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State Chairman

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Dear Senator Crain,

In response to your request for our perspective on SB 1118:

The Senate Floor Version, as Amended February 22, 2016, of SB 1118 repeals the Heartbeat Informed Consent Act. We oppose the repeal of the Heartbeat Informed Consent Act, which was enacted in 2012 under the leadership of Senator Dan Newberry and Representative Pam Peterson.

The Floor Substitute for SB 1118 repeals the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. We oppose the repeal of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. In 2011, Oklahoma became the fourth state to enact this historic legislation that protects unborn children who are capable of feeling pain from abortion. The Senate, led by Senator Clark Jolley, passed this bill by the vote of 38-8. The House, led by Representative Pam Peterson, passed it by the vote of 94-2. Repealing this life-saving law would be a step backward in the fight to protect unborn children.

We believe that both the Heartbeat Informed Consent Act and the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act have saved the lives of unborn children in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

Respectfully,