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Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018  
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Dear Sir/Madam.

I am writing to you as a resident of Queensland, living in Morayfield, who is deeply concerned about the Termination of Pregnancy Bill that is currently being introduced into the Queensland Parliament.

I want to urge you to take up the fight against this appalling bill that would potentially condemn to death thousands of innocent babies and refuse them a chance to experience life.

I believe that Queensland does not have to follow the other States and can stand up for what is right and be a light to our nation.

Recent moves to increase child protection and safety in Queensland show just how much our parliament and society values young lives. The unborn baby IS a young life and also deserves to be protected and be safe in their mother's womb. I am 70 years old and come from a generation where, when a baby was born prematurely, even from week 22 or 23, everything possible was done to save this tiny baby and many survived to the great joy of their parents. I believe this is still so. Therefore it is just unimaginable that in the case this bill passes, healthy unborn babies will be aborted – destroyed – instead of saved.

I have many more concerns about this Bill as it allows for among others:

- abortion up until birth for any reason
- DIY abortions (part 3, S10)
- the second doctor who needs to sign off on the procedure after 22 weeks need not see the woman requesting termination (part 2, S6)
- the bill compels complicity from medical practitioners with a conscientious objection (part 2, S8)
- healthy expectant mothers will be able to have an abortion at any time in Queensland for a variety of reasons to do with health

There has been an increase in the number of childless couples due to the declining fertility rates and there are many thousands who would happily provide a home for a baby when the mother is unable to care for the child for various reasons. Knowing that the baby has gone to a loving home is genuinely more fulfilling for the mother than a lifetime of guilt and regret that she may experience having aborted the child, particularly for reasons other than a threat to her own life.

Please consider these concerns as you make your decision on how to vote on this legislation and I trust that you will make wise choices that benefit all people, including unborn babies.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Yours faithfully,

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