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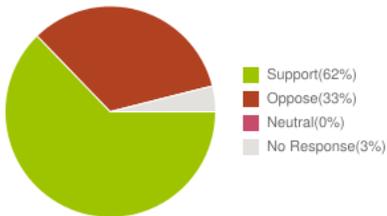
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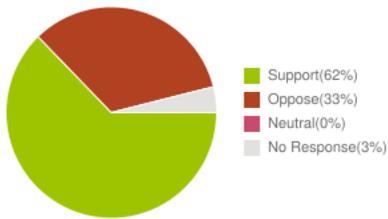
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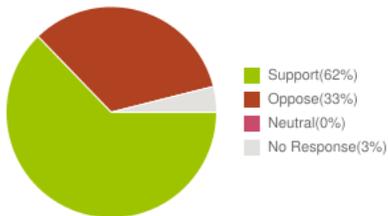
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Agenda Item: eComments for 2. 220273 Resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to lobby for repeal of s. 940.04, Wis. Stats., which bans abortion.

Overall Sentiment



Mike McAlister

Location:

Submitted At: 12:28pm 06-27-22

The same people who are trying to uphold this archaic and inhumane law are the same people who refuse to support universal healthcare, paid maternity leave, and basic services to help struggling families. Those who claim to be "pro life" have no plan whatsoever for what happens after they force a woman to give birth.

These kinds of disgusting, sweeping policies don't even achieve what they claim to do. A robust healthcare system with support for birth control, sex ed, free child care would be way more effective than forced birth and criminalizing women.

This is religious extremism and it has no place in our politics or policies. I strongly support repealing this antiquated and inhumane law.

Hilary Berigan

Location:

Submitted At: 12:28pm 06-27-22

In support of resolving abortion ban.

Todd Ruehmer

Location:

Submitted At: 12:28pm 06-27-22

Roe v Wade must be upheld, and any argument made involving God or religious beliefs directly contradicts separating church from state.

Thomas Dowling

Location:

Submitted At: 12:27pm 06-27-22

Any female baby that is butchered through abortion will never have reproductive rights!

"If abortion is about women's rights, then what were mine?" -- Gianna Jessen, abortion survivor

"Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness", includes Babies!

It is NEVER OK to kill babies, ever! Of course, ALL baby killers must be arrested, tried, and fully prosecuted for murder!

Eleanor Freeman

Location:

Submitted At: 12:26pm 06-27-22

It should be a woman's right to choose, why is this even up for discussion?

Muckerheide Kim

Location:

Submitted At: 12:25pm 06-27-22

Babies are a precious gift from God and should be protected at all costs!

John Norcross

Location:

Submitted At: 12:25pm 06-27-22

The overturning of Roe v Wade, and the reverting back to a rigid 1849 prohibition on abortion, not only sends Wisconsin reeling back into the 19th century, it makes women second class citizens (behind men and embryos/fetuses). This law will have a significant (and negative) impact on women in minority and vulnerable communities. It will put the lives of mother's at risk, regardless of whether the pregnancy was planned or not. Additionally, and this is a point often lost, couples seeking IVF (in vitro fertilization) treatment will also likely have those services either discontinued or made riskier and/or more costly due to this law. It must be overturned.

Vanessa Almodovar

Location:

Submitted At: 12:24pm 06-27-22

Abortion is murder. That life within the womb, is a new life, the argument of "my body, my choice" is a fallacy. From the moment of conception, you are a Steward of that life within you by the Creator, it is not your property to do with as you see fit. Promote justice.

Kenneth Onken

Location:

Submitted At: 12:23pm 06-27-22

Thou shalt not murder

Grace Bernier

Location:

Submitted At: 12:18pm 06-27-22

A broad majority of Americans did not want to see Roe v. Wade overturned. Access to the full spectrum of medical care, including abortion, is essential for people's health, safety, and wellbeing. When you take away a person's right to bodily autonomy, you hinder their economic prospects, their mental and physical health. Our prosperity as a community is on the line.

Eric Marsch

Location:

Submitted At: 12:17pm 06-27-22

Wisconsinites deserve the right to choose! Forced birth is unethical

Jarred Nonnemacher

Location:

Submitted At: 12:17pm 06-27-22

Not everybody can afford to have children. Abortion is a highly emotional and personal choice and we should leave it to the people who would have to go through with a pregnancy.

Nick Proell

Location:

Submitted At: 12:17pm 06-27-22

In the Declaration of Independence, our forefathers wrote "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Our forefathers understood that life is an unalienable right. Due to the fact that God creates life at the moment of conception, abortion is murder. No man ought to be able to unjustly murder a human being, yet this is what our nation has been doing for nearly 50 years to our pre-born neighbors in the name of "healthcare." A stupid montra. Let me state the obvious: murder is not healthcare. America has murdered more than 60 million babies, more than 10 times that of the the Jewish Holocaust. All the while, we've known it was wrong and are without excuse before God. Therefore, our city MUST repent of this bloodshed. The Milwaukee City Council has a duty and an obligation to obey God and enforce Statute 940.04. God hates the hand that sheds innocent blood, and judgment will come if our city does not repent of this evil act and turn to Christ.

