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To Whom it May Concern,

The argument for the destruction of a human being either inside a woman's womb is totally misguided.

The question that has to be asked is not "what are a woman's rights?" But rather, "what are our fundamental rights as human beings?"

The reason why murder is punished severely in our nation and state is that we acknowledge the value of human life, and stand upon the principle that it is utterly unethical to take someone's life from them, against their will.

What difference does it make if that human life is still in its mother's womb? It doesn't make a difference. And we know that because multiple men over the years have committed criminal offense by beating their girlfriends and spouses so as to terminate the life of their child.

What difference does it make if that human life is depended upon its mother for its survival? It doesn't make a difference. And we know this because a child doesn't cease to be depended upon its mother after birth, but it's not okay to kill it then is it? Nor do we have the right to simply terminate an ICU patient's life because they can't take care of themselves.

Please, my plea is that our state government would stand for the sanctity of human life, both outside the womb, and inside it.

Regards,

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