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This proposed amendment to our constitution is quite radical. This proposal goes far beyond that which was stated in Roe vs Wade. In that decision the Supreme court noted that the state had more interest in protecting the life of the unborn during the later term of pregnancy than the earlier terms. Viability of the fetus outside the womb came into bearing for this position. The age of viability for the unborn has advanced each year to an earlier and earlier stage of gestation with the advancement of medical science. It makes no sense that we are daily saving the lives of prematurely born babies in our hospitals while at the same time proposing a "right " to destroying these lives at any stage. One reason that slavery was acceptable in our nation in its early years was that black people were believed to be less human, and so could be enslaved. In Nazi Germany during the 20th century Jews were also regarded as less than human, and so could be destroyed or experimented upon without remorse. Today we regard the unborn child, the healthy unborn child, the genetically distinct individual unborn child as somehow less than human. We shake our heads recalling our slavery past, the Nazis of old, the Taliban who deny the basic human rights of women. The generations to come will shake their heads at us in the same way, who disregard the findings of science and promote the death of the most vulnerable among us. With the number of abortions decreasing year to year, I can only believe that the abortion industry sees this proposed change as a windfall to be supported at all costs. I see no reason why our state should support this highly unregulated industry that destroys the mental health of women and destroys innocent life at the same time.