



House Ad Hoc Committee (Abortion)
Thursday, July 7, 2022
12:00 PM – Blatt 110

- Rep. McCravy (Chair, Ad Hoc Committee)
 - Convened meeting
 - Rep. Magnuson led the committee in prayer
 - The committee recited the pledge of allegiance
 - Thanked those who have come to testify
 - Lt. Governor will appear
 - Sen. Garrett is attending
 - This is a public hearing on protecting the unborn
 - Established Ground Rule
 - Hearing will be conducted in an orderly manner
 - We have one invited guest and those with special needs to allow them to testify
 - Comments will be limited to three minutes
 - Speakers should identify themselves and if they represent an organization
 - Will try to get through everyone who has signed up to speak
 - Anyone can distribute written comments
 - E-mail: adhoccommittee@schouse.gov
 - Committee adopted proposed rules

- Courtney Turner Milbank (Senior Associate Attorney, Bopp Law Firm)
 - Thanked committee
 - Constitutional Lawyer
 - Father was a long time Indiana Legislator
 - Legal landscape post Dobbs
 - Roe found a right in the US Constitution to an abortion
 - Roe setup a trimester-based system without constitutional
 - Casey set up an undue burden process
 - Dobbs overruled Roe and Casey and established rationale basis review
 - The Roe decision was an overreach of the fourteenth amendment according to the Dobbs decision
 - Dobbs made clear that heightened scrutiny was no longer valid
 - The current standard used by the Supreme Court now includes a presumption of a state's ban
 - Urges state to protect the right to life and provides the committee with a draft
 - Abortions should be outlawed except to save the life of the mother
 - Committee should outlaw of trafficking of abortion



- Needs an effective and criminal sanctions are not enough
- Pro-abortion prosecutors have said they will not enforce the laws
- Should include criminal penalties, civil remedies
- Need a RICO style law to target the abortion law enterprise
- Telehealth should be outlawed for abortion
- Law should outlaw trafficking a minor across a state line for an abortion

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Wayne Cockfield (Medical Retired Marine)
 - Supports abortion law including those diagnosed with disabilities
 - Unborn humans with medical issues will not be less members of society
 - Opposed to an exemption for fetal anomalies
 - Value of human is important from fertilization to natural death
 - Right to life was valued by our founding fathers

- Savannah Duke
 - College student from Spartanburg
 - Opposed to exemptions for fetal anomalies
 - Parents were encouraged at twenty-week scan to get an abortion because the doctor said she would not have a quality life
 - Has swam for thirteen years competitively
 - No one has the right to determine if a person will have a quality life

- Craig Scott (Pastor, Beulah Baptist Church, Abbeville, South Carolina)
 - Born September 1983 with Spina Bifida
 - Parents were told their child would be a vegetable and would never been able to do anything
 - Dad spoke up and said they would move child to another hospital
 - Received a bachelors Lander and master's from Seminary
 - Now pastors a church
 - What if raising this child (him) is why a marriage was still going after 50 years
 - Give these children a chance

- Alexia Newmam (Director, Carolina Pregnancy Center, Spartanburg, SC)
 - Have seen many baby heart beats convince mothers to carry a baby to term
 - Crisis Pregnancy Centers will help moms and dads
 - Everything they offer is free of charge
 - Help with diapers and formula
 - Life is precious
 - 21 days after conception the baby has a heartbeat
 - We are ready to help
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- **Mark Baumgartner** (Executive Director, A Moment of Hope)
 - Supports an abortion ban without exception
 - Heartbeat law has not reduced the number of abortions
 - Columbia planned parenthood has seen a weekly increase of clients from 40 to 59
 - All children are made in the image of God
 - Ectopic pregnancy and fetal death are not abortions

- **Holly Gaitling** (Executive Director, South Carolina Citizen's for Life)
 - Supports NARL Model bill
 - Actions of General Assembly has saved 200,000 unborn lives
 - NARL model legislation would survive a hostile
 - 74% of all abortions are chemical abortions

- **Athea OneGazza** (Malcom X Center for Self Determination,
 - This committee meeting is political theater on a workday
 - South Carolina sterilized black women without apology or reparation
 - South Carolina has refused to expand Medicaid
 - South Carolina does not feed children who can't afford lunch
 - Highest eviction rate in country and highest rents
 - No mental health coverage

