A True Story.

A thirteen year old girl with Down’s syndrome from a small town in Mississippi was raped at school in 2010. Her parents took her to the hospital for an emergency procedure to prevent a pregnancy. After many months of counseling, the child and her family are trying to return to a normal life.

Imagine this tragedy under Initiative #26:
No doctor in the state would have risked performing the emergency procedures to prevent a pregnancy. The physician, child and her parents would have been subject to charges of manslaughter.

The nightmare that began with the rape of a defenseless child would continue for decades.

Initiative #26: An affront to Mississippi Values
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Methodist Minister Todd Watson: ...As a person of faith I know that the call upon my life is to vote with wisdom and an informed conscience so that all life may be valued. Thus, I can do nothing but vote NO on proposed Amendment 26.

Catholic Bishop Latino: As Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Jackson, I must commend the many efforts of our Catholic faith-full to promote a culture of life and to act on behalf of the unborn. ...while Personhood Mississippi is a noble initiative, as Bishop, I join with Catholic Bishops in several other states in not endorsing these Personhood petitions.

MS Nurses Association: ...oppose Initiative #26 because of its dangerous consequences for women, and many health care providers.

American Society of Reproductive Medicine: “Initiative #26 ...threatens the reproductive rights of women.... thwarts the ability of those who suffer from infertility to seek treat-

MS Chapter of the American Congress of Obstetricians: Initiative #26 is BAD for Mississippi.... numerous unintended consequences that will affect the care of our patients.

The MCCD joins with the Mississippi State Medical Association, the Mississippi Nurses Association, the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, the Mississippi Chapter of the Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Catholic and Episcopal Bishops of Mississippi in Opposing Initiative #26.
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