John Anthony

Location:

Submitted At: 12:15pm 06-27-22

Repeal

Cindi Ashbeck

Location:

Submitted At: 12:08pm 06-27-22

As a 60 year old abortion survivor, I'm glad I'm alive. Thankful the abortion didn't go through and thankful for being adopted. Every life is valuable wether the mother wants the child or not. It's not healthcare access to give a woman an abortion.

Beth Becker

Location:

Submitted At: 12:07pm 06-27-22

This is an archaic law that doesn't reflect the changes or the facts that have occurred over the last 100+ years. Since then, men and women need to work outside the home to meet their basic needs. Government mandated birth puts them as well as our already fragile economy at risk. All the comments and rebuttals I see quote the bible or come from a position of religion. We are supposed to be following a separation of church and state. The facts are clear. Without this right, our already appalling maternal (and frankly fetal) mortality rate will get worse. This will not prevent abortion, but will force women to use "underground" means to accomplish it. By prohibiting abortion you make women second class citizens. Government mandated birth creates the notion that women are

not capable of making decisions for themselves. It will increase the need for welfare programs which none of these "Pro-Life" activists are interested in supporting. Once the fetus is born they/the law could care less. This isn't about saving lives it's about punishing women.

Peter Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 12:05pm 06-27-22

I do not support a ban on abortion

Katie Romenesko

Location:

Submitted At: 12:01pm 06-27-22

Every person should have the human right of bodily autonomy. This law does not reflect the progress we have made as a state in the last 150 years, the truth of science or constitutional religious freedom.

Jon Orosz

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 06-27-22

I firmly support this legislation. Our country was founded on the separation of church and state, yet we are banning abortion due to religious beliefs. Forced birth is not the answer. Please do the right thing and let people choose what is right for themselves.

Edwin Almodovar

Location:

Submitted At: 11:58am 06-27-22

Promote justice. Self control, loyalty and faithfulness are virtues missing from a society that seems to sacrifice the life of a child for a moment of self sexual gratification. Choice isn't being taken away. The choice to do something evil is being recognized and treated as being evil. Justice rewards good choices and punished evil choices. Do not promote a culture of sexual immorality and murder.

There are other responsible means to prevent conception if pregnancy is really a health risk for you. Medical help that doesn't involve killing a child in the womb. Majority cases of abortion are not cases of health risks. Most of them are from people who sought to sexually gratify themselves and don't want the responsibility of a child. They sacrifice their child for temporary convenience and comfort. A child's life should be more valuable to them. But it's easy for them to discard something they can't see si they justify and excuse their selfish decision.

There is a choice prior to engaging in a act that creates life. If you can't be responsible then don't make a choice you cant be responsible for. Will not the judge of all the earth hold to account you in authority? Promote justice

Christine DeMey

Location:

Submitted At: 11:57am 06-27-22

Abortion is murder, this has nothing to do with my body my choice. That baby is a whole different new human being. It has separate organs, DNA, nerves, etc.. I strongly oppose this repeal on abortion.

Quinn Cory

Location:

Submitted At: 11:54am 06-27-22

I fully support this. We are going backwards. This cannot stand. We deserve full access to healthcare, including abortions. Forced pregnancy is a violation of human rights within the amnesty of international law as well as the United Nations. Policies that force people to remain pregnant and give birth are unconscionable, cruel, and dangerous.

Christina Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 11:51am 06-27-22

I strongly support this resolution. Forced birth is not freedom, abortion gives people the right to live full autonomous lives.

Danielle Meyer

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 06-27-22

Every person has a right to privacy and bodily autonomy. This right is protected constitutionally and the law should reflect that.

Mandi McAlister

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 06-27-22

Abortion is healthcare and part of our reproductive rights to choose. It's a personal choice for pregnant people and their families to decide, not the government. Forced birth is inhumane, especially when there are inadequate services available to care for a child. Birth control, sex ed, free child care, and other resources/services prevent abortions, not abortion bans. Abortion bans threaten the lives of pregnant people. I strongly support repealing WI's outdated ban on abortions.

Noah Meyer

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40am 06-27-22

Abortion is murder! Unborn babies have the same right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that every American enjoys! The Milwaukee Council NEEDS to uphold statute 940.04. Uphold the constitution and more importantly the law of Christ!

Tom Jacques

Location:

Submitted At: 11:37am 06-27-22

You're murdering innocent human life.

Bloodshed every where. Enough is Enough.

The bible in the book of Jeremiah says " before I formed the, I knew thee." Is this acceptable to God our FATHER? The answer is No!

Jennifer Posh

Location:

Submitted At: 11:37am 06-27-22

All Wisconsinites should be able to make decisions about their own healthcare. This antiquated law is in direct opposition to the health and safety of Wisconsin residents.

Harley Wozniak

Location:

Submitted At: 11:36am 06-27-22

The taking of a human life in the womb is abortion. You cannot continue to ignore the science that life begins at conception. It is neither a "right" or morally defensible for this to continue. Abortion shall go down on the ash heap of history as the human rights atrocity that it is, much like slavery was. We cannot allow Milwaukee to have the blood of innocent children on it's hands by continuing the lie that someone can take the life of another. Please stand up for these children.

Josh Klotz

Location:

Submitted At: 11:35am 06-27-22

"Almost all higher animals start their lives from a single cell, the fertilized ovum (zygote)... The time of fertilization represents the starting point in the life history, or ontogeny, of the individual."

