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HB24-1224 Personhood of Living Unborn Human Child

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Michael Dennis For themselves	<p>I support HB24-1224 Personhood for Living Unborn Human Child. I think the legislation allows for rules to protect unborn children from deliberate criminal acts like first degree murder and intentional neglect.</p> <p>The current culture would have us all believe that unborn children are not persons in the legal sense. Colorado passed the Reproductive Health Equity Act where they claimed unborn children had "no derivative rights". Using legal terms to justify destruction of an unborn living child is irresponsible and ignores one fact. We were once all unborn, living children. Everyone in the world was born and alive inside of a woman's womb.</p> <p>Allow this bill to face scrutiny. Tell the state and the culture to stop ignoring the facts. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
Pauline Brookhaus For themselves	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>We all know that there is one Almighty God because God, Himself has put that knowledge among us - God Himself has made it evident to all people. Since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so no one has an excuse for their unbelief.</p> <p>For even though people knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools.</p>

	<p>Only people without knowledge (fools) can believe that the child that is growing within a woman is #1 a human being; #2 an individual, with its own DNA; #3 worthy of protection under the laws of our great nation and the great state of Colorado.</p> <p>Please vote for life, not death and dismemberment.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Pauline Brookhaus.</p>
<p>Kody Samnanveth For themselves</p>	<p>Thank you to the members of the Colorado House of Representatives State, Civic, Military & Veterans Affairs committee for hearing HB 24-1224, the bill to abolish abortion in Colorado.</p> <p>I want to start off by saying that this bill is not a Democrats vs. Republicans issue. This is a life or death issue for the most vulnerable among us. As lawmakers, regardless of your political affiliation, you are required to uphold the Constitution which states "No state shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws" (14th Amendment). That includes Colorado.</p> <p>What HB 24-1224 does is that it takes the existing laws against murder in Colorado and simply applies them to people before birth. It's that simple. Under this bill, the same laws that protect you from being murdered would also protect unborn children from being murdered. It fulfills the Golden Rule of treating other people how you would want to be treated.</p> <p>Not only does HB 24-1224 protect life, but it also protects pregnant mothers from being pressured or coerced into abortions. Without making the act of abortion illegal in itself, we cannot make it illegal to pressure or coerce a woman into getting an abortion as it is generally not illegal to pressure or coerce someone into doing something that they're allowed to do themselves.</p> <p>This bill has been introduced in years past (HB 1079 in 2022 and HB 1119 in 2023) and they both failed to pass, which means that the unjust taking of innocent human life has been prolonged for 2 whole years. You have an opportunity before you on March 4th to change that. You have an opportunity to establish justice for the smallest, most defenseless, vulnerable members of our society and that is what I ask you to do by voting YES on HB 24-1224.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Ana Payan For</p>	<p>Hello my name is Ana Payan, I am a mother of 4 and would like to express my unwavering support for this bill which aims to protect the *lives* of unborn children that have absolutely no say in what</p>

<p>themselves</p>	<p>happens to them. Truly one of the biggest injustices of our time and all times. While many seek to show compassion to women seeking an abortion, whether these women are in a difficult circumstance or simply doing it for their convenience, they always forget to show mercy and compassion to the least of these: fellow image bearers that are voiceless, without strength or ability to fight back, equally valuable and worthy of their right to lie as their mother. It is unequivocally a sin to murder these human beings in development for ANY reason, and it is a shame that it continues to be done without any consequence for those involved in such a crime. Please vote YES on bill "Personhood for unborn living child" it's time to stop shedding innocent blood in our state.</p>
<p>Margaret Hoffman For themselves</p>	<p>We are 100% in agreement with the "personhood" of the unborn/pre-born children... We have children and also have grandchildren.. We cannot emphasize enough, how important, and how powerful they are!!</p>
<p>Maryann dey For themselves</p>	<p>It is important to recognize and protect the personhood of the living unborn human child.</p>
<p>Lloyd Benes For themselves</p>	<p>HB24-1224: Personhood of Living Unborn Human Child Lloyd Benes asks you to vote yes on HB24-1224</p> <p>My Name is Lloyd Benes, and I represent myself. The following data I provide have citations given in the paper version I provided in front of you which is identical to the written testimony I submitted online today (at https://www2.leg.state.co.us/CLICS/CLICS2024A/commsumm.nsf/signIn.xsp)</p> <p>Facts matter: The AMA has recognized that human life begins at conception since 1859 (citation = tinyurl.com/4kf7p4jr). And the 14th Amendment forbids the states "from depriving any person of 'life, liberty, or property, without due process of law' and 'from denying anyone equal protection under the law.'" Additionally, the Law Insider legally defines "human life" as a "human person" (citation = tinyurl.com/58kdhr2z). Denying that human life is a human person is an attempt to redefine language to justify abortion.</p> <p>Facts matter: The 3 facts above are necessary and sufficient to call for Legislators of integrity to vote yes on this Bill. Additionally, we have learned from over 680 whistleblowers that abortion clinics across the US and in Colorado are illegally failing to report sex-trafficking in</p>

