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To whom it may concern,

I do not understand how any human being can be so flippant about abortion. In order for an organism to be considered 'living' a criteria of several characteristics has to be established:

- Response to stimuli - I place this one at the top of the list as, as a mother of 4 children, some of the sweetest memories I have of being pregnant was the response of my babies depending on what I was doing. Music & food were two things that seems to get them going!! Three of my children being boys I later understood the importance of food in their lives, but it did start from the very beginning before they were even born!! Taking a bath was another one which seemed to wake them and make them want to move around as did my voice as I would speak to them and the voice of their father. Sound, food, and temperature would classify a plant or tree as a living entity then why not a baby??

A friend of mine who is a nurse, describes her horror as she assisted in an abortion and saw the result of a dismembered baby gasping as he was pulled from his mother's womb. She expected a blob, not a fully formed little human who expressed terror and pain for a few seconds before dying. She has never been able to return to a theatre and now works in a doctor's surgery. She also cannot tell that story without sobbing.

- Cellular Organization & Growth & Development - I wish I understood more how a single cell can develop into a breathing, living, functioning entity before it is even out of his mother's womb. Any mother will tell you the joy at feeling her baby's first kick or hearing his heartbeat for the first time. One of my children used to get the hiccups and it was hilarious to see & feel his little body jump.

According to [REDACTED] A LIVING organism is described as *Any **organism** or a **living form** that possesses or shows the characteristics of life or being alive. **Living things** are those that display the following characteristics: an organized structure, being made up of a cell or cells. requires energy to survive or sustain existence* - Does this not describe the development of human LIFE??? from a cell which contains DNA & heredity genes from his parents, to a fully viable foetus into a baby with a heart beat who responds to stimuli and needs food to continue to develop and mature.

Prior to birth, a baby Moves purposefully & wilfully changes position inside his mother's tummy - he is not BEING moved by his environment but PURPOSEFULLY MOVES to make himself more comfortable in the same way that we adjust our position all day long.

He Grows and develops in size and shape but his cells also reproduce into new organisms and new cells. There is also an exchange of gases as in any other viable source of life... oxygen, removal of waste produced by a metabolic reaction, using energy from food as source of growth and energy, passing of substances through membranes and into body fluids, assimilation of substances into chemically different forms...

According to [REDACTED] the first characteristic of a living thing is that, they are made up of **cells**. Researchers estimates that the human body contains about 100 trillion cells.

In July 2016, Brisbane doctors performed a successful surgery on in-utero baby diagnosed with spina bifida. A team of 40 doctors and nurses performed what they called a LIFE-CHANGING surgery on a 24-week-old in-utero baby. One of the surgeons, Dr Wellons said: "The risks are, let's face it, DEATH, but this is where we work, on the edge of death". Isn't death 'possible' only if there is LIFE in the first place??

And let's not forget this little guy. 21-week-old unborn baby named Samuel Armas who was diagnosed with Spina Bifida. During the procedure, the doctor removed the uterus via C-section and made a small incision to operate on the baby. As Dr. Bruner completed the surgery on little Samuel, the little guy reached his tiny, but fully developed, hand through the incision and firmly grasped the surgeon's finger. In a Time Europe article highlighting new pregnancy imagery that show the formation of major organs and other significant evidence of the formation of human life but a few days after conception, Dr. Bruner was reported as saying that when his finger was grasped, it was the most emotional moment of his life, and that for an instant during the procedure he was just frozen, totally immobile.

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