- **Charles Davis** (Physician, Columbia, South Carolina)
 - Thanked Committee
 - Wants law to prohibit abortion
 - Life begins at conception

- **Jospeh Keerse** (Retried Math Teacher, Columbia, SC)
 - Parents told him what abortion
 - Life must be considered to begin at conception

- **Jack Burnish**
 - Abortion and birth control should be expanded
 - SB 1373 is unconstitutional
 - SB1373 violates right for free speech
 - SB 1373 codifies a fertilized egg as a person
 - Government should say out of private lives
 - South Carolina has a traditional history of using the least intrusive touch
 - South Carolina does not need to get involved

- **Erin Popkin**
 - US Navy Veteran
 - Small Business Owner
 - Teaches Sunday school and Deacon at First Presbyterian



- Married thirty years
- Raised three children one studying for medical school
- Lost three other children before first child was born
- Doctor used evidence-based medicine that could be outlawed by the laws you are complicated
- Doctors are not abortionists and went to medical school and practicing evidence-based medicine

- Annie Heslegrave (Greenville, South Carolina)
 - Women don't need abortion
 - Born pre-term in a failed abortion

- Tiffany Matthews
 - Grieving mothers and fathers have suffered from abortions
 - Abortion is legalized murder

- George Smiling, Jr.
 - Thanked committee
 - Committee should fear God, they got their power from God
 - The bible says you shall not kill
 - Legislature should criminalize murder

- Donald Miller (Ambassador, Jesus Christ)
 - God demands abortion be outlawed
 - Life begins at conception
 - Not prochoice it is pro murder
 - Six-week bill is compromise and God will not accept

- Caroline Wilder
 - Speaks for unborn babies
 - Got pregnant at 18 years old
 - Brother told her that abortion was the best option
 - Couldn't afford the abortion
 - Kept son and is glad she did
 - Will finish college with a nursing degree

- Luke Swann
 - Christian
 - Supports a full abortion ban
 - Life in the womb is a human life
 - Separation of Church and State doesn't mean separation of God and State
 - Must protect the unborn



- Trey Egam (Covent Baptist Church, West Columbia, SC)
 - Thanked committee
 - Need to end abortion
 - Planned parenthood has been doing a brisk business since Dobbs
 - Need to honor God, need to criminalize everyone involved in the process

- Isabella Bristol
 - God says to open your mouth for mute
 - Life begins at conception and abortion is murder
 - Ban all abortion without exception

- Dr. Robert Ridgeway (Former State Representative, South Carolina)
 - Thanked committee
 - Not representing any organization
 - Practiced OB-GYN
 - Rape or incest exemption needs to be looked at
 - Physicians need to notify law enforcement before performing law enforcement
 - 44.44.130 – Definition five
 - Fetal Abon molies
 - Reasonable medical judgement should be current medical judgement

- Alex Manzovich (Covenant Baptist Church)
 - Servant of Jesus Christ
 - Wants equal protection for unborn
 - Supports Personhood legislation
 - God confers right of persons

- Trey Marsh (Emerse Church, Batesburg, South Carolina)
 - Supports all human life
 - Abortion ban without exception is necessary

- Pastor Tony Foster (Board Member, Juvenile Parole Board)
 - Exodus 29 says that shall not murder
 - Margaret Sanger was friends with Adolph Hitler
 - Abortion is racist (13% of the population)
 - Supports Total Abortion



- Edwin Odham
 - Follower of Jesus Christ
 - Founded Day Break Pregnancy Crisis Center
 - Supports total ban of abortion
- Steve Leferman (Christians for Personhood)
 - Wants justice for fertilized humans
 - Supports HB5401 (Personhood)
- Charles Swann (Pastor, Covenant Baptist Church)
 - Need a ban of all abortion
 - The Bible teaches begins at conception
- Olivia Bristol
 - The Bible says all life matters
 - Need a complete abortion ban
 - The Bible provides the government is in place to punish the wicked
 - Abortion is murder
- Hailey Snideman
 - Was pro-life in her younger life
 - Did research on the issue – South Carolina ranks 8th in the nation for maternal death
 - South Carolina adoptions \$ 10,000 and 30,000
 - Mother had to get her husband's permission to get a tubal ligation
 - Was molested at 12 and reported and South Carolina did nothing
 - Living children should be taken care of

