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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in opposition to HB 2002. As an older woman, I know many women (and men) over the years who have told me that they regretted deeply their abortion. Some of them turned to alcohol and drugs to cope with their pain; some became suicidal because of their regret. Another woman became sterile and mourned that she could not have any children of her own even after she adopted two children. Another grandmother many years later regretted that she encouraged her daughter to abort her grandchild. I think this bill goes in the wrong direction for our state. We should discourage abortion. We should have safeguards in place to make young women and men take a look at all aspects of this decision (seeing an ultrasound of their fetus, knowing the science of fetal development, examining their own maturity level and brain development, knowing about different abortion procedures and their effects on them as well as the child they are carrying, etc.) They will need to live with this decision for the rest of their lives so it should not be done hastily or easily. And I am upset as a taxpayer that I am being asked to pay for promoting behavior that causes more pain and unhealthy ways of living. I encourage you to vote against this bill. Thank you.