[Carlson, Bruce M. Patten's Foundations of Embryology. 6th edition. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1996, p. 3]

"Embryo: An organism in the earliest stage of development; in a man, from the time of conception to the end of

the second month in the uterus."

[Dox, Ida G. et al. The Harper Collins Illustrated Medical Dictionary. New York: Harper Perennial, 1993, p. 146]

"After fertilization has taken place a new human being has come into being...[this] is no longer a matter of taste or opinion, it is not a metaphysical contention, it is plain experimental evidence...." - Dr Jerome LeJeune, Professor of Genetics at the University of Descartes, Paris, discoverer of the chromosome pattern of Down's Syndrome, and Nobel Prize Winner, Report, Subcommittee on Separation of Powers to Senate Judiciary Committee S-158, 97th Congress, 1st Session 1981

Life unequivocally begins at conception and murdering innocent human beings is unequivocally wrong. It follows that abortion must remain illegal.

Carri Sussman

Location:

Submitted At: 11:33am 06-27-22

Repeal this antiquated law that was written when women were considered property of their fathers and husbands! Outlawing abortions will lead to increased maternal deaths. Forced birth is inhumane, dangerous, and cruel. People deserve bodily autonomy!

David Melstrand

Location:

Submitted At: 11:33am 06-27-22

Wisconsin statute calls for the imposition of double murder on a drunk driver that kills a pregnant woman. According to your own statutes abortion is murder. I oppose this.

Mary Pat

Location:

Submitted At: 11:32am 06-27-22

Civilized societies protect the most vulnerable. Helpless babies need legal protection from murder. Fear God and do the right thing. How can Milwaukee expect good things when such evil persists. Repent and look for the Goodness of the LORD.

Katie Avila Loughmiller

Location:

Submitted At: 11:29am 06-27-22

Abortion = healthcare. And we should all have equal access to healthcare. As someone who is currently pregnant, who planned this and wanted this — this is HARD. Pregnancy is hard on the body, hard to manage a normal working lifestyle, hard on the bank account, hard on your mental state. NOBODY should have to do this if they are not prepared or have the resources/support to do so. And that should be an individual's decision and not one else's. There may be a heartbeat at 5/6 weeks but if the fetus can't survive outside the womb, we shouldn't prioritize it more than the person who is carrying it and whose life will be completely altered. Making abortion illegal does not prioritize a person who has lived many years and presumably has many years left to live. The arguments made in opposition claiming this is an issue about saving children is a farce as we do not put nearly enough funding into education, health care and children/family services. Lastly, this issue disproportionately affects Black and brown folks with reproductive organs and anti-choice laws are based in racist, antiquated white supremacist ideology.

Peter Newman

Location:

Submitted At: 11:28am 06-27-22

The law was place there for a reason to protect the baby from women who want to rip there children apart. They say they trust science and when science clearly says that the baby in the womb is a baby. The left denies it and makes up excuses why they should kill there baby. Please dont get bullied into getting rid of the law and do what morally right which is to save children from being ripped apart from moms who are selfish. Abortions should never have been legal at all and shouldnt be legal.

Celeste Brunner

Location:

Submitted At: 11:26am 06-27-22

Forced birth should not be opposed onto anyone. Please protect Milwaukeeans with uterus in the community.

Eleanor Hazard

Location:

Submitted At: 11:26am 06-27-22

Wisconsin needs to repeal this ancient statute. Criminalizing abortion does not end abortion, it only ends safe abortion. It is a woman's choice alone whether to have a baby or not, not a lawmaker's.

Katie Stanislowski

Location:

Submitted At: 11:25am 06-27-22

I support this resolution. Abortion is a critical aspect of healthcare for people who are pregnant, and pregnancy is a significant and undeniably dangerous medical event. No law should prevent a patient and her doctor from considering and acting on the nuance of an individual health situation and potential outcomes. All women deserve access to lifesaving healthcare, a basic human right and one that is owed to all of Wisconsin's women, too. Many will die needlessly and their families will suffer, in addition to a likely increase in abortions in this state, because of this draconian law. There are proven ways to protect women's health and also decrease abortion rates, like increasing ease of access to contraceptives, and I encourage our government leaders to explore such proven and productive ways (and widely embraced by the public) to support the health needs of Wisconsin women.

Priscilla Trehella

Location:

Submitted At: 11:23am 06-27-22

Abortion kills a precious human life! Abortion is MURDER, and should not be legal.

Handel Humphrey

Location:

Submitted At: 11:21am 06-27-22

You cannot determine that these unborn humans have no value or are not worthy of protecting. Unborn humans have the same rights as all humans, the right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. These are separate humans, with their own DNA, in their mothers' womb, dependent for survival. Any act of the mother to kill these humans is murder and should be treated as such. Ask yourself, if these are not humans, what grows inside a mother? We know they are humans and deserve life.

Jonathan Storms

Location:

Submitted At: 11:18am 06-27-22

The Milwaukee Council NEEDS to uphold statute 940.04. The highest court in the land (SCOTUS) overturned Roe V. Wade for good reason. We all fundamentally understand that human life is precious and needs to be protected, that's why we have laws against murder. It's obvious scientifically that at conception that baby meets every criteria for human life, and should be treated as a human. Uphold statute 940.04 because it's the right thing to do in the eyes of God. You have an opportunity to establish justice and punish evil doers! Abortion is murder and should be treated as such!

