

State Representative **First & Last Name**
Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon St. Boston, MA, 02133

Dear Representative **Last Name**,

We, the undersigned concerned citizens hailing from the towns within your district, believe that now more than ever, during this time of a deadly worldwide pandemic, is the time to cherish and protect every human life.

We are reaching out to you asking that you withdraw any prior support for H.3320, the so-called Act to Remove Obstacles and Expand Abortion. With its innocuous title lifted from a United States Supreme Court decision, you may have been led to believe that the ROE Act simply aimed to align Massachusetts law with federal policy and court decisions.

The “obstacles” laid out in this legislation, however, happen to be safeguards existing within Massachusetts state law designed to ensure the safety and best interests of women, young girls, full-term unborn babies, and abortion survivors.

It is clear to us that the ROE Act proposes a permanent extreme agenda totally unmoored from current Massachusetts laws, the Constitution, and the 1973 Supreme Court decision.

The proposed ROE Act will eliminate any protections for unborn children - even the slightest ones - that the Supreme Court decides the Constitution permits. It goes far beyond the Supreme Court's ruling in Roe v. Wade.

Sadly, most supporters of this legislation have not thoroughly reviewed it or considered its consequences. During the legislation's June 2019 public hearing, even the vice president of the Massachusetts Medical Society testified that she was unaware that the bill would eliminate state law requiring life-saving equipment in rooms where abortions are performed.

We cannot allow our Commonwealth to endorse such an extreme course, and it is irresponsible for any elected official to act on their constituents' behalf if it appears likely that most do not understand what may result.

It cannot be emphasized enough is what this legislation does not do: ensure that those born-alive babies will receive any medical attention or even comfort care, should the child survive an abortion.

Almost no one who initially signed onto the legislation understood this morbid possibility.

In addition, the so-called ROE Act will further undermine all-important communication within our families. Mothers, fathers, and those in equivalent family relations will be cut out of discussions

with our children -- even those as young as 12 years old -- who are considering drastic and life-changing decisions related to abortion.

Right now, the COVID-19 pandemic has crystallized how precious each life is.

Should you be open to discussing your own views with us, we would be happy and grateful to accommodate, albeit in a virtual setting. In the meantime, please review the fact sheet we have attached below.

We hope you will make the right choice and call for shelving this life-ending legislation.

Sincerely Yours,

Your Full Name