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The Honorable Gary R. Herbert
Governor, State of Utah
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Sent via First Class U.S. Mail & online at
<https://governor.utah.gov/contact/>

Re: Veto HB0214S01, *Insurance Coverage Modifications*. This bill sanctions the killing of sick Medicaid children.

March 21, 2020

Dear Governor Herbert,

On behalf of Sacred Heart Guardians and Shelter (SHG), a charitable mission which facilitates burial for the embryonic human beings whose lives start and end in IVF laboratories, I respectfully request that you veto HB0214S01 (“Insurance Coverage Modifications,” Rep. Raymond Ward).

HB0214S01 would leverage *in vitro fertilization (IVF)* to create human beings Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) labs, grow them for three days, take a biopsy, and evaluate each one’s DNA. Human beings found to have a certain gene will be killed and disposed of as medical waste.

How is this OK?

At best, the Utah legislature suffers from a widespread misunderstanding of how IVF works. At worst, they prioritize savings and convenience over human life. Please, stop this deplorable practice from infecting your state. If this method was deployed in utero rather than in vitro, it would be called abortion.

State-sanctioned abortion.

Purported Value of HB0214S01 ¹	What It Means in Practice
“saving money for our Medicaid program”	Kill defenseless human beings <i>who are financial burdens</i>.
“improving some important health conditions”	Kill defenseless human beings <i>because they are sick</i>.

To illustrate how nonsensical this bill is, look closely at a something Representative Bradley Last has said. Rep. Last is a carrier of cystic fibrosis (one of the bill’s qualifying conditions), as are 4 of his 5 children. His granddaughter lives with the disease. Yet, Rep. Last oddly voted in support of the bill stating that “with IVF, a family can eradicate the disease.”² Had Rep. Last been a beneficiary of this bill, **his children and his grandchild would not be here today**. They would have been “eradicated” in the lab: created, tested, and killed. Is he saying that’s “ok?”

This bill doesn’t eradicate disease. This bill eradicates people. You can’t possibly want this for Utah, can you?

Sincerely,

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¹House Floor, Day 19 (2/14/2020)

² Ibid.