Isaiah Muckerheide

Location:

Submitted At: 11:18am 06-27-22

The Common Council must uphold Wisconsin law 940.04 because they must understand and view that preborn children have the same human rights as all of us do. Abortion is the act of ending a growing, living human life and must be acknowledged and prosecuted as murder. It is a vile and evil act of shedding of innocent blood. We must protect our constitutional rights and God-given rights for all human beings.

emily schamburek

Location:

Submitted At: 11:16am 06-27-22

as a woman i have come to the decision that I will not bring a child into the world that doesn't support healthcare as a basic human right. i will not raise a child to let them be slottered in the school system that gives guns more rights than the children themselves. I'm scared for my future and the future of all children. I'm scared for a society where I cant use apps to help me track my period in fear of being prosecuted. i dont want to be held hostage in my own body.

Anjana Mudambi

Location:

Submitted At: 11:15am 06-27-22

Yes! Abortions should be legal and safe. Abortions are reproductive healthcare decisions that must be made through conversations between doctors and patients - not politicians. The rest of the world is seeing the United States go backwards and is shocked by the lack of moral leadership. In 1855, the state of Wisconsin became the only state in the nation to declare the Fugitive Slave Law as unconstitutional. Let the state be a moral leader again and land on the right side of history by repealing an outdated and unjust 1849 law and safeguarding the rights of all people who are able to become pregnant.

Eleos Alatheia

Location:

Submitted At: 11:15am 06-27-22

Abortion is murder and should be treated as such. It's shameful and appalling that our state AG refuses to do his duty and prosecute those who commit the crime of murder. The slaughter of the preborn child is not and has never been a human right. To do away with the laws on murder is to become a state of absolute lawlessness. Do your duty, do what's right. Outlaw ALL abortion and prosecute those who break the law.

Linda Riesen

Location:

Submitted At: 11:14am 06-27-22

Time to repeal the archaic statue on the books. Women's health care includes access to safe abortions

Angellea Trehella

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13am 06-27-22

Stand up and uphold your oath to protect and serve ALL people. Even those in the womb. Protect the rights of our children now, no matter how small. All women, and all situations need support, and an alternative option needs to be given.

Caitlin Last

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13am 06-27-22

Reproductive rights are essential to fully realized citizenship! No one's health care should be limited because someone else will "sleep better" at night (in reality, they don't care about the "baby" OR the mother, and have never lost sleep over abortion). Restricting health care is a flagrant restriction on religious rights, and is therefore unconstitutional. Even Sharia law has less abortion restrictions than Wisconsin now. Is that what Republicans have been wetting themselves about forever? That Sharia law was coming to the US? Our motto is FORWARD! Resist!

Jason Storms

Location:

Submitted At: 11:12am 06-27-22

Our abortion statute was put in place for good reason, to affirm what we all know intuitively and which modern science clearly affirms, that a pregnant mother is carrying in her womb a precious human life. Abortion is a barbaric practice and should not be legal.

Lily Johnson

Location:
Submitted At: 11:11am 06-27-22

No one should be forced to continue a pregnancy they do not want, no matter the reason.

Carrie O'Connor

Location:
Submitted At: 11:07am 06-27-22

I strongly support this resolution. Abortion rights are human rights. Banning abortion will not make it go away-- people will die without safe access. All people should have the right to choose what is best for them and their bodies.

Erica Steib

Location:
Submitted At: 11:06am 06-27-22

I strongly support this resolution. Abortion is a fundamental healthcare procedure. If this archaic ban stays in place, Wisconsinites will take on financial burden, injury, and even die to get the care they need. There is nothing about this ban that protects life. The vast majority of people in this state support the right to abortion, so it's time that our laws and government reflect the will of the people and not a minority of corporate elites and the religious zealots who financially support them.

Joseph TOELLE

Location:
Submitted At: 10:56am 06-27-22

A woman should not abort her child

Tara Reimer

Location:
Submitted At: 10:54am 06-27-22

In the same way that capitalism functions because society collectively has faith that a piece of paper has value, Democratic society functions because people have faith that our laws and government have authority. We collectively create that authority with our faith in them. The overturn of Roe v. Wade and the reinstatement of s. 940.04 is just another huge blow weakening that faith. The vast majority of citizens of the state of Wisconsin understand that a woman without bodily autonomy is a woman without full enfranchisement. (See results of Pew research polls: <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2022/06/13/about-six-in-ten-americans-say-abortion-should-be-legal-in-all-or-most-cases-2/>) We have allowed a minority faction to rig the system so that money and land control our government, not people. "Law and Order" types don't understand that an orderly and productive society is impossible under oppression. We will always resist.

Andrea Konz

Location:
Submitted At: 10:53am 06-27-22

Judaism teaches that the physical and mental health of the mother is the primary and only concern when decisions are made about that woman's body. Life begins with the first breath. Therefore, forcing someone to carry a pregnancy that they do not want or that endangers their life is a violation of Jewish law because it prioritizes a fetus over the living adult who is pregnant. By opposing this resolution you are taking away religious freedom. What a woman does with her body is between her and God.

