Roemer would veto total ban on abortion

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Sen. John Roemer said Monday that while he is a strong supporter of life and the sanctity of human life, he also believes in establishing a legal framework to protect the state's interests.

Roemer said he would sign a bill that would allow the state to object to any federal action that could be interpreted as an attempt to restrict a woman's right to abortion.

"I believe it's important that we have a legal framework to protect the state's interests," Roemer said. "I support the sanctity of human life, but I also believe in the rule of law and the separation of powers."

Roemer said he would veto any legislation that would violate the state's interests.

"I don't believe it's a good idea to go too far in restricting a woman's right to abortion," Roemer said. "I think it's important that we establish a legal framework to protect the state's interests."