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When I was in my first year out of high school I had a couple of close friends fall pregnant. Both chose to have abortions. As I was still young at the time, but old enough to have a license, I drove my friends (on separate occasions) for abortions. In my naivety I thought baby's weren't babies until they were born. Like you, I thought women had a choice. This was over 30 years ago!

I now know the regret and guilt that my friends have lived with. I also know now that depression and suicide are very high with mums that choose to have abortions. At the time, this was an accepted practice though. On the other hand, my friends that fell pregnant at a young age and chose to have their babies were basically shunned by society. They were offered no support and were basically isolated.

Several years ago I watched a DVD called Life After Abortion. This was the most heartbreaking video I have ever watched. My mind went back 30 years and I realized what I had done. Not only in not supporting my friends and saying it was okay (and I will be there for you) but what was actually involved. I had no idea!

Society tells you that babies are still cells when they are in your body and that you have a choice. No one tells you the truth. I guess it has only been with the help of modern technology that we can actually see a baby growing and how early this precious life begins (from conception). Every life is a gift and a blessing and we need to cherish it. Maybe if the funding went to the mums who need support in bringing up their children it would be better spent.

A few months ago I had a young lady tell me she was planning on having an abortion. She was hesitant as she had seen the affects of abortion and depression in her own family. This young lady was aboriginal and already had children. She was studying and planning on getting a job and furthering her career (breaking the chain she called it). A baby was not on her plans. However, she said that her Aunties that had abortions mourned every year their loss. Their decisions at the time had long life affects even after many, many years. She didn't want to be sitting around a table each year with a cake celebrating a birthday of a child that she had terminated. This young lady is due in a couple of weeks and happy with her decision. We have also made plans for her to complete her studies in 3 months.

If you could please do one thing before making your decision and this is to watch the [REDACTED] (the uncut edition!). It is available at [REDACTED] or I am happy to send you a copy. If not, please go see an actual abortion for yourself.

I am now a Nurse Educator and I teach my students about having informed choices. We need to know all the information before we make any decisions in our lives. When we sign a Consent Form it is because we have all the information needed to make our decision. It is the law!

I don't believe mums will have all the information needed in making this life threatening decision. If they did I wouldn't be writing this letter and this Law wouldn't even be a consideration. I know that one day they will regret their decision as will you too when you realize what you have done. Please don't be like a young naïve 18year old. Be informed! Your job is to protect and preserve us all.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts.

Kindest Regards
Linda Robertson

