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**Committee for Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose)**

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I am writing regarding the proposed Abortion Law Reform ( Women's Right to Choose) Bill that has been proposed to the Queensland Parliament.

To Whom it may Concern

I have recently read a media release which states that Queensland Health has disclosed to parliament that 27 babies were born alive after abortion then were left to die after struggling to breathe after they had been aborted. At the same time babies of the same age of development were being cared for in neonatal wards. The only difference, appeared to be, that they were labeled as "unwanted", "disabled" or "inconvenient". This is just a figure that was released, but to what heights will this figure rise if the protection of the present law is taken away.

Proponents of abortion claim to be "pro-choice". Through this euphemism they imply that opponents of abortion are somehow opposed to women's rights. This simply is not true. Those who support an unborn child's right to life also support a woman's right to choose in matters of sex, procreation and parenting. Every woman has a right to choose to marry or not to marry. She has a right to choose to keep her child or (if she cannot cope) to offer him or her up for adoption. She has the right to received full emotional and financial support from the child's father, But she does not have a "right" to choose to kill her child. No such "right" exists. A woman's right to choose is limited by her child's right to life. The right to life underlies every other right, because without it a person cannot exercise any other right. The right to choose if limited, but the right to life is paramount. Every being has a right to life. This includes, of course, the pregnant women. Consequently, on the exceptionally rare occasion when a woman is in mortal danger from the continuation of a pregnancy, her life cannot be forfeited against her will for the sake of the baby's. Where there is a genuine conflict between the

right to life of the child and right to life of the mother, it is legitimate to choose in favour of the mother. However, “abortion” is hardly an appropriate term in such a tragic circumstance, for the intention is quite different.

Many people claim that abortion is a “health issue”, but this is not quite true. Few of the 100,000 abortions performed annually in Australia are performed for health reasons. They are performed because men and women find it emotionally or socially or economically inconvenient to have a child. In this present society that we live in, there seems to be an attitude that everything is disposable, and it pains me to see that a beautiful baby seems to be put into this category also. Where is the responsibility for our actions in conceiving a child? This is not merely a foetus or embryo in the womb as some people call it, but a living baby with eyes, nose and ears and mouth. I do not think that to terminate this life whether it be at one month, two months, three months, six months or eight months can be described as anything but murder. We are not God, He is the one who gives life and He is the one who takes it away.

There is also the issue of the health professionals who, often against their consciences have to take part in the “procedure” which it is called. The barbaric practice of late term abortion and the resulting distress of watching the aborted babies slowly die has been known to severely affect their emotional and mental health. There is also the resultant trauma that an unsuspecting mother goes through after being told that it is a simple procedure but seeing with her own eyes what is happening to her baby.

We are not living in uncivilized barbaric times, so I respectfully urge the Committee to reject the proposed changes to the Abortion Law and instead of liberalizing them further, to work towards reducing the number of babies who are aborted yearly.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my concerns and trust that you will carefully consider this matter as it involves life and death issues.

Yours sincerely,

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