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To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my opposition to the proposed weakening of safeguards to abortion laws in Queensland.

As a soon-to-be father, I have watched in amazement as our unborn child hiccups, rolls and sucks his or her thumb via ultrasound. There is no doubt that this is a little life – a human in the making, and any intentional act to end the life if this child should remain as a criminal act.

Now that our unborn child is 7 months and nearing birth, if I, as the father were to take the life of our unborn child through an act of violence without the mothers permission, I would be charged accordingly. However this bill is seeking to remove criminal association from that very act (the taking of the child's life) so long as the mother chooses such.

How is a fathers choice any less valid than a mothers choice? If it is criminal for a father (or another) to kill an unborn child, then logic would state that it is likewise criminal for the mother or health professional to kill an unborn child.

Our approach to abortion must change. We must instigate further safeguards, not remove them. We must understand that life is precious, and these unborn babies are exactly that – small human beings who require our care and nurture and protection. Regardless of when we consider the foetus 'viable', the fact remains that these little lives will indeed grow to be humans – walking, talking, thinking, laughing, world impacting humans. Even an abortion at the beginning of a pregnancy results in the loss and absence of that human being on our planet – a loss all too real for many mothers who have indeed proceeded with abortions. How many brothers and sisters are not here with us due to abortion? How many scientists, adventurers, peace makers are not with us?

I implore you to overturn the bill which seeks to remove existing safeguards around abortion. It is the taking of innocent lives which is 'archaic, outdated and ha[s] no place in a modern, liberal democracy.'

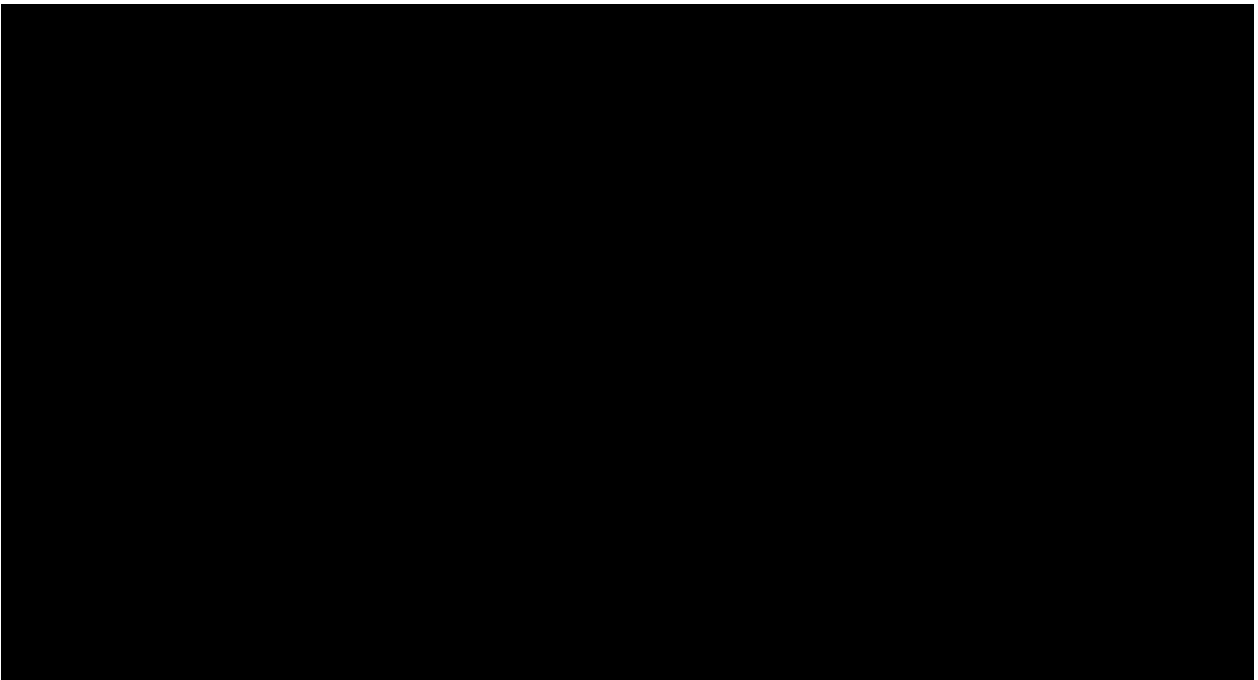
A final note – my beautiful wife (who is 7 months pregnant) was, herself, a survivor of a suggested abortion.

Early in her development, her mother was diagnosed with a bicornuate uterus and the health professional suggested an abortion to avoid potential risk to the mother. The doctors insistence for abortion was not successful, and my wife was born healthy and well, with mother equally well.

I for one am