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Submitted to the Committee on Health Care Reform, Select
For HB 1575

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I oppose HB 1575

Specifically, I oppose Sec.531.024183 in its entirety.

The state has no inherent right to direct anyone, let alone a pregnant woman, to an "Alternatives to abortion program." Since there is no language bounding the content of such a program in this bill, its approval provides the state the right to create whatever it wants.

This concerns me because the bill has 5 listed authors: Representative Hull, Harless, Slawson, Rose, and Frank. Except for Rep Rose, the authors are strongly anti-abortion and pro-fetal life. Also, the main (listed) author Rep Hull has not before shown any interest in what this bill would cover as a whole. Not in her campaign materials, her voting record, or any other information I was able to find.

Given this, I believe Sec 531.024183 is only an attempt to force pregnant women and children to be presented with right-wing, Christian literature condemning abortion. This violates the separation between church and state. Under the US constitution, the state is prohibited from endorsing one religion over another. This bill is, given what I could find, state supported imposition of Christianity on its citizens.

Unfortunately, I do support other portions of this bill.

But, its inclusion of an undefined and unbounded "Alternatives to abortion program" kills any chance that I would ever support HB 1575.

I oppose HB 1575. I urge that it be allowed to die in committee.

Sincerely,
Chris J Donofrio