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The Honorable Karen Haas Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives U.S. Capitol, Room H154 Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Clerk,

Pursuant to section 3(c) of House Resolution 5 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Pennsylvania, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1978, as purporting to be an application of the State legislature calling for a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Article V, and request that you make it publicly available.

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### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of House Bill No. 71, Printer's Number 2579, as passed by the House of Representatives, as amended by the Senate, on March 15, 1978, by a vote of 135 yeas to 55 nays; and concurred in by the Senate, on February 22, 1978, by a vote of 27 yeas to 18 nays.



Vincent F. Scarcelli,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

No.

Session of 1977

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. M. P. MULLEN, RENWICK, MRKONIC, C. GEORGE, LETTERMAN, DOMBROWSKI, CAPUTO, FEE, YAHNER, LAUGHLIN, BURNS, CIMINI, MCCLATCHY, MACKOWSKI, M. M. MULLEN, POLITE, DEMEDIO, RUGGIERO, ARTHURS, MUSTO, KATZ, MRS. GILLETTE, MESSRS. BELLCMINI, BRUNNER, LOYLE, GALLAGHER, VALICENTI, TRELLO, PITTS, GIAMMARCO, FREIND, SALVATORE, ZELLER, LOGUE, A. C. FOSTER JR., VRCON, HAMILTON, GOEBEL AND GRIECO, FEBRUARY 7, 1977

SENATOR EARLY, CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES AND FEDERAL RELATIONS, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 15, 1978

#### A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 Making application to the Congress of the United States to call
- a convention for drafting and proposing an amendment to the
- 3 Constitution of the United States to guarantee the right to
- 4 life to the unborn fetus.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby resolves as follows:
- 7 Section 1. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
- 8 Pennsylvania (the Senate concurring) hereby makes application to
- 9 the Congress of the United States, in accordance with the
- 10 provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United
- 11 States, to call a convention for drafting and proposing an
- 12 amendment to the Constitution of the United States to quarantee
- 13 the right to life to the unborn fetus by doing the following:
- 14 (a) With respect to the right to life guaranteed in the
- 15 United States Constitution, provide that every human being

- 1 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States or any state
- 2 shall be deemed from the moment of fertilization to be a person
- 3 and entitled to the right to life.
- 4 (b) Provide that Congress and the several states shall have
- 5 concurrent powers to enforce such an amendment by appropriate
- 6 legislation.
- 7 (c) The purpose of the Constitutional Convention shall be to
- 8 only consider the above and no other business.
- 9 (D) NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL PROHIBIT A LAW PERMITTING
- 10 ONLY THOSE MEDICAL PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO PREVENT THE DEATH OF
- 11 THE MOTHER.
- 12 Section 2. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall transmit
- 13 certified copies of this resolution to the President of the
- 14 Senate of the United States and to the Speaker of the House of
- 15 Representatives of the United States and to the President of the
- 16 Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the
- 17 Legislatures of each of the other forty-nine States of the
- 18 United States.

We certify that this bill, House Bill No. 71 , Printer's No. 2579, has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Tenent & Scarelli
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Speaker, House of Representatives
President Pro Tempore, Senate
Approved the
Governor