Sara Stuebs

Location:
Submitted At: 10:51am 06-27-22

We the people of Wisconsin oppose murder. Murder is a crime in the state of Wisconsin and has repercussions for that crime. A baby inside the womb has their own DNA, blood type, organs, heartbeat at a different rate than his or her mother, personality, can feel pain, suck their thumb, smile, hiccup, basically what I am reiterating is a baby is a separate human being. Why would a baby on ultrasound as we see wiggle and writhe away from the powerful suction before their body is torn limb from limb and the doctor jokes, "Beam me up Scotty!" How is it humane to deliver the head of a nine month old baby slice open the back of their neck crush their skull, suck out

their brains, and deliver the rest of their body? Oh and then throw their sweet poor little lifeless body into a 5 gallon fish bucket. Before 1973 abortion was a felony and this was before we had 4D technology, CAT scans, MRIs, and the technology to clone other life, create life in a petri dish freeze the life and then re-insert the life back into its mother. . Do the right thing and protect the life of all humans. The right to choose with your body for a woman includes tubal ligation, hysterectomy, and abstinence.

Kelly Alice

Location:

Submitted At: 10:51am 06-27-22

I am able to comment today because my (then) scared, 16yo bio mom- back in 1978, placed me for adoption instead of murdering me. There are other options. Enough said.

Courtney OShea

Location:

Submitted At: 10:49am 06-27-22

I support this resolution.

Bob Cress

Location:

Submitted At: 10:49am 06-27-22

Each human life has value - from conception to natural death. We has rights which shall not be infringed - life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness! Taking an innocent ife anywhere along the spectrum is wrong and repealing this law would further promote discrimination via ageism and ableism. It's hard to promote a free and just culture when we persecute based on such things via abortion - the intentional killing (murder) of pre-born babies. Going around this law is promoting lawlessness and the objectification of human life, which must be avoided in a civil society. Please note that if abortion is allowed based on ableism (heartbeat, consciousness, ability to feel pain), then it will not be long before those on the other end of the age spectrum will not be far from receiving the same persecution. CPR rescues lives when a heart stops beating, why would we consider an abortion allowable while the heart is being developed and is not long from beating? We must seek to love others and repealing this bill will continue to further out culture towards hate and discrimination. Thank you for listening - to God be the Glory! Repent and turn to Christ for forgiveness, salvation, and freedom

Molly Michel

Location:

Submitted At: 10:43am 06-27-22

I strongly support this resolution. The current WI Law was on the books before women were even legally considered people who could make their own decisions. It existed before a complete understanding of female anatomy and the reproductive process, much less proper prenatal and pregnancy care. We wouldn't refuse to update laws from almost 200 years ago in regards to other areas, there is no reason to let this law stand either. We know more than we did in the 1800's. Let's bring the law up to date and recognize the full rights of Wisconsin women to make decisions for their own bodies and lives.

Matt Trehwella

Location:

Submitted At: 10:42am 06-27-22

Abortion is murder. You are behaving no differently than a gang of thugs meeting on a corner to conspire to murder other people. You have completely lost all sense of what the duty of your office is in the sight of Christ and neighbor. By embracing this resolution, you are abusing your authority and have declared yourselves tyrants.

Veronica Steinke

Location:

Submitted At: 10:40am 06-27-22

I strongly support this resolution. Abortion rights are human rights and everyone should have equal assess to safe care. All women should have the right to choose what is best for them and their bodies. Women should not feel shame or fear over their choices. I am scared for my life and other women's lives. I am afraid to get pregnant, I do not feel safe. This ban will only hurt women. Women will die because of this and it is unacceptable. I am

disappointed in Wisconsin and this country. We need to do better.

Andre Robitaille

Location:

Submitted At: 10:34am 06-27-22

It is common for the Council, you're spending way too much time on things that you don't have authority or control over. Everyone has the ability as an individual to communicate with their elected state officials about what they want done. You do not speak for Milwaukee in a monolithic way... last time I checked none of you won with 100% of the votes. Please do your actual jobs.

Andrew Steinke

Location:

Submitted At: 10:30am 06-27-22

I support the resolution to repeal the ban on abortion. Abortion is not murder. Fetuses are not people. They do not have rights. On the other hand, those who are pregnant are people and do have rights. Abortion is a medical procedure that people should have the right to choose if they want performed.

Tanya Larcheid

Location:

Submitted At: 10:27am 06-27-22

Sadly this decision will only cause more harm to women and children. Everyone wants life but only in safe and healthy environments. An eye-opener for me was when I was talking with a younger friend. She recently experienced a pregnancy scare and I suggested she track her cycles using an app. This way, she could be more cautious during more fertile times in her cycle. After Roe vs. Wade was overturned she refused to download an app that could track her information on her cycle. This technology is meant to assist women with preventing pregnancy or vice versa assist with it when wanted. Now women are scared to utilize the tools they have available because they fear the worst. This is a simple example but imagine how this decision will impact women's actions moving forward. This will only lead to more unsafe abortions and more unwanted pregnancies. Let's keep women safe and give them the right to make decisions for their own bodies and life.

Rebecca Button

Location:

Submitted At: 10:25am 06-27-22

WI needs to repeal its extremely antiquated ban on abortion. Abortion is healthcare! We must protect all women from every racial & socioeconomic background, especially those who are most affected by this law. Please listen to women. Think of your daughters, your wife, your nieces, your granddaughters, your friends: each and every one of these individuals deserves the right to access a safe abortion, no matter the reason. Countless lives are on the line with this dangerous law. We must protect abortion rights at all costs.