COMMITTEE TOOK A FIVE-MINUTE BREAK

- Angel Hastings (Student)
 - Is opposed to abortion ban
 - No biblical belief should be imposed on another person
 - Women will be incubators
 - Victim of Sexual Assault
- Joe Cunningham, Former Congressman, Democratic Candidate for Governor
 - This meeting is meeting to take away rights
 - This is unamerican
 - Those who claim to love freedom are here to take away a right of South Carolina Women
 - This would strip women of the right to life and privacy



- We have seen that in Ohio a ten-year-old rape victim was forced to travel to another state to get an abortion
- Evidence based medicine should be allowed

- Spencer Allen
 - First Timothy 2 says we should pray for our leaders, and we are
 - We know these are human lives in the womb
 - South Carolina doesn't want to be a sanctuary for death
 - Mostly black babies been slaughtered in this state

- Natasha Durant
 - Resident of Lexington County, Retired Veteran
 - Appalled that she could volunteer to die for the country but can't decide
 - Injured in service of this country
 - A pregnancy could possibly kill her and leave her child and orphan
 - Church and God should be separated from state
 - Banning abortion will not stop abortion but will stop safe abortion

- Raye Smothers
 - Resident of Lexington County
 - Founder of Fight for your rights South Carolina
 - Tired of having to fight, tired of having to work
 - Had to work today (Waffle House) but wanted to come speak
 - When abortion rights are accessible abortions go down
 - South Carolina is only focused on control

- Leslie Patterson
 - Have known women who had abortion and still mourn the loss of their child
 - Never heard a positive story from a post abortion mother
 - Science and Scripture tell us there is new human life at conception

- Kaya Patterson
 - 17-year-old
 - Advocate of Unborn
 - Quoted Genesis and Psalms
 - Ban Abortion from conception without exception

- Darby Patterson
 - 15-year-old
 - Ban abortion from conception without exception



- Jeremy Patterson
 - Thanked committee
 - God Created the Heavens and Earth
 - Please ban abortion without exception

- Pat Forbis (Family Court Attorney, Patricia Forbis Law Firm, Columbia)
 - Told story of “Anna” an eleven-year-old who was raped by her uncle
 - She would have died or needed a c-section
 - It is said two wrongs don’t make a right, but these are not equal

- Joann Shealer
 - Former Teacher
 - A fertilized egg is not a person, there is no scientific evidence to support that
 - People are too lazy to do the research
 - Dictionary definition of life is from birth to death
 - Dictionary person is man, woman, or child
 - If you believe a zygote is a person, can it be used for tax deduction

- Melvin Carter
 - Glad to be here
 - Each of you is living evidence of life
 - Supports and abortion ban
 - Loves those who oppose him

- Phillip Huber
 - Opposed to abortion
 - Need criminal prosecution for all who assist in an abortion

- Mark Coral
 - Supports equal protection for the unborn
 - Pro-life supporters are tired of compromise
 - Abortion should be classified as murder
 - All culpable parties should be held accountable
 - No exceptions

- Diane Grant (Volunteer, Planned Parenthood)
 - Had an abortion 50 years ago
 - Abortion gave her control over her life
 - Foster Care system is broken
 - Outcomes are bad for foster children
 - US has the highest maternal mortality rate of the 10 richest nations
 - Support freedom



- Cynthia Nurenblatt
 - Thanked committee
 - Opposed to SB 1373
 - These bills violate Jewish citizens' rights
 - The amount of Gospel preached in this chamber is offensive
 - Life does not specifically begin at conception
 - The constitution does not mention God, the founders did not envision a Christian Nation
 - This is different from the COVID-19 mask requirements because pregnancy isn't contagious

- Irene Baywalt
 - Raised Jewish found Christ while driving
 - Abortions were legal before 1588 and that was repealed
 - Jewish law (Old Testament) does not grant rights to fetus
 - The New Testament does not speak to abortion
 - Lost baby at twenty-seven weeks
 - Is pro-choice

- Coey Watson
 - Has daughter Gail with her
 - With Covenant Baptist Church
 - Wants abortion banned

