

PLEASE VOTE “YES” ON HB 4085

Ultrasound Opportunity Act

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HB 4085 — Support

Illinois Family Institute supports HB-4085 to offer women seeking abortion the opportunity to view an ultrasound of her unborn child at least one hour before undergoing the procedure.

The backers of commercialized abortion like to say their guiding principle is “choice,” but women considering abortion are not truly in a position to make an informed choice without having sufficient, objective information. Such complete and accurate information on the reality and status of her pregnancy and of the unborn child she is carrying is essential to her psychological and physical well-being and to her free exercise of autonomy.

We are living in the 21st century, with medical technology which offers pregnant mothers the opportunity for such information via ultrasonography. Yet few, if any, abortion doctors include sharing ultrasound views with their patients. That is the reason HB-4085, sponsored by Rep. Joe Lyons, is a needed and compassionate approach to informed consent in abortion.

Of course, the bill also offers a measure of protection for the unborn child who is the subject of the abortion.

An exception is provided where a medical emergency would necessitate skipping this stage in the informed consent process.

Reports to the Department of Public Health, required by the bill, would be in statistical form only and would give future General Assemblies insight as to how the law is functioning as well as assuring compliance by individual abortion providers.

**HB-4085 is a reasonable reform to offer Illinois women true choice.
We commend Rep. Lyons for his sponsorship of this legislation and urge a “yes” vote
by all Members of the General Assembly.**

