testimony against SJR30 from Rabbi Noson Shmuel Leiter

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Thank you for this opportunity. My name is Rabbi Noson Shmuel Leiter, Executive Director of Help Rescue Our Children, which opposes child molestation and human trafficking, among other things. I respectfully urge the legislators to oppose SJR30, which would ensconce what's described as "personal reproductive freedom and autonomy" into the Connecticut constitution.

In addition to other crucial concerns aforementioned, legislators ought consider how this proposed constitutional amendment could eventually be employed by judges to STYMIE laws that help reduce teen pregnancy, and even child exploitation, & human trafficking. For instance, a Judge could rule that Age-Of-Consent or anti-trafficking laws unduly limit "reproductive freedom or autonomy." The same could be said about parental consent laws.

Such a provision could even potentially result in closing Crisis Pregnancy Centers, thereby disproportionately punishing the poor and disadvantaged. Furthermore, to the extent that this amendment would facilitate recreational abortion, it would imbed state-mandated mass-killing of babies into the constitution. As such, it would (1) constitute the ultimate betrayal of the most innocent and defenseless citizens; (2) it would contravene the most foundational mandate of government, namely safeguarding innocent life; and (3) it would constitute rebellion against G-d and His Law, as it applies to all Mankind. Abortion-on-demand is unquestionably, absolutely prohibited, EVEN according to THE most lenient or permissive views within the corpus of authentic Judaism.

Thank you,

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