- Abgail Baywalt
 - Mom just spoken
 - Defined medical term abortion
 - Doctors will be concerned with providing medical care
 - Should have a separation of Church and State
 - Americans should have a right to freedom of choice
 - UN Defines forced pregnancy as torture

- Anettee Bethel (President, Columbia NOW)
 - NOW is boycotting South Carolina
 - Midwives were called witches in the past
 - Catholic clergy has had a problem with sexual abuse
 - South Carolina Suffers from:
 - No maternity leaves
 - No roads
 - No expansion of Medicaid
 - These laws cause a shortage of life savings medicine
 - South Carolina can do better



- Kristen Rouzer
 - Thanked committee
 - Hopes more testimony will be taken
 - Graduate of Clemson in Economics
 - Recently gave birth seven months ago
 - Never wants to have an abortion but is asking the legislature to expand abortion rights
 - The legislature has invaded my privacy
 - Concerned that she will not receive adequate care
 - Bans are blunt instruments

- Kylie Waldrop
 - Ministers at abortion clinics
 - Supports a ban of abortion with no exceptions
 - Six Week Ban is insufficient
 - SB1373 does not go far enough

- Hannah Miller
 - Child was born with four heart defects even though no tests showed it
 - Babies are murdered because of tests in the womb
 - Supports an abortion ban

- Dr. Robert Jackson (Family Practice Physician, Spartanburg, SC)
 - Had nine children
 - Had to nurse two of his children

- Sheila Miller
 - Mother was depressed and considered an abortion, but father didn't consent
 - Delivered by chiropractor
 - Supports a ban without exception for rape and incest

- Tonya Worsinger (Resident, Greenville, South Carolina)
 - Pro-Life since she thirteen years of ago
 - Supports a ban on abortion

- Kristen Troncoso
 - Lives in St. Andrews
 - Wants to be a mother
 - Concerned that because of pernicious puberty with heavy flow she had to go on birth control which did let to help
 - IUD has helped with the medical condition but would complicate a pregnancy
 - Abortion can be gruesome but can save lives
 - Opposed to ban that isn't guided by doctors with real world experience



- Roxanne Douthet
 - Resident of Columbia (Lifetime)
 - Thirty-three weeks pregnant via IVF
 - Opposed to abortion ban
 - 50% of miscarriages require a DNC
 - Doctors and patients should make that decision

- Lynn Isler
 - Born in 1973
 - Supports ban with no exceptions

- Mac Needstead
 - This is a colossal violation at a national level
 - Rights are being taken
 - Safety is at risk

- Sadie Wotabigts
 - Concerned by lack of empathy and medical knowledge of elected officials
 - Had a still birth in 2021
 - Baby died of brain cancer in utero
 - MUSC was unable to provide an emergency c-section
 - Heartbeat was seen as the only viable diagnosis
 - Life was in danger because of dying baby
 - Preeclampsia was the only thing that saved my life

- Rev. C. J. Keith
 - Dr. Thomalsen OB-GYN Doctor read by her ordained minister
 - SC Law doesn't not allow schools to teach about birth control
 - Government shouldn't impinge on the rights on parents
 - Don't Criminalize doctors, parents and patients doing their job

- Meg Simms
 - Had an abortion after graduating USC
 - Opposed to bans and legislation that would criminalize abortion

- Jessica Davis (Clinical Physiologists,)
 - Pro abortion
 - No member of the committee is a clinician
 - South Carolina Sex Education fails children
 - Abortion recipients don't regret the abortion
 - Even as a doctor can't afford a child
 - Private medical decisions are a human right



- Shonda Johnson
 - Had four kids by the time she was 19 years old
 - Opposed to abortion after having one

- Dr. Natalie Gregory (OB-GYN)
 - Representing WREN
 - Trained to practice evidence-based medicine
 - Abortions are not a matter of public policy but a decision between the doctor and the patient
 - Molar pregnancy, standard of care is an abortion failure to provide one could cause the mother to die and/or not be able to carry a child
 - These issues happen in the middle of the night
 - Fetal Ansepholy is another case that needs to be decided, who do I call in the middle of the night
 - Will the legislature have someone to answer the questions?

