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 **God says: “Thou shalt not kill (murder).” Exodus 20:13,** [**KJV**](http://bartleby.com/108/)

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To**:**  Senator Lee Bright, primary sponsor of SC Personhood Bill [**S.457**](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm) (SC Senate)

SC Senators ( 21 of 22 ) sponsoring Personhood Act of South Carolina - [**S.457**](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm)

Cc**:** Senator Chip Campsen, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee for [**S.457**](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm) Senator Greg Gregory, member Senate Judiciary Subcommittee for [**S.457**](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm)

Senator Greg Hembree, member Senate Judiciary Subcommittee for [**S.457**](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm)Senator Larry Martin, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

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Mark Cheslak, Chairman / Jim Schirmer, Vice Chairman, Christians for Personhood

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, and Many Others

Subj**:**  **Decision of Judiciary Subcommittee Chairman Senator Chip Campsen to deny request**

 **for a vote on SC Personhood Bill** [**S.457**](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm) **this 2014 Session**
Dear Senator Bright and other sponsors of SC Personhood Bill [**S.457**](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm),

Two hearings were conducted by Senator Campsen's Judiciary Subcommittee for [**S.457**](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm),the SC Personhood Bill.
In both cases ( March 13 and April 10 ), another piece of legislation ( [S.527](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/527.htm) ) was first on the agenda.  In the March 13
hearing the SC Personhood Bill [**S.457**](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm)was afforded 22 minutes of hearing time before the meeting was adjourned.  In the
case of the April 10 hearing, the SC Personhood Bill [**S.457**](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm)was afforded 50 minutes of hearing time before the meeting
was adjourned ( which 50 minutes also included speakers in opposition to the SC Personhood Bill, as well as questions
asked by Senate members of certain of these speakers in opposition ). YouTube videos of hearings are available online.

     In neither case did all those who came to speak in support of the SC Personhood Bill have the opportunity to do so,
and in nearly every case, those who were permitted to speak were still prevented from being allowed to fully state their case, because of the extremely limited time allowance as determined by the chairman and driven by the circumstances and scheduling of both subcommittee meetings. Despite significant public interest in this legislation, Senator Campsen

has determined to cease further hearings, even though the accountability of conducting a vote has not actually occurred.

     These are the first SC Senate hearings allowed for SC personhood legislation since May 2005, when two Judiciary Subcommittee hearings were also conducted, approximately nine years ago; no vote was taken then either **-** May 4, 2005 and May 18, 2005 - the audio recordings of which are available on the home page of [**www.ChristianLifeandLiberty.net**](http://www.ChristianLifeandLiberty.net).

 On April 29, I was informed by Senator Campsen that he is denying my request for a vote on[**S.457**](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm).  [ Note**:** Senator Campsen also informed me on April 29 for the first time that he had been ready to have a vote on the bill on April 10,

the date of the last hearing, but claimed he did not do so because we had so many speakers. ]

 There are other points which could be made explaining the various ways, whether intentionally or unintentionally,

the net effect of which has been to deny, delay, or minimize the opportunity for affording a full and sufficient public hearing, **with the public accountability of a vote,** regarding this important legislation, which boils down to the basic question of whether South Carolina has the Tenth Amendment Reserved Power as a Sovereign State to establish in State Law the fundamental right to life for all human beings by truthfully answering two questions about the life growing

in a human mother’s womb**: 1) Is it a human being at fertilization?, and** **2) Is this human being a legal "person"?**

     The Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of the Universe says, **"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall**

**make you free."  John 8:32,** [**KJV**](http://bartleby.com/108/)**.** [ emphasis added ]
     With just under one month remaining in the regular 2014 Session ( until June 5 ), please consider speaking to your colleague Senator Chip Campsen about re-considering his denial of the request for a vote on SC Personhood Bill [**S.457**](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/457.htm)**.**

 Thank you.

In Christ,

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