From:

To: <u>abortionlawreform</u>
Subject: Rob Pyne abortion law

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in objection to Rob Pyne's Abortion Law Reform (women's right to choose) Amendment Bill. I am in strong opposition to this bill as I believe abortion to be 100% murder at any stage of pregnancy. The unborn child is undeniably a living human and should have the rights as one. Passing a bill such as this is giving another human the choice to end another humans life and consenting to a procedure to brutally murder an innocent life that had not yet grown the capacity to speak for themselves. What if they could speak for themselves? What if they could object to such a law themselves? Then where would their rights stand? Furthermore, how can an unborn child be treated like such worthlessness JUST BECAUSE they have not been born yet. Birth does not all of a sudden transform a baby into a human, birth occurs when the body has grown the child long enough for them to survive without the need for their umbilical cord supplying them with nourishment from their mother. However the process of growth and development continues far beyond the womb so to claim they are not developed yet and cannot feel is a complete lie and highly irrelevant. Baby's most certainly can feel the excruciating pain of abortion. You can find reports from people in the industry claiming the baby's will squirm and squeal during the abortion and I recall reading one doctor who quit his job after hearing a baby scream during the procedure.

In regards to women's health and safety, it has been proven safer for women to birth their child then it is for her to have her baby aborted.

Post abortion, many women have suffered depression, infertility or complications with further pregnancies, many other medical complications have been linked to the procedure also. Some women have resorted to alcoholism and sadly many have taken their own lives after feeling immense regret from their decision. It has been testified on numerous occasions by many woman whom have had abortions that they felt alone and deep regret that haunts them every day.

Many of these women did not have support from families or partners and felt that abortion was their best option.

These women are quite literally frightened or mislead into having abortions. These women and many others have been used and lied to about their bodies and about their babies. Some claim if they had just seen their child, they would not have done it, if they had just received just a small amount of support they would not have done it, if they had have known what actually happens during an abortion they would not have done it, if they could go back... They would NOT have done it.

What we should be doing is standing up for these women and their dignity and equally as importantly, standing up for the unborn and their right to life. Why can't adoption be the answer? What is the harm in letting the child live, bringing happiness to couples who perhaps cannot have their own and the mother may still have the chance to see her child in the future if she decides. That's freedom. That's humane. And that's choice.

No human should have the right to decide who lives and who dies. We claim to be a free country but not even the unborn have freedom of life??

I thank you for taking the time to read and consider my letter

Kind regards,

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