

Madame Chairwoman, members of the Committee, my name is Jeff Hunt and I'm representing the Centennial Institute at Colorado Christian University. We strongly urge a YES vote on HB20-1075, a bill concerning the protection of human life beginning at conception.

Religion and science both confirm that life begins at conception.

Scripture teaches that God is intimately involved in the creation of every human being.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart." (Jeremiah 1:5).

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139:13-14)

Of course, the wonderful story in Luke chapter 1 of Jesus and John the Baptist leaping when meeting each other, while still in their mother's wombs.

Science as well over and over again confirms that life begins at conception.

Dr. Alfred M. Bongioanni, professor of pediatrics and obstetrics at the University of Pennsylvania, stated:

"I have learned from my earliest medical education that human life begins at the time of conception.... I submit that human life is present throughout this entire sequence from conception to adulthood and that any interruption at any point throughout this time constitutes a termination of human life....

I am no more prepared to say that these early stages [of development in the womb] represent an incomplete human being than I would be to

say that the child prior to the dramatic effects of puberty...is not a human being. This is human life at every stage.”

With over 60 million lives lost due to abortion in America, we must stop this barbaric practice. Abortion is the infliction of extreme violence resulting in murder upon an innocent child.

Because this bill affirms Colorado Christian University’s strategic priority to support the sanctity of life, we thank the sponsors of this bill and ask for a YES vote on HB20-1075, a bill concerning the protection of human life beginning at conception.