

HB20-1075: Concerning the Protection of Human Life Beginning at Conception ~
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I am Reverend Tawana Davis. I am a Black woman whose ancestors were enslaved in this country and considered 3/5ths a person. As a result of this dehumanization through the selling of our bodies, sexual violations, mutilations, and heinous laborious abuse, I write this missive opposing HB20-1075: Concerning the Protection of Human Life Beginning at Conception. Because this country has an ugly history of obfuscating freedom for all, human dignity, and human rights, we now have an opportunity to do justice, to do what is righteous, and to change a narrative that will cause further dehumanization of women who have a right to make decisions about their bodies; including safe, legal abortion care.

As a faith leader and co-founder of Soul 2 Soul Sisters, we fight for reproductive justice; a justice that includes the divine honor and opportunity to have access to health care that encompasses a full range of services including safe and legal abortions. This bill is mere interference behind a guise of malformed, unjust, disrespectful, denigrating, dehumanizing, undignified, and cruel intentions that serve no good to women, families, and communities at-large.

As a retired itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and a breast cancer survivor, it is my role to live out the mandate to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our G-d. This includes fighting for justice against those who are imposing unjust bills and laws against women; being loving and merciful to ensure human intellectual beings are treated as such and walking with women and families who have to make tough life-altering decisions. I encourage you to oppose HB20-175: Concerning the Protection of Human Life Beginning at Conception.