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The Honorable Robert Craven, Chair

House Judiciary Committee

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

Thank you for considering the testimony of LWVRI.

The LWVRI opposes the bills H5295 An act relating to criminal offenses – children(Criminalizes knowing and intentional failure of a physician, nurse or other licensed medical person to provide reasonable medical care and treatment to an infant born alive as a felony), H5296 An act relating to health and safety – Born-alive infant protection act, and H5661 An act relating to courts and civil procedure- procedure in particular actions – Death by Wrongful Act.

As a retired physician, I, along with fellow physicians and health care providers had/have to adhere to State laws and regulations. Our mission is to serve our patients with the best evidence and fact-based medical treatment and protocols.

On a case-to-case basis, important decisions, sometimes lifesaving and immediate, are made between the provider and patient about the best course of treatment for their care. Women must have this essential right to make these decisions with their provider. These bills try to undermine this right, criminalize decisions made by providers and undermine abortion laws Rhode Island has put in place.

LWVRI in partnership with The Coalition of Reproductive Freedom in opposing these 3 bills.

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