Catie Beck

Location:

Submitted At: 10:23am 06-27-22

Abortion is healthcare, and must be protected as a basic human right.

Robyn D.

Location:

Submitted At: 10:20am 06-27-22

I strongly support this resolution. Abortion is healthcare, and healthcare should be left up to a patient and their doctor. This archaic ban was on the books before women were legally considered people, before modern medicine truly understood conception and reproduction, and before we had the technology to ensure safe abortions or pregnancies. I'm terrified by the thought of a government that cares more about pseudoscience and minority rule than the right to privacy, the safety and autonomy of pregnant people (especially those that are marginalized), or the needs or safety of their children. It's time to bring the law into the 21st century and codify access to the full spectrum of modern reproductive care and resources.

Alecia Marsden

Location:

Submitted At: 10:19am 06-27-22

I fully support repealing the ban on abortion. Every individual in this state, country, world should have the right to choose the medical care that they receive. Abortion is healthcare.

Wendy Brem

Location:

Submitted At: 10:01am 06-27-22

Please repeal the ancient statute which bans abortion. I, and I alone, am the only one to decide the health care I require for myself.

Susan Robitaille

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54am 06-27-22

I am extremely disturbed by the blatant lawlessness coming from our Governor, State Attorney, and now this body of elected officials. I am VERY against this resolution. The state has a good and decent law on the books that our wise ancestors had enough sense to put on the books. Our elected officials don't just get to pick and chose which laws they will or will not enforce. You have a sworn duty to uphold the laws as they stand. If *you* don't like the laws, then we have a civil process here in our state that the legislature writes new laws based on input from the entire state. Also, kindly, have the courage to use plain language for what it is you wish to defend and stop hiding behind euphemisms. The barbaric, merciless, intentional killing of an innocent humans is what you are in favor of, not 'reproductive freedom'. Cowardly people lie and use propaganda to hide what it is that they are truly in favor of. Abortion is disgusting and I am glad to see it outlawed in my state of Wisconsin.

Rachel Meyer

Location:

Submitted At: 9:51am 06-27-22

I support lobbying for the repeal of the Wisconsin Statute which bans abortion. Reproductive rights impact socioeconomic well-being and the health of women. Denying access to abortion in Wisconsin violates reproductive freedom. Abortion is healthcare and is a personal decision.

Olivia Dobbs

Location:

Submitted At: 9:48am 06-27-22

Personal privacy and bodily autonomy are integral rights in our society. This law violates both, while criminalizing the administration of an otherwise-very-safe medical procedure. Please work to repeal this law.

If you are pro-life and eager to ban abortion, I would urge you to read Caitlin Flanagan's 2019 piece about abortion. Here's an excerpt:

"No matter what the law says, women will continue to get abortions. How do I know? Because in the relatively recent past, women would allow strangers to brutalize them, to poke knitting needles and wire hangers into their wombs, to thread catheters through their cervixes and fill them with Lysol, or scalding-hot water, or lye. Women have been willing to risk death to get an abortion. When we made abortion legal, we decided we weren't going to let that happen anymore. We were not going to let one more woman arrive at a hospital with her organs rotting inside of her. We accepted that we might lose that growing baby, but we were not also going to lose that woman."

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/12/the-things-we-cant-face/600769/>

Brittany Kohler

Location:

Submitted At: 9:46am 06-27-22

I support the repeal of abortion bans in our state. Abortion is considered a life-saving medical procedure. It is 2022, we ought to be moving forward not backward.

Katherine Rose

Location:

Submitted At: 9:45am 06-27-22

A citizen of the United States cannot be forced to donate blood or organs to another person, even if that person is dying in front of them and this donation is the only way to save their life. This is true even after death; vital organs cannot be removed from a corpse unless permission was given during the deceased individual's life. Forcing women to donate their blood and uteruses to fetuses means that living women in Wisconsin have fewer rights than corpses.

According to the hunger task force, "in 2019, nearly 42% of children in Milwaukee County received FoodShare (food stamps) and a full 82% of Milwaukee's public school students were determined to be economically disadvantaged." If we're going to care about children in Wisconsin, let's start with those. Protect the lives of children in our state today by investing in education, after school programs, free high-quality childcare, racially equitable and accessible healthcare, the creation of good paying jobs, rehabilitation programs, and access to nutritious foods, and by regulating guns. Don't reduce women to the status of incubator while neglecting and condemning the children already living in our state.

Kelly Wanderer

Location:

Submitted At: 9:12am 06-27-22

I support the repeal of an antiquated law banning abortions in our state. Abortions are a medical procedure and this is 2022.

Lance Miller

Location:

Submitted At: 9:07am 06-27-22

Someone you know had an abortion and is thankful they had the choice.

Julia L.

Location:

Submitted At: 9:01am 06-27-22

This antiquated abortion ban targets an individual's bodily autonomy, and will not stop people from obtaining abortions or the care they need. It is woefully ignorant not to see this as a mechanism for control over reproductive decisions and it puts millions of people at risk.

I see a lot of people using religious rhetoric as basis for opposing repeal - I was born and raised by devout Christian folks who support my decision to choose when or if I want to raise children and who helped educate me on the resources available to me to find the reproductive care that my body requires —because this issue goes beyond giving birth!

