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For the record of public comment on SB 179.

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Subject: SB 179

Dear Senators Coghill and Stedman,

This letter is being written to urge you to rescind SB 179. It's appalling to think anyone would deem it appropriate or even ethical to force a woman into giving birth against her will. The decision to terminate a pregnancy is private, personal and none of a legislator's business. Most fetal anomalies are not detected until after 20 weeks and sometimes as late as into the third trimester. The decision to continue or not to continue with such a pregnancy is one no woman wants to make, but should remain hers and hers alone. Viability does not justify the extensive medical intervention necessary for the survival of the fetus, nor does it justify forcing a family to endure the possibility of a lifetime of medical procedures, expenses and pain, and it does not justify countermanding a woman's medical decisions.

As the legislature looks for ways to eliminate unnecessary costs, why would you deliberately incur huge and unnecessary expenses of caring for unwanted and possibly malformed fetuses? Your bill mandates fetuses deemed viable be kept alive, rescinds all late term abortions regardless of medical advice, and says that if a woman can't or is unwilling to care for a fetus she has already decided to terminate, she can relinquish it to the state. It defies logic. Women should not be shamed or bullied because of their reproductive decisions.

I urge you to kill this bill. Please rest assured and respect the fact that women have the ability and are capable of making informed decisions regarding what is best for her and her family without legislative interference.

Thank you for your time,

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