

Report on the 2022 Session 72nd Day

REPRESENTATIVE ROD
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Friends and Neighbors,

It is with a heavy heart I inform you that HB22-1279 has passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate. This abhorrent bill is now on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature.

Despite its disarming title, the 'Reproductive Health Equity Act' is the Democrats' response to the likelihood that Roe v Wade is overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in the coming months. This bill solidified, in statute, the ability for a pregnant woman to terminate a child's life all the way up until the moment that child is born. Additionally, the requirement for parents to be notified by a physician if a minor is seeking an abortion is removed by this bill. The Democrats are inching our state closer to a world where abortions are on-demand, at any time, and for anyone, including our children.

We realize the cruel reality the Democratic Party is attempting to create but the Colorado Republicans did not go down without a fight. The House Republicans set a record filibustering the floor for 24 hours, beginning on Friday and ending well into Saturday. The Senate was able to stall proceedings for an additional 13 hours of filibustering this past Tuesday. Despite our best efforts, the Democrats insisted on keeping to their ranks and passed HB22-1279 along party lines.

Even if Roe v Wade is overturned, it will likely be overturned in a way that abortion and the rights of the unborn will be determined by state governments as opposed to the Federal government. While this would be a tremendous win for life and humanity in the whole of this country, the duty to protect the unborn in Colorado will fall squarely on our shoulders as state legislators, more-so than it does today. When that day comes, we will be the first to act in restoring recognition of the right to life.

Thank you to everyone who testified in both the House and Senate committees in support of life; even though some were not convinced, your efforts were tremendous, and your impact was felt by all legislators.

Faithfully,

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