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Memo in Opposition to Including Embryos in the Definition of Tissue (A1135 Paulin/S568 Hoylman).

New York State Right to Life strongly opposes A1135 Paulin/S568 Hoylman which would change NY Public Health Law to include embryos in the stated definition of tissue. Such a definition is biologically false and will lead to further dehumanization of living human embryos. New York State Right to Life urges all lawmakers to vote against this pernicious bill.

- To call this bill biologically deceptive would be a massive understatement. Embryos are living members of the human family that should be afforded the dignity that we afford others. The youngest members of the human family should not be stripped of their biological identity and described as mere tissue for the convenience of those who are either unfamiliar or unconcerned with basic human biology. Pro-abortion legislators and medical researchers may find it convenient to make the science up as they go along to suit their Frankensteinian whims, but this reeks of other dark times in history where others have redefined what it is to be human, such as when Jews in Nazi Germany were defined as subhuman and then killed en masse.
- This bill also contributes further to the dehumanization of the unborn which is already so rampant in our laws and culture. Defining unborn embryos as tissue implies that they are not living human beings, and therefore will further continue their dehumanization. To date, more than 60 million unborn children have been legally murdered in this country since the calamitous *Roe vs. Wade* decision. In early 2019, the NY State Legislature passed the so-called “Reproductive Health Act” which further expanded the killing of unborn children in New York. If this bill is passed and signed into law, then with the stroke of a pen, a group of human beings will be further stripped of their humanity. That is chilling! The last thing that New York needs is another law that affirms the lie that life begins at any point later than the moment of fertilization.

This bill is an assault on both basic biology and basic morality. Embryos are not simply tissue but rather are living human beings. While this bill will no doubt thrill science deniers in NY who don't accept the clear scientific evidence that embryos are fully human, New York State Right to Life strongly urges legislators to do the only morally decent thing and vote against this bill.