Q:(Magnuson) As far as I am aware all prolife legislation exempts the abortion for the life of a mother?

A:(Gregory) Two OB-GYNs have testified today urging you to ban. If I don't perform the standard of care I could be sued. Physicians don't always agree. Government interference causes maternal mortality to increase.

- Robert Brannon
 - God created us in his image
 - God and Science agree that the unborn are humans

- Hayden Thomalin
 - Irish Born
 - US Citizen since 2019
 - Ireland was illegal 1861, 1983 the unborn were given equal rights
 - 15-year-old gave birth under a statute of the Virgin Mary, and both perished in rural Ireland
 - In 1993 mother died because the dying fetus still had a heartbeat
 - In 2018 Ireland legalized abortion
 - Prior to 2018 women had to illegally travel to another country for an abortion
 - Many of the proponents of these bans lost their positions
 - Ireland has improved its teen pregnancy rate and maternal fatality rate



- Anna Hainer
 - Protect the right to choose
 - Choose IVF
 - Would like to continue expand family
 - Had to take medication and need a DNC when she lost a non-IVF pregnancy that failed
 - Opposed to Abortion Ban

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- Rayanne Stanby
 - Questioning decision to move to South Carolina (Military Employees)
 - Medical doctors are not included in the decision making
 - State does not support children
 - Everyone cares not just those who are pro-life
 - Tired of having Christianity thrown down my throat
 - Christians don't have the right for me and mine
 - The legislature stands for everybody
 - Legislation needs to have provisions
- Arosan Stabley
 - CIS Gender Man, never been raped or sexually assaulted
 - Mad as hell
 - This committee started a prayer which concerns me
 - I can get a vasectomy without question
 - Air Force Veteran
 - Parents were veterans
 - Be servants of the people not God
- Lisa Gavalets
 - Resident of Columbia
 - Right to decide if someone is ready to bring
 - Genesis 2:7 (Life begins at first breath)
 - Not all pregnancies go as planned
 - Abortion must remain an option
- Mary Clinton
 - Waited for pregnancy to establish financial stability
 - Mothers right to abortion allowed her to be here
 - This designate woman as second-class citizens



- Should not have to beg for rights
- A ban abortion will not protect life

- Megan Hall
 - Babies are humans
 - Opposed to abortions
 - 90% of abortions are elective
 - Supports an abortion ban

- Amy Murray
 - Child of rape
 - Mother was on green card Sylvia named her hope
 - Mother did not have any other children
 - Wife, mother, and grandmother
 - My life matters
 - Met her birth mother in 2001
 - Tragedy of rape can turn into a blessing
 - Abortion in case of rape or incest isn't helpful

- Stephanie Johnson
 - Co-founder, Life and Life Ministry
 - Thanked committee
 - Had an abortion in November of 1971
 - Mother insisted she have an abortion
 - Labeled a DNC
 - Felt grief
 - Would have done things God's way
 - Regrets having abortions
 - No mother doesn't regret abortions
 - Ban abortions with only life of mother exception

- Ellen Borshide
 - Wife, Mother, Oncology Nurse
 - Pro-Life and Pro-Choice
 - Lost children and had to have procedures to save her life
 - Has medical experience saving mothers and their fertility
 - Opposed to Abortion Ban
 - Consults specialists, legislation should not be based on religious

- Delacy C. Perkins
 - An abortion (DNC) saves her life
 - This legislation (all proposed) does not indicate what is the medical threshold
 - Laws shouldn't be made by untrained legislators



- There are 4,000 children in the broken state's Department of Social Services
- Leading cause of death in pregnant women is homicide
- Reproductive Violence is a problem
- Had to live in a women's shelter

- Robin Condon
 - Trust women
 - Man after man has come up here to control women's body
 - This legislature is attempting to treat woman as children
 - Was pregnant as a child, was able to keep her child but was lucky
 - Supports allowing women to make a choice
 - None of the men who spoke own a uterus

- Dr. Mark Bingham (OB-GYN)
 - Supports the right to choose
 - Married to a OB-GYN
 - White man who has benefited from the racist and patriarchal system that has gotten to this place
 - Most physicians disagree with
 - Stay out of our exam rooms
 - Patients will leave South Carolina
 - Opposes criminalization of standard of care
 - Banning abortion will ban women's physical and mental health
 - Opposes all legislative ban or abortion