	<p>abortion clinics, they have used inexperienced people to perform invasive ultra-sound procedures, and many have unsafe medical practices. I provide nine citations substantiating these claims that reveal how Abortion clinics pose great danger to the mother and the baby. I would be happy to answer questions on these issues raised by whistleblowers. tinyurl.com/25kyy6hx, tinyurl.com/mpjfds8k, acourageousrose.org tinyurl.com/4vz4tz4m, tinyurl.com/5xraptwm, tinyurl.com/yc7wmz6f, tinyurl.com/y6u86tan, tinyurl.com/yc7wmz6f, tinyurl.com/mpjfds8k.</p> <p>Facts Matter: Groups like New Era, COLOR, & COBALT-organizer Sydney Fiske claim that APR is "...reminiscent of Eugenics" against people of color (citation = tinyurl.com/37wmhfsk minute 38:50). Despite being only 13% of the population, Black women’s abortion rate is 3 times that number at 39% of all the abortions in the country (citation = tinyurl.com/4xu2kdb2). Pushing abortions is the activity that is reminiscent of Eugenics against people of color – and voting yes on this Bill will help end such actions in the state of Colorado.</p>
<p>Thalia Oster Against League of Women Voters of Colorado</p>	<p>HB24-1224 ~ Personhood of Living Unborn Child LWVCO Strongly Opposes this bill</p> <p>March 4, 2024 House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Committee</p> <p>Chairman and members of the Committee,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to testify in in opposition to HB24-1224. My name is Thalia Oster, and I am a volunteer lobbyist for the Colorado League of Women Voters’ Legislative Action Committee.</p> <p>For 103 years, The League of Women Voters has been a nonpartisan organization with the mission of encouraging informed and active participation in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.</p> <p>The League supports the constitutional right of privacy of an individual to make reproductive choices. Public policy must affirm this constitutional right of privacy without undue government restrictions. The League also believes that every US resident should have access to a basic level of quality health care at an affordable cost, including abortion.</p>

	<p>The Colorado LWV's position is exemplified in the CO Reproductive Health Equity Act, signed into law in 2022, which declares that a fertilized egg, embryo, or fetus does not have independent or derivative rights under the laws of the state.</p> <p>House Bill 1224 would change the definition of a 'person' to any unborn child at any stage of gestation from fertilization to death, as it relates to a homicide or assault provision as well as to private rights of action. Because Colorado has a strong history of supporting and protecting access to reproductive health care, this bill's definition of 'person' would strip all pregnant people's rights to make their own reproductive health choices.</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The League strongly opposes HB24-1224</p> <p>Thank you, Thalia Oster, Volunteer lobbyist for the League of Women Voters of Colorado LWVCO Healthcare Task Force Chair</p>
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March 2024

To: Members of the House State, Civic, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee
Re: Letter in Opposition to HB24-1224—Personhood of Living Unborn Human Child

Dear Committee Members:

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women around the world since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. More than 700 community leaders are members of AAUW branches around Colorado.

Since the 1960s, Colorado has recognized and protected women's rights in regard to abortion. There have been many attempts to outlaw abortion in Colorado, but each time the Legislature and/or the voters have said "no" to them. AAUW believes abortion is healthcare, and medical decisions—including abortion-- should be left to the patient and their doctor without interference from the government.

House Bill 1224 is the latest attempt to overturn 60-plus years of Colorado law to endow so-called "Personhood" at the moment of conception. Further, it imposes criminal prosecution on women and their healthcare providers when a pregnancy does not end in a live birth. This bill is so extreme as to appear absurd, but sadly, the supporters are deadly serious.

For these reasons, AAUW of Colorado strongly opposes House Bill 1224, and requests your NO vote to prevent this bill from becoming law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a light blue rectangular border.

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