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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ALAN DALE LEADERBRAND		PHONE NUMBER:	
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"No person or entity shall utilize the fetal organs or tissue resulting from an abortion for medical, scientific, research, experimental, or therapeutic purposes or any other use."



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WITNESS NAME: ANASTASIA SCHIEFFER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: mommyanastasia4@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/10/2025 10:57 PM

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The organs and bodies of deceased babies should not be for sale, turning something already horrible into a business making a profit off of death.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in Support of this Bill on its face.			



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WITNESS NAME: BYRON KEELIN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-402-0655	
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The Freedom Principle MO supports HB 1246. Now that Missouri has passed the abhorrent Amendment 3 that allows abortion up to the time of birth, Missouri must take the proactive step to stop the multi-million dollar industry of organ harvesting from aborted fetuses.



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WITNESS NAME: CYNTHIA L. JONES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: singingblonde@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/10/2025 8:41 AM

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I support this bill as it disincentivizes abortion providers by removing opportunities to sell the products of abortion to third parties to obtain additional profits.



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WITNESS NAME: DARLENE BROOMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: DARLENE BROOMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: DR. GUILLERMO VILLA-TRUEBA		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-7239	
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The Missouri Catholic Conference supports HB 1246, as it would ban any person or entity from utilizing any fetal tissue or organ resulting from an abortion for any purpose. It is a tragedy that our current laws permit the killing of unborn children, but even in this dire situation we must ensure that deceased unborn infants are treated respectfully, in accordance with the dignity of every human body. Furthermore, by preventing fetal tissue or organs from being used for research purposes, this bill would remove a perverse incentive for abortions. As Pope John Paul II states in his encyclical letter *Evangelium Vitae*, "the use of human embryos or fetuses as an object of experimentation constitutes a crime against their dignity as human beings who have a right to the same respect owed to a child once born, just as to every person." The Missouri Catholic Conference urges the committee to vote "DO PASS" on HB 1246.



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WITNESS NAME: GARY RIDENHOUR		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Nobody should be allowed to use fetal tissue in any matter in Missouri or the United States. Thank You



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WITNESS NAME: GEORGE M MILLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a parent of 4, and a grandparent of 10 we understand (but do not sanction) abortions in certain limited circumstances--aborted human beings should not be desecrated for any reason. Certainly NOT for financial profit or research like a science "experiment" or an ingredient in a product!



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WITNESS NAME: JILL LAWRENCE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I support this bill in order to eliminate a very dark conflict of interest wherein a healthcare provider or facility could otherwise benefit by killing a child in the womb.



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WITNESS NAME: JUDITH HON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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It is vital that there be no selling or buying of fetal tissue obtained by abortion. We must protect our most vulnerable



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WITNESS NAME: JUDITH MOOREFIELD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: jlrmoorefi@aol.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/10/2025 5:12 PM
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Please strongly support HB 1246!			



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WITNESS NAME: KATE SICKLES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: MARJORIE REILLY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please support HB 1246 to prevent the body parts, organs, and/or tissues of aborted pre-born babies from being "harvested" for use in medical, scientific, research, experimental, or therapeutic purposes or any other use.



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WITNESS NAME: MELISSA EICHHOLD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I support the prohibition of utilizing aborted fetal tissue for medical research. This would reduce the incentive for the abortion industry to set up shop in Missouri, which would save the lives of innocent babies.



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WITNESS NAME: MELISSA THOMAS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I support this bill. Abortion is an abomination against God and killing babies for medical research or any other reason is heinous.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: libertytree.cottage976@passinbox.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/8/2025 11:16 PM

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I SUPPORT HB 1246!! I oppose the use of aborted fetal tissue for research and therapeutic treatments.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHELLE BRANDT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I fully support this Bill. Life is a sacred gift from God that must not be tampered with or defiled.