- Elliot McCarthy
 - Father of four moth old
 - Resident of Spartanburg
 - Jewish resident
 - This would enforce Christianity on me
 - Jewish law believes life begins at the first breath
 - Jewish law requires abortion if the life of the mother is in dangers
 - Religion should not part of the discussion
 - You are not making Bible you are making law
 - When Christians pass laws to enforce their belief on Jewish people
 - If you don't want an abortion don't have one

- Emily Havener
 - Opposes Anti-abortion legislation
 - Supports expanding abortion
 - Is this a Church or the place of state government?
 - Sen. Senn said that Abortion should not be part of the Republican Party
 - Shouldn't wait until a mother is dying to help her



- Quote McFall v. Shemp
- Laws should be based on facts not religious doctrine

- Carol Weir
 - Watched all day of testimony
 - There should be Separation of Church and State
 - Government should keep out of people's decisions
 - South Carolina is at the bottom of indicators (Socio-economic, maternal health)
 - Had an abortion at seventeen
 - Has two children and family is thriving today
 - Being denied an abortion has hurt those who are denied care
 - Expand right to abortions

- Shannon Maze
 - Asked by a conservative friend to come today
 - Was in Washington and was interviewed by the Washington Post when Roe v. Wade was overturned
 - Son had half a heart in 1997 when she was carrying him
 - Mom said child would suffer
 - Had an induction premature birth
 - The issues not black and white
 - Please consider the criminal aspect of it

- Dr. Richard Cortes (IVF Director)
 - Concerned about potential laws and how they will hard IVF
 - Laws may prohibit people from having children
 - Opposes Personhood legislation
 - Not all fertilized eggs are compatible with life

- Katie Rhutland
 - Thanked committee
 - Christian, Ordained Elder in The Presbyterian Church USA
 - Supports expanding abortion rights
 - Criminalizing abortion does not make it go away
 - At 32 became pregnant with twins, fortunately everything worked out
 - Families need help

- Debroah Billings, Phd (Adjunct Associate Professor, USC Arnold School Health)
 - Not under impression legislature will listen
 - Need to be prepare for more medical complications
 - Need to provide for prenatal care
 - Need paid parental leave, not just state employees
 - Concerned the pro-life rhetoric is hollow



- Rev. Austin Lippert (Associate Pastor, Washington Street Methodist)
 - We have heard a lot about an angry God that is not the God I know
 - God sent Jesus for us sins
 - Jesus did not say though shall not kill as the greatest commandment
 - In an ideal world contraceptive would be effective and giving birth would be safe
 - Our world is broken
 - Opposes HB 5399
 - This does not follow Jesus's admonition to "Love thy Neighbor"

- Elizabeth Bercko
 - This nation was founded on religious freedom
 - Roe v. Wade being overturned was a religious action
 - Religion decides when life begins

- Jeanie Zlynski
 - Moved to South Carolina one week ago
 - Molested at ten years old
 - Molested by stepfather at twelve
 - Fortunately, couldn't get pregnant but is thankful at the time
 - In 2011 became pregnant but at five months lost the baby
 - Car Seat was stained with blood from hemorrhaging
 - Sat for one day and half while they induced labor on the deceased fetus
 - These laws would have treated as a murder

- Michele Cannon
 - Adopted a child, survivor of childhood rape
 - Doesn't matter when life begins that argument is a red herring
 - Nobody has the right to use your life to save the life of another
 - Opposed to abortion bans

- Whitney Andrews
 - Trans woman
 - Speaking for family and friends couldn't come
 - Bans would allow relatives to hijack a woman's body

- Ashley Lawton
 - It has been a long day
 - Wife, mother, daughter and conceived in rape
 - Every life is valuable from conception to natural death
 - A child conceived in rape is a child
 - An abortion will not unrape a woman
 - Abortion does not help, only hurts



- Denise Carpentier
 - Resident of Greenwood, South Carolina
 - First time testifying before Government Officials
 - Had an abortion at 19
 - This bill requires a wife to obtain permission of reproductive decisions

- Ben Jacobs
 - Concerned about religion being used in making decision, son of a minister and grew up in a Church
 - South Carolina rates in the top ten on Maternal and Infant Mortality
 - Access to abortion save lives

