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Testimony from Jocelyn Foye, executive director of The Womxn Project, in emphatic opposition to the Anti-Abortion Bill suite, H7370, H7375, H7529

The Womxn Project is a 501c4 that works to protect bodily autonomy in the state of Rhode Island. We believe the values of bodily autonomy extend to both reproductive and trans justice, and we stand behind a movement based on creating a culture that embraces human dignity and trusts people to make their own decisions about their own body.

I am writing to oppose a set of extremely concerning bills you are hearing today that use the term “born alive” and push deceptive claims about providers and abortion. H7370, H7375, H7529 imply that doctors or health professionals who provide abortions would ever withhold care from an infant. It is insulting and dangerous to imply that this is happening.

We are so honored to work with incredible health providers around the state. They are compassionate and caring. They work hard to ensure when people need an abortion that they can get one in spite of the harassment they face and the horrible lies that are told about them.

Closing gaps in access to abortion is good health policy and the right thing to do but putting up extra barriers or interfering with important medical decisions and delivery of care is not.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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