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WITNESS NAME: OWEN BROWN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: brownowena@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/11/2025 3:55 PM
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In Missouri, almost half of our population is pro-life and a large majority for religious reasons. To have fetal pieces used in health or mental health research is a practice absolutely reprehensible to myself as a Christian. As a person with mental and physical health issues, I would be appalled and consider my religion to be deeply violated if I found out fetal pieces had been used in any health research that had then been used to provide me care. Not only would this cause me qualms of conscience but it would disturb my mental state which could perhaps even worsen the mental health issues which such research claims to help. Because I doubt I am the only Christian, Muslim, Jehovah's Witnesses, Catholic, or member of the countless other religions that would feel this way. For this reason alone, I would ask you to support this bill regardless of your personal stance on abortion.



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WITNESS NAME: SAMUEL H. LEE		PHONE NUMBER: 314-368-4242	
REPRESENTING: CAMPAIGN LIFE MISSOURI		TITLE: DIRECTOR	
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EMAIL: samuelhlee@mindspring.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/11/2025 2:27 PM
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WITNESS NAME: SANDRA L TUTINOI		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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I believe strongly that NO Person or Entity should utilize the fetal organs or tissue resulting from an abortion for medical, scientific, research, experimental or therapeutic purposes or any other use.



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WITNESS NAME: SHERRI LYNN STECHMANN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: mommabear05@proton.me	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/10/2025 10:30 PM
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Project Veritas exposed that Planned Parenthood was selling beating hearts, whole intact baby heads, organs, etc., from aborted babies, years ago. We know the food industry puts baby stem cells as “natural flavoring” which should be outlawed. Abortions are being encouraged under the guise of women’s lib. People make billions off of the bloody sacrifice of babies. Enough. It is wrong to con young women into sending off their aborted baby for scientific testing, or anyone making ONE DIME off of the blood of babies.



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WITNESS NAME: SPRING CEC		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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No person shall use body parts of Aborted babies! You should be talking about burying them.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN KLEIN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-5110	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
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WITNESS NAME: TERESA STONE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: tomnterri85@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/11/2025 8:42 AM
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This needs to be voted as a yesNo person or entity shall utilize the fetal organs or tissue resulting from an abortion for medical, scientific, research, experimental, or therapeutic purposes or any other us



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WITNESS NAME: THERESA LINTZENICH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: theresalphoto7@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/10/2025 4:51 PM
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I am against using electively aborted fetal organs or tissues. It reminds me of the Holocaust. It is disrespect for preborn children who have been intentionally killed. Utilizing intentionally aborted fetal organs goes against the Nurenberg Code. B 1246 - Adds provision for protection of fetal organs and tissues: "No person or entity shall utilize the fetal organs or tissue resulting from an abortion for medical, scientific, research, experimental, or therapeutic purposes or any other use."



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WITNESS NAME: TIMOTHY FABER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: tfaber@mobaptist.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/10/2025 12:17 PM
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I strongly support this bill as it hits at the very heart of a civilized society. The taking of innocent human life through abortion is abhorrent enough. But to treat those children as subjects of experimentation and research adds a whole other layer of evil. After World War II, and in response to the atrocities of Nazi Germany, the global community adopted the Nuremburg Code to guide us all in maintaining certain moral, ethical, and legal principles. The first article of the Nuremburg Code states: The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision. This latter element requires that before the acceptance of an affirmative decision by the experimental subject there should be made known to him the nature, duration, and purpose of the experiment; the method and means by which it is to be conducted; all inconveniences and hazards reasonably to be expected; and the effects upon his health or person which may possibly come from his participation in the experiment. Allowing the use of body parts from aborted babies clearly violates this article of the Nuremburg Code and puts those who would do so in the same moral and ethical class as Nazis. They must be stopped, and this legislation will do that. Vote "Do Pass" on HB1246.



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I support this bill. I'm against abortion and certainly against using aborted baby parts for medical research.



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I OPPOSE this bill. If a person is against abortion, they can opt out of any medical advances or cures that arise from such use of fetal organs or tissue. This could save my life someday.