- Dr. Katie Wyatt (OB-GYN)
 - Abortion bans ignore medical education
 - Ban will make OB-GYN residency programs likely to be decertified
 - Five counties already have no OB-GYNs

- Lacey Lane
 - Mother and wife
 - Abortion bans will have a devastating effect on South Carolinas
 - Had an abortion in 2017 because the baby had a neural tube defect.
 - The twenty-week ban rushed her decision
 - Abortion is none of the legislature business
 - 67% residents of South Carolina support abortion being legal

- Keira Mendhall, MD
 - Intensive Care partitioner
 - Cited provisions of SB 1373 that answered Rep. Magnuson's previous
 - The language of the law is unclear
 - The healthcare system is already overstressed
 - Vote on facts not your feelings

- Ashley Regan
 - Was a Republican voter until 2020
 - All women are important and deserve their care
 - The beating heart has left the Republican Party
 - The Republican Party I knew as a child is gone
 - South Carolina should be a conservative state and should respect the rights of women to make decisions
 - Let this be a moment where we can be proud of South Carolina



- Lisa VanReiper
 - Taught government at colleges
 - It is a misconception that all women a right to abortion
 - Supports abortion ban

- Jennifer Potter
 - Suffers from suicidal since father who was a minister got an acolyte pregnant
 - Are you doctors?
 - You are passing laws without qualifications
 - Pointed out that members were looking at their phones instead of listening
 - Is frustrated that the process of getting into the committee
 - You don't deserve to be up there; you aren't doctors up there
 - Religion shouldn't be part of the discussion

- Jessica Newil
 - President of Illuminate
 - Supports abortion ban conception
 - Dublin declaration proves medical abortions are not necessary
 - Abortion should be outlawed
 - Abortion is the root of all the problems in the world

- Leann Newill
 - Prochoice rhetoric is disturbing
 - Need to protect unborn
 - One of eight
 - Catholic
 - Supports an abortion ban

- Melissa Newill
 - Supports an abortion ban

- Dr. Amanda McDougal-Scott
 - Thanked committee
 - Abortion used to be championed by those who championed individual freedom
 - Belief and trust government is at all time law
 - Voting against the will of the people
 - Majority of South Carolina's population of childbearing age believe abortion should be legal
 - Many Christians in South Carolina believe that abortion should be illegal
 - 35% of the state are evangelicals are opposed to abortion
 - Legislature should support the majority



- Jason Murphy
 - Jewish man by covenant
 - The Bible (Christian Bible) tells what the law of God is
 - Rulers are supposed to protect the right of the unborn
 - Heartbeat law does not establish justice

- Brandi Webb (She/Her)
 - Resident of Clover
 - Talked about domestic violence she experienced
 - Taken hostage by her ex-husband
 - Burned and bruised from abuse
 - Reported to law enforcement
 - Was told that Plan B might not be effective, and she would have to consider abortion
 - Choose to be a mother and won't change that
 - After that pregnancy asked for tubal ligation but was denied because she was too young
 - Abortion is a healthcare decision between and mother and doctor

- Mike Smith
 - Resident of Lexington County
 - Urges the committee to take their time
 - In 2007 served on the jury on Ron Finklea
 - State needs to consider its position on the death penalty if wants to be pro-life
 - Need to get it as right as you can

- Annie Worth
 - Marine Corps Veteran
 - Ashamed of living in a country that supported abortion
 - We all know abortion is mother
 - Mother's life is no more valuable than the child
 - Had an appendectomy while pregnant and told the hospital to save her child's life it came down to it

- Unintified Woman
 - Has enjoyed the freedom to talk about this
 - We have been given back our freedom
 - Grateful for the heartbeat bill



- Alexander Worth
 - Women are making a sacrifice of babies
 - Fertilization to natural death should be protected
 - Everyone in the legislature is wicked because they allow the violations of the ten commandments
 - Shouldn't legislate murder
 - America will fall because of the wickedness of our nation

- Rep. McCravy
 - Online viewers can send comments to adhoccommittee@schouse.gov
 - Thanked Sargent and House staff for working late

Meeting Adjourned. (7:04 PM)