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To whom it may concern. Late term abortion is totally unacceptable to me, as babies with shorter gestation periods as small as 22 weeks can still have a viable child. One of my own children was born at 32 weeks and was only 2 pounds 8 ounces in 1973. I deal with dying rooms in China now and through my work in China, the dying rooms are few and far between and have been replaced by foreign run hospices.

We have criticised the Chinese for the lack of human rights regarding family planning, but now they have made a law that says one a pregnancy reaches 38 weeks, it cannot be killed. Yet we, in Qld, will be able to kill a child as long as it hasn't been born yet if you change the law.

Where will such legislation lead us? If our children displease us, or get cancer, or fail at school, should a parent have the right to take them to a clinic and have them euthanised? It is the same principle as late term abortion. Early abortion is bad enough. What about the thousands of Queensland families who are desperate to have a baby spending huge amounts of money? Could you give the a thought and since a late term abortion must be born anyway, wouldn't it be better to allow that child to live and give to a family who wants it.

After teaching in Queensland state schools from 1970 to 2006, I have retired to rescue children out of orphanages and place them in 7 different foster homes. Hundreds of unwanted children have gone through my homes to be adopted to USA. In Australia, we have such a shortage of children for adoptions, that families can wait more than 7 years for a child.

I have seen first hand that adoption is a powerful way to build a family.

Please consider these families as you strive to change this law, and please consider the child whose lives you are taking without giving them a chance. 27 failed late term abortions a year! Left to die! I am ashamed. My mother was a teen when she got pregnant with me in 1947. It was terribly shameful for her. Her mother wanted her to abort me (though it was illegal then). She refused and let me live. I am so grateful to her. Early next year, Colin's are publishing a book about my life. If I had been killed before I was born, none of that would have happened. Please consider all the consequences carefully

Yours faithfully,

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Sent from my iPad