



The Patriot League

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HB20-1075

Date: Wednesday, February 19th

Time: 1:30p

Committee: House Health & Insurance

Location: Room #112 (inside State Capitol)

Statement of Support

Greetings, Madame Chair Lontine and members of the Committee, my name is Aaron Robertson and I serve as President of The Patriot League, communicating here in that capacity to support a bill that is consistent with a fundamental principle that we exist to advance, namely, the humanity of the unborn. We'd like you to know that our organization works with Catholic, Evangelical, Greek Eastern Orthodox, Latter-day Saint and Muslim religious leaders through our Pillar Project. These leaders are Arabic, Black, Brazilian, Hispanic, Irish, Jewish, Native American, Polish, Spanish and Vietnamese among others and actively lead over 163,000 citizens from 43 cities and towns—we've made them aware of this proposed legislation.

HB20-1075 is entitled "Protect Human Life At Conception" and states *"It is the intent of the General Assembly to make the practice of terminating the life of an unborn child illegal in the state of Colorado. Colorado's authority to assert its interest in protecting human life from conception derives from: (A) The Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution that provides that all powers not delegated to the federal government elsewhere in the Constitution are reserved to the States or to the people that Colorado has utilized since 1967 by legalizing the practice of abortion before the Supreme Court case, Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 12 (1973) and (B) The Declaration of Independence that acknowledges that life is endowed to all persons as an*



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inalienable right... A licensed physician who performs a medical procedure designed or intended to prevent the death of a pregnant mother is not guilty of violating this section if the physician makes reasonable medical efforts to preserve both the life of the mother and the life of her unborn child in a manner consistent with conventional medical practice. A licensed physician who provides medical treatment, including chemotherapy and the removal of ectopic pregnancies, to a pregnant mother that results in the accidental or unintentional injury to or death of her unborn child is not guilty of violating this section... Nothing in this section is construed to prohibit the sale, use, prescription, or administration of a contraceptive measure, device, drug, or chemical... The courts of the United States have no jurisdiction to interfere with Colorado's interest in protecting human life at conception when human life begins." We believe this bill is consistent with a pillar of moral truth indispensable for our State and Nation to survive and thrive. In closing, and with respect, I'd like to express my appreciation for your public service that pursues the common good. Feel free to get in touch with my office if you have any questions.

