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In-Person Informed Consent

SB --- requires that the information provided to a woman seeking an abortion, the medical risks and alternatives and the probable age of the embryo, must be done:

“in an individual, private setting” and

“orally, in person, and not by way of a prerecorded message.”

SB ---It also requires record keeping.

SB --- was introduced February --, 2007 and has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee February --, 2007.

Sponsor and co-sponsors:

Reasons for supporting SB ---

Before making a medical decision, a person has the right to know the risks and options available.

A woman's access to detailed health related information and life-affirming options to abortion is best provided in-person where questions can be asked and the specific situation of the woman can be considered by a medical professional.

This law will better protect the rights of

SUPPORT SB ---

Co-sponsor and vote **YES** for **SB ---** which strengthens the informed consent process.

Vote **NO** for amendments not acceptable to the sponsor.

This legislation establishes a process that better protects human life.

women in the process of making a decision that is not reversible. It may reduce the number of babies being aborted and the post-abortion trauma that we know to be sadly real for some women.

In-person communication with a physician is

viewed as critical in many circumstances.

The KY Board of Medical Licensure said in its Fall 2004 Newsletter:

Consumers obtaining prescriptions, medications, and/or medical treatment from Internet web sites without an adequate evaluation by a physician pose an immediate threat to the public health and safety....The Board feels a valid physician/patient relationship cannot be established without an initial face-to-face evaluation by a health care professional.

Human life is a gift from God, sacred and inviolable. Because every human person is created in the image and likeness of God, we have a duty to defend human life from conception until natural death and in every condition. **SB ---** helps fulfill the duty to defend human life.