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TWP Testimony in strong opposition of a suite of anti-abortion bills: H5295, H5296, and H5661

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Dear Chair Craven and House Judiciary Committee Members,
My name is Jocelyn Foye. I am a mother, an artist, an advocate, and the Executive Director of The Womxn Project. The Womxn Project is a Rhode Island based organization that takes action through education, policy advancement, and artivism to secure reproductive freedom, gender equity, and LGBTQ+ rights.

I am writing to you to ask you to reject House Bills H5295, H5296, and H5661. If passed, these bills would infringe on the reproductive rights of Rhode Islander's, which the majority of the State would like to protect. These bills make defamatory statements relating to abortion care, and imply several times that our medical professionals who provide abortions would withhold lifesaving care of an infant. This rhetoric is harmful, and simply untrue.

Rhode Island abortion providers are professionals who treat patients in spite of the frequent harassment, and even violence inflicted against them. Instead of respecting individual choice, these bills seek to create obstacles for reproductive care, and punish those who provide it.

These attempts to restrict access to health care are not saving lives–in fact, they're doing the opposite. I am urging you to vote no on H5295, H5296, and H5661, and focus your time to accurately represent Rhode Islanders wants and needs.

Sincerely,
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