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Fetal tissue and stem cell research hold promise and can lead to breakthroughs for treating various conditions by utilizing the regenerative potential of these cells, including regenerative medicine, drug testing, and understanding developmental processes, potentially leading to cures for diseases like Parkinson's, diabetes, and spinal cord injuries Outlawing the use of fetal tissue for scientific, medical, or therapeutic research could inhibit scientific and medical discovery



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Stop wasting time and resources with this bizarre hyperfocus on abortion. Missouri has much bigger problems.



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Back in the 1990s, when I and my friends were in our thirties, a close friend developed a rare, dangerous cancer that resisted treatment. He managed to obtain a life-saving treatment that involved use of stem cell tissue. His cancer went into full, lasting remission. I know this is very controversial, but fetal tissue has the potential to save lives medically and in research. Believe me, when it's your life on the line, you are going to want these treatments available. So I oppose this bill. Hopefully our representatives will listen to the medical and scientific experts on this issue.



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My name is Emily Stoinski, and I am a registered Missouri voter. I am opposing this legislation because there is not enough public information around this being an issue that would necessitate this legislation. This seems like legislation that seeks to provide false information around abortion.



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Fetal tissue and stem cell research holds promise and can lead to breakthroughs for treating various conditions by utilizing the regenerative potential of these cells, including regenerative medicine, drug testing, and understanding developmental processes, potentially leading to cures for diseases like Parkinson's, diabetes, and spinal cord injuries. Outlawing the use of fetal tissue for scientific, medical, or therapeutic research could inhibit scientific and medical discovery.



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Once an abortion is needed, we should honor the life of the unborn and mother and make scientific gains. Outlawing the use of fetal tissue for scientific, medical, or therapeutic research could inhibit scientific and medical discovery



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I stand in strong opposition to HB 1246, which would criminalize the use of fetal tissue derived from abortions for medical research and therapeutic purposes. This bill, while perhaps well-intentioned, threatens to derail decades of life-saving scientific progress and undermines ethical, regulated practices that honor patient autonomy and compassion. Fetal tissue research has been instrumental in developing treatments for devastating diseases. Vaccines for polio, rubella, and COVID-19 relied on fetal cell lines, saving millions of lives. Today, such research offers hope for curing Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, spinal cord injuries, and diabetes. Banning this work would halt clinical trials for these conditions, abandoning patients and families who face them daily. Critically, fetal tissue used in research is donated with explicit consent—a process mirroring ethical organ donation protocols. Donors choose to contribute to science, transforming personal tragedy into hope for others. HB 1246 disregards this agency, substituting government mandates for individual choice. It also ignores existing federal regulations (e.g., 42 U.S.C. § 289g-2) that already prohibit profiteering and ensure ethical standards. Proponents of this bill may argue it respects the dignity of life, but denying the use of this tissue does the opposite. It wastes a unique resource that cannot be replicated by synthetic alternatives, as noted by the National Institutes of Health. Blocking research would force scientists to abandon promising studies, delay cures, and jeopardize federal funding that supports state institutions. HB 1246 is not merely a policy disagreement—it is a dangerous intrusion into medical freedom and scientific integrity. It risks lives, stifles innovation, and substitutes ideology for evidence-based medicine. I urge you to reject this harmful legislation. Let us honor the potential of life by saving lives, not silencing science.



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I vehemently oppose HB 1246 for the following reasons:· Fetal tissue and stem cell research hold promise and can lead to breakthroughs for treating various conditions by utilizing the regenerative potential of these cells, including regenerative medicine, drug testing, and understanding developmental processes, potentially leading to cures for diseases like Parkinson's, diabetes, and spinal cord injuries· Outlawing the use of fetal tissue for scientific, medical, or therapeutic research could inhibit scientific and medical discovery



