

HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Testimony Will Be: Oral X (WebEx) Written Only _____

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Should government take away the freedom to make personal and private life choices?

No one could predict the far-reaching effects of the current pandemic. Nor can anyone predict whether a hotter, drier planet with less water may be on the horizon, possibly resulting in food shortages.

What if the government then decides there are too many people? The same government that can prohibit women from having abortions can also force them to have abortions. This happened in China, and as the last few weeks have proven, we can no longer state with certainty that something could never happen in the United States.

Further, regardless of one's beliefs regarding the religious question of when personhood begins, we live in a pluralistic society of many different religious persuasions. The First Amendment states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." If you want other people to respect your religious convictions, tolerate theirs.