

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Idaho Abortion Human Rights Act Released

Boise, Idaho – January 22, 2019 – Idaho State Representatives Heather Scott (R-1) and John Green (R-2) released a draft of their “Idaho Abortion Human Rights Act” today. The two conservative Republican legislators have taken a stand to protect the most vulnerable of all Idahoans, the unborn. Always overlooked in the abortion industry and forgotten by the masses, the preborn are endowed with the same set of inalienable **human rights** including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Abortion is, without question, the chief means of depriving unborn Idahoans of the most fundamental of all **human rights**, which is the right to life.

Scott and Green maintain that it is not a United States Supreme Court case that makes abortion legal in Idaho, but rather Idaho statutes themselves. While Idaho Code 18-4001 defines murder as “the unlawful killing of a human being including, but not limited to, a human embryo or fetus, with malice, aforethought or the intentional application of torture to a human being, which results in the death of a human being”, the same chapter of Idaho Code specifically grants permission to murder by abortion.

The Idaho Abortion Human Rights Act, honors Article 1, Section 18 of the Idaho Constitution, which states in part that “Courts of justice shall be open to every person”, and “right and justice shall be administered without...denial, delay, or prejudice”. Separately, Idaho Code 32-102 states in part that “a child conceived, but not yet born, is to be deemed an existing person.” The Idaho Abortion Human Rights Act is aimed at the heart of the issue regarding abortion, that Article 1, Section 1 of the Idaho Constitution states “All men...have certain inalienable rights, among which are enjoying and defending life...and securing safety.”

To accomplish this historic restoration of **human rights** for the unborn in Idaho, the act simply repeals the prohibition of prosecution for abortion, found in Idaho Code 18-4016 and puts the matter within existing statute for the prosecution of murder, where it clearly belongs.

Scott and Green emphasize this act is not an attempt to establish a test case for federal judicial review. “We simply recognize that the courts render opinions which are sometimes unconstitutional and that the State of Idaho and its officers are bound by oath to original interpretation of the constitutions, both state and federal.” said Green. Both understand that Idaho, as a sovereign state within the federal republic, has the fundamental duty and right to act as a check-and-balance to the federal government any time it errs on constitutional issues. This also includes the state executive and legislative branches acting as checks-and-balances against unconstitutional errors of the judiciary. “Courts don’t make laws, the legislature does, and we are bound by our oath of office, to protect the fundamental human rights of all Idahoans,” said Scott.



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