancy has begun, a new human individual has been formed. This is scientifically and medically correct. This new human being (or human beings, in the case of identical multiples such as twins, etc.) is one of us, a member of the human family, a unique individual (or individuals) whose genetic makeup has never been, nor will ever be again.

All that is added to the fertilized ovum, that we all once were, after it develops and implants in the mother’s uterus, is food and water. These things are not living. It is the ovum and in its stages beyond that is living. We were all like that fertilized ovum, zygote, or fetus. But these names are all simply words, words already-born humans have applied to pre-born human individuals at various living stages of continual growth. But naming something does not change the nature of that thing. That thing is a living human being, a human life, at all stages from conception. As such it has an inalienable right to life granted by the Creator.

The above bolded phrase of HB2002 declares, in effect, that every human individual has the right to intentionally bring about the death of another human individual who is innocent. This right does not actually exist. Since, this right does not exist, HB2002 is based on a falsehood.

Since HB2002 is based on a falsehood, it should not be passed into law.

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