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8 SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 417, REPEALING  
9 ACT 2019-189 THAT PROVIDES CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE  
10 PERFORMANCE OF AN ABORTION.  
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12 WHEREAS, Act 2019-189 makes it a felony to perform  
13 an abortion or to attempt an abortion, and other than an  
14 exception relating to the health of the mother, the act  
15 provides no other exception to the criminal penalties; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Vivian Figures has introduced  
17 SB417, to repeal Act 2019-189; and

18 WHEREAS, this law has been immediately criticized as  
19 one of the strictest abortion laws in the country and even  
20 religious conservatives have questioned the lack of reasonable  
21 exceptions to the prohibition; for example, televangelist Pat  
22 Robertson has labeled the law as "extreme" and concludes that  
23 Alabama has "gone to far"; and

24 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has also questioned  
25 the reach of this law; he tweeted, "I am strongly Pro-Life,  
26 with the three exceptions - Rape, Incest and protecting the

1 Life of the mother - the same position taken by Ronald  
2 Reagan..."; and

3 WHEREAS, the overreach of this law has already  
4 served as the catalyst for a tarnished view of our state,  
5 which will only serve to negatively impact tourism and our  
6 economy; numerous groups are already calling for a boycott of  
7 our state and other states and localities are choosing not to  
8 authorize the spending of state resources on travel to our  
9 state; and

10 WHEREAS, proponents of the law readily concede that  
11 the law is unconstitutional under existing caselaw and is  
12 headed for a long and expensive court battle, which will, in  
13 turn, unnecessarily cost the taxpayers of this state; and

14 WHEREAS, rather than spending state funds on  
15 unnecessary and unfruitful legal battles, our resources would  
16 be better preserved to address the immediate and urgent needs  
17 of Alabamians in this state, including the following: The  
18 infant mortality crisis, the rural health care crisis in this  
19 state, and the health insurance crisis; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That, in order to remedy the  
22 overreach in Act 2019-189 criminalizing the performance of  
23 abortion, this body supports the repeal of this law as  
24 provided in SB417.