Reproductive rights connect all of us. Many of our friends, family, and neighbors have deeply personal stories relating to this issue. Listen to them all. If we believe Liberty and Justice are core principles of a healthy American democracy, then this abortion ban has no place in our society.

John Larkin

Location:

Submitted At: 8:59am 06-27-22

Freedom begins and ends with bodily autonomy - government has no right to dictate what is best for one's own body especially when it comes to reproductive health. Forced birth could mean life or death for the mother. The belief that abortions "kill babies" is one twisted by fringe religious beliefs not shared by the majority of the population.

Peggy Creer

Location:

Submitted At: 8:48am 06-27-22

The League of Women Voters, founded in 1920, is devoted to empowering women to chart their life course. Central to this fundamental freedom is the right to decide if and when to parent, decisions that profoundly impact

all aspects of life: physical and mental health, family stability and well being, and economic and educational opportunity and destiny. The 1849 law, passed 71 years before women had the right to vote, takes effect at a time when the U.S., compared to other developed countries, is a nation with high maternal and infant mortality rates, a high child poverty rate, no guaranteed access to health care or child care, no guaranteed paid maternity leave, and where two-thirds of minimum-wage workers are women. The right to a safe and legal abortion is a matter of personal freedom and also of racial and economic justice, as limits on reproductive health services disproportionately impact Black, Brown, and low-income communities. The course of pregnancy is unpredictable and carries risks to health and life. Dangerous complications can occur suddenly, when medical decisions must be made quickly – without government intrusion.

Shannon Kielpikowski

Location:

Submitted At: 8:31am 06-27-22

Every person deserves bodily autonomy and the right to privacy. Abortion is healthcare, and these decisions about what we do with our bodies should not be decided by the government.

Ann Zielke

Location:

Submitted At: 8:12am 06-27-22

The simple truth is that abortion is healthcare. Abortion is necessary, essential health care. We cannot and should not ever criminalize healthcare. Those decisions should be made between the person with a uterus and their doctors. With no interference from our government. There is no need to mince words or include qualifiers. All people who are able to get pregnant should be able to determine their reproductive destiny without question, judgment, or qualification. We are Americans. Deserving of full rights. Deserving of the opportunity to make our own life altering decisions. Without the ability to control their own reproductive destiny, no person in America is actually free. If we cannot decide when and if to get pregnant or when and if to bring a fetus to term we cannot control our financial situation, our employment situations, or make important relationship decisions.

I am a mom and my motherhood journey has made me resolute and unwavering in my dedication to abortion and reproductive Rights for all.

MP Besasie

Location:

Submitted At: 7:48am 06-27-22

It Doesn't Matter When "Life" Begins, No Person Can Force You To Use Your Body to Save Their Life.

The Government cannot force you to donate blood to save another person's life, even if they are bleeding out and die in front of you. And it doesn't make you a murderer, punishable with years or even life in prison if you refused to donate blood to save someone's life.

In our society, it is 100% your choice if you want to donate blood or bone marrow or even a spare organ like a kidney or lung to save someone else's life. Your organs cannot be removed from your dead body to save another person's life without your expressed, written permission prior to your death. As such, a dead American woman has more bodily autonomy than a living American woman.

No baby, no child can force you to donate blood, bone marrow, a kidney to save their life so how can a person force you to donate your uterus for nine months to save their life?

[https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2022/5/22/2099579/-It-Doesn-t-Matter-When-Life-Begins-No-Person-Can-Force-You-To-Use-Your-Body-to-Save-Their-](https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2022/5/22/2099579/-It-Doesn-t-Matter-When-Life-Begins-No-Person-Can-Force-You-To-Use-Your-Body-to-Save-Their-Life?detail=emaildkre&fbclid=IwAR3_87CDIT7jUGSJCehtwbtoOshs9PB2Dbt1LD7r6ChjNXhdj-LDN1lweH0)

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Susan Jackson-Afong

Location:

Submitted At: 7:27am 06-27-22

Wisconsin's motto is forward. I support the effort to repeal the antiquated law banning abortion. Take us forward where' a woman has the freedom to make difficult choices affecting her life and body. We've come a long way since the 1800's in rights and freedom protecting privacy. Repeal this law and bring us forward.

Mary Karfonta

Location:

Submitted At: 7:01am 06-27-22

Banning abortions does not stop abortions, it only makes them dangerous and unfortunately too often deadly. According to the World Health Organization, 23,000 women die from unsafe abortions each year and tens of thousands more experience significant health complications globally. A recent study estimated that banning abortion in the U.S. would lead to a 21% increase in the number of pregnancy-related deaths overall and a 33% increase among Black women, simply because staying pregnant is more dangerous than having an abortion. Reproductive decisions must be reserved for the individual and their healthcare provider, not politicians!

Charlie Sweet

Location:

Submitted At: 9:10pm 06-26-22

We must not repeal a law that protects the most vulnerable group among us: people who have not yet been born.

Lynn Bontempo

Location:

Submitted At: 9:22pm 06-25-22

I oppose repeal

Kat No

Location:

Submitted At: 12:30pm 06-25-22

If this isn't repealed I will riot and burn it all down. Disgusting that corpses have more rights than women.

Stephen Meer

Location:

Submitted At: 10:08pm 06-24-22

Let's be honest, abortion is the murder of an innocent human being who about 50% of the time is also a woman. So why should some women have the "right" to murder other women?