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This bill is anti- science, anti-family, and anti-medicine. HB 1246 undermines common medical research practices. This bill does nothing to support or protect patients, and is not about medicine– it's about politics. To be clear, Missouri law already prohibits pregnancy tissue research - and at the expense of important scientific development in our state. The inflammatory language of this bill is not based in reality and is intended to stigmatize and encourage further harassment of abortion patients and providers. While proponents of this bill are the same ones who have tried in various ways to ban abortion, this bill does not actually impact the provision of abortion— it just harms those who could benefit from medical research. In other states, states with lower rates of maternal and infant mortality, states with lower rates of uninsured people, lower rates of domestic and sexual violence, unfettered access to reproductive healthcare, including abortion, and overall significantly better health outcomes for families ... states like our neighbor Illinois, when you get an abortion, you check a box indicating whether you would like the product of your pregnancy to be donated to science. The ability to make this compassionate, live-saving decision provides people choosing abortion the utmost consent and respect over what becomes of their pregnancy. And it saves lives. Pregnancy tissue and cell line research has led to numerous medical advancements: treatments for spinal cord injury, ALS, blindness, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, heart disease, stroke, burns, and cancer. Recent research has found that stem cell transplants can reduce the relapse of childhood cancers. Stem cell lines have also been used in the development of vaccines for diseases including hepatitis A, rubella, rabies, and most recently, COVID-19. Fetal tissue has been used in research in this country since the 1920s, and National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded research since the 1950s. NIH is one of the world's foremost medical research centers, and an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It has been deemed ethical by federal review bodies going back a half a century, and has been specifically authorized for funding by Congress for a quarter-century, precisely because it has saved the lives of countless people, including children and infants. Federal law recognizes the benefits of fetal tissue donation and does not bar the practice. The 1993 law passed the Senate by 93-4 and was based on a blue-ribbon panel created by the Reagan Administration. Federal law recognizes, however, that there is an important difference between donation and sale. The sale of organs, both adult and fetal, for transplantation is illegal, but donation of tissue -- both from adults, miscarriages, stillbirths, and abortions -- is not. Allowing those who want to donate fetal tissue to do so in an ethical manner means that scientists can legally obtain fetal tissue for research purposes from a variety of sources, including hospitals, nonprofit tissue banks, and abortion clinics. Health care facilities and institutions, such as PPFA, have guidelines that ensure the prospect of obtaining fetal tissue does not influence a woman's decision whether to have an abortion. A federal, bi-partisan panel in 1988 devised clear guidelines for fetal tissue transplantation that have been incorporated into both federal law and

guidelines from leading health care organizations such as the American Medical Association and Planned Parenthood Federation of America. PPFA has incorporated these guidelines and applied them to all fetal tissue donation. Under these guidelines, the consent of the woman for the abortion must be obtained prior to requesting or obtaining consent for a donation of the tissue; no alteration of the timing, method, or procedures used to terminate the pregnancy can be made solely for the purposes of obtaining the tissue; and those who currently engage in fetal tissue donation programs must comply with all federal and state laws, which includes prohibiting profit and allowing only for the reimbursement of expenses. The decision to donate fetal tissue shouldn't be politicized, and participation in such programs should remain totally voluntary for both health care providers and any interested patients.



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It does not make sense to outlaw the use of fetal and stem tissue for scientific and medical research. Such research contributes to discoveries that help many people. These cells are unique because they can regenerate and thus potentially help cure diseases such as Parkinson's, spinal cord injuries and diabetes. The use of cells donated by their owners hurts no one.



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This bill will inhibit medical research for cures/treatment for such diseases as Parkinson's and repair for spinal injuries. I have known several people who have suffered from Parkinson's. Adopting any policy that would cause people to go on suffering when there is a possibility of a cure to be discovered is simply cruel and inhumane. If the policy is based on religious beliefs being imposed by the government, that would be unconstitutional.



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Outlawing the use of fetal tissue for scientific, medical or therapeutic research could inhibit scientific discoveries like cures for cancer. My mother died of Leukemia at a time when there was no hope of cure. For some Leukemia's stem cell research is a miracle that saves peoples lives.



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This bill will limit the scientific use that may help people in the future. OPPOSE



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This legislation is completely unnecessary. Fetal tissue and stem cell research hold promise and can lead to breakthroughs for treating various conditions by utilizing the regenerative potential of these cells, including regenerative medicine, drug testing, and understanding developmental processes, potentially leading to cures for diseases like Parkinson's, diabetes, and spinal cord injuries. Outlawing the use of fetal tissue for scientific, medical, or therapeutic research could inhibit scientific and medical discovery. The League of Women Voters public policy position on health care includes the advancement of medical research and technology.



