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Bill No. HB477

As a taxpayer and citizen of the state of Montana, I see HB 477 as an attempt by the government, to take away a freedom that I believe the Supreme Court of the state of Montana has basically reaffirmed through the Baxter decision.

We call ourselves the land of the free. We recruit, train and pay young men and women to defend that freedom both here and abroad. We are free to choose where we want to live, to choose friends, to choose a spouse, to choose whatever level of education we wish to pursue, to choose a career path. We are free to choose.

We tell people around the world that we are a democracy...a democracy not a theocracy, because as a democracy we are free to choose our own God, or no God, or our own religion, with no one, having a moral imperative over another. Part of that freedom is a separation of church and state, in fairness to all that live here.

From my perspective, this is all about freedom. Here in the land of the free, I am told that I am free to make decisions in my life until the end, at which point the government will intrude and make decisions for me that I may disagree with, because you as a lawmakers are uncomfortable with them.

For the sake of argument, if it is about your beliefs, what makes your God right and mine wrong? I believe in compassion and that interminable suffering is not part of God's plan. At the same time I believe that you have a right to choose whatever God is in your heart. If, it is not about your personal beliefs, what other motive would you have for pushing this bill forward?

As an elected official, your job is to represent everyone, and their freedom to make choices in their life as well as their death. I ask that you keep this, the land of the free, because like I said above, this is all about freedom.

Thank you for hearing me out on this issue. I ask that you vote against HB477.

Sincerely,

BOB ZIMORINO from MISSOULA, MT