Rev. Claire Beutler-Cruise

Location:

Submitted At: 8:57pm 06-24-22

I support this Resolution because lives are at stake. The Supreme Court's decision won't end abortion; it just ends access to safe, legal abortion. People with unwanted pregnancies may be desperate enough to seek unsafe illegal or self-induced abortions, risking harm and death. This decision is made on a narrow perception of life and its beginning. There are many beliefs as to when life begins. Regardless, a fetus isn't a child, any more than an acorn is an oak tree. Real life is not that black or white. Abortion is not new; it's been part of human experience since time immemorial. As a person of Christian faith, I believe life begins at breath, as illustrated in Genesis 2's poetry. But Christianity has as many perspectives as denominations; and more religions exist than that. Basing Law on one narrow belief is exclusive, undemocratic, and authoritarian. If we truly believe in "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness," making a "one-size fits all" law doesn't honor individual agency, but becomes dictatorship. If we really value life, we'd put value on the life of the living mother; with resources to support both mother and child until it's emancipated. Thank you.

Katherine Bontempo

Location:

Submitted At: 8:30pm 06-24-22

Social justice begins in the womb. Your life began in your mother's womb. You can thank her for not aborting you. A baby born is just as much alive as a baby in the womb. Ask anyone who has been pregnant. Look at the ultrasound. Nothing grows that isn't alive. It's time to legally protect the babies of WI. Our future. It's time to SUPPORT women. Abortion traumatizes women, kills their babies, and leaves a hole in the family. At Holy Cross Cemetery in Milwaukee, there is an unmarked grave of 1,268 aborted babies. These 1,268 babies are people, who were murdered. Each of these 1,268 Milwaukee babies has a mother who has been traumatized, and a father, grandparents, and likely siblings who are left in grief. Abortion is NOT good for our communities. Let's

value life. Let's HELP mothers. Let's find pregnancy centers! Let's provide free mental health, child care, and services to mothers in need! Let's show the next generation of Wisconsinites that we ALL have value. Every race, nationality, religion, gender, "wanted" or "not" has value. If you ask a survivor of abortion, (abortionsurvivors.org) they are PRO LIFE. Every other victim of abortion is dead. Social justice begins in the womb.

Trevor Hein

Location:

Submitted At: 7:49pm 06-24-22

It is an egregious affront to human rights that anyone's bodily autonomy could be denied. This misinformed, misguided, and misogynistic law should be repealed without question. This injustice must not stand.

Megan Bartelt

Location:

Submitted At: 6:14pm 06-24-22

Bodily autonomy is perhaps the single most important human right that exists. Our government cannot compel so much as a blood donation; forced pregnancy, which at a minimum involves major, permanent changes to the body and carries a genuine risk of serious complications, up to and including death, is absolutely unacceptable.

Marcus Smrecek

Location:

Submitted At: 5:28pm 06-24-22

Please do what you can, as our representatives, to help protect the healthcare rights of women in Wisconsin.

Kylie Drake

Location:

Submitted At: 5:24pm 06-24-22

It is reprehensible, that in these times with readily available things such as birth control & the morning after pill that any of the people in control of the laws of any community in America think it's ok to treat abortion, the killing of an infant, as if it should be normalized & try to paint it as health care or necessary! Your souls are empty & your hearts corrupt. I wish you all infertility for your actions, for as much as I don't condone abortion as a birth control, I loathe the people who think that killing babies is ok & strongly believe that those people should Not be breeding or in control of any young minds, so as not to keep perpetuating these heinous, Horribly selfish acts of murder of the most innocent. Once you create a being inside of you, it's no longer just Your body. All of the heathens who are for this cause of ensuring abortion is readily available for Everyone need to get right with their makers because it is clear with the disarray & discontent of the world today that judgement day is soon coming. This is the test of your own worth, that which decides your fate/karma/afterlife/eternal life & you are Failing to be of benefit to existence with these actions.

Dawn Agacki

Location:

Submitted At: 5:24pm 06-24-22

Most Americans believe the decision to have a child is one of the most sacred decisions there is, and that such decisions should remain between patients and their doctors. Keep abortion safe and legal in the state of Wisconsin, do NOT ban abortions!

Danielle Brannan

Location:

Submitted At: 5:23pm 06-24-22

Please ensure that the women of Wisconsin have the freedom to work with their healthcare providers to make the best choice for their bodies. The government should not strip women of their freedom by making decisions about their bodies.

Julie Lochmann

Location:

Submitted At: 5:20pm 06-24-22

Please allow a woman's right over her body and whether to have a safe abortion!

kathryn lochmann

Location:

Submitted At: 5:07pm 06-24-22

Please allow women to have control over their bodies. There will not be an end to abortions only an end to safe abortions. Thank you!

Merete Mohs

Location:

Submitted At: 4:58pm 06-24-22

Women should not be forced to use their bodies to support any life if they don't want to. Whether a person has an abortion or not is not a decision for the government to make.

Jeffrey J. Norman

Location:

Submitted At: 4:38pm 06-24-22

Yes. Thank you!

Amy Liebl

Location:

Submitted At: 4:27pm 06-24-22

Please make this happen - there is no such thing as a world with no abortions, just a world with no safe abortions.