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Scientific research benefits all of us, individually, and collectively as healthy communities. Fetal tissue and stem cell research is important to achieve future scientific and medical breakthroughs as we pursue cures for diseases like Parkinson's and diabetes.



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There is no need to deny use of donated items based on the cause of death. This is cruel to the potential recipients.



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I oppose HB 1246. Fetal tissue and stem cell research holds promise and can lead to breakthroughs for treating various conditions. Outlawing fetal tissue for scientific, medical, or therapeutic research could inhibit scientific and medical discovery. My family has a history of Parkinson's and diabetes. I don't want to stop research trying to find a cure for diseases. Don't set back medical research to the 20th century. And why is this named HB 1246 "Abortion." You can get stem cell blood through live births.



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My name is Patricia O'Roark and I am testifying against HB1246. This bill prohibits any person or entity from utilizing any fetal tissue or organ resulting from an abortion for any kind of medical, scientific, research-based, experimental, or therapeutic purpose, or for any other use. I oppose it for the following reasons: Fetal tissue and stem cell research hold promise and can lead to breakthroughs for treating various conditions by utilizing the regenerative potential of these cells, including regenerative medicine, drug testing, and understanding developmental processes, potentially leading to cures for diseases like Parkinson's, diabetes, and spinal cord injuries. Outlawing the use of fetal tissue for scientific, medical, or therapeutic research could inhibit scientific and medical discovery. Why would we want to do that? How is this in the best interests of Missourians? Over the years, the use of tissue from those who died of cancer has led us to advancements in cancer treatment that have saved countless lives and has in many cases led to treatments that turned cancer into something manageable or even curable. Use of fetal tissue in research could lead to treatments that could possibly decrease the morbidity rate of infants who are today at high risk of dying in utero. Why would we want to stop that? Please vote no on HB1246.



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Dear Members of the House Health and Mental Health Committee, I am writing to discuss my opposition to HB 1246 (Laubinger) at your committee meeting today. At a time when we have an unprecedented number of Americans reaching old age at the same time, we need more opportunities to research cures and treatment for diseases than ever. Fetal tissue and stem cell research hold promise and can lead to breakthroughs for treating various conditions by utilizing the regenerative potential of these cells, including regenerative medicine, drug testing, and understanding developmental processes, potentially leading to cures for diseases like Parkinson's, diabetes, and spinal cord injuries. Please consider the implications of this bill for prohibiting medical breakthroughs, and vote against it.



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This bill is a shot in the foot for Missouri. Instead of seeking to improve our health, it holds us back. It promotes illness and death, not wellness and life. Fetal tissue and stem cell research hold promise and can lead to breakthroughs for treating various conditions by utilizing the regenerative potential of these cells, including regenerative medicine, drug testing, and understanding developmental processes, potentially leading to cures for diseases like Parkinson's, diabetes, and spinal cord injuries. If you outlaw the use of fetal tissue for scientific, medical, or therapeutic research, you inhibit scientific and medical discoveries that save lives. I have several friends with Parkinson's. Help save their lives!



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This type of medical research is so essential for the treatment and possible elimination of many diseases. Let's actually do something good with the organs and tissues from abortions. This is such a backwards way of thinking.



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I am submitting testimony in opposition to House Bill 1246 which would outlaw the use of fetal organs or tissue from abortions for medical scientific, research, experimental, therapeutic purposes or any other use. As a person who sustained an injury to the cervical spine, I personally realize the importance of research into the regenerative potential of stem cells, in understanding the the pathological processes and in developing medical treatments that could benefit people like me.



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I oppose HB 1246. The idea not to support science in every possible manner is ridiculous.



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Yes, there is controversy over the use of fetal tissue in medical research, but the life-saving benefits to society of this research should not be hindered because of opposition to abortion. How does disposing of fetal tissue from an abortion help?



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Missourians with devastating medical conditions should not be robbed of hope and the possibility of a cure by the very people elected to represent them.