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I am addressing the abortion aspect of this resolution.

I find the euphemisms used to refer to abortion incredibly ironic and despicable, and I want to be another voice to speak truth about this abhorrent and evil procedure. "Reproductive Health Care" refers to killing and removing a growing baby from his or her mother's womb. This is NOT healthcare for the baby. This is the taking of an innocent life, which, by definition, is murder.

A "Woman's Right to Choose", the decision to carry or abort a baby is a "private, personal decision between a woman and her doctor". There is a third person in the room – the infant. That baby boy or baby girl's rights are ignored. The child does not get to choose whether he or she is given shelter in the womb to grow and develop until birth or whether he or she is slaughtered, but it is self-evident that any child would choose life.

I hear the argument that a woman may not be ready for motherhood, or she has all the children she can handle or afford. No one is forcing these women to raise these babies. How is the torturous slaughter of a baby a better solution than carrying the baby to term and placing that precious child with a loving family (often an infertile couple) who would treasure such a gift? This argument is irrational.

Late term abortions are especially despicable. They not only kill an innocent child -- they are also harmful to the woman who endures this procedure. What difference is there for the mother between delivering a healthy newborn and delivering a baby that has been killed just before or even right after emerging from the birth canal? There is NO DIFFERENCE – EXCEPT one very significant one. And that is the TRAUMA the mother experiences and will continue to experience for many years to come.

Even most pro-choice Oregonians do NOT support late term abortion.

Oregon's permissive abortion laws have created a Culture of Death with the sacrificing of our most innocent and vulnerable. The "right" to murder one's child in utero should never be enshrined in Oregon's constitution.

I urge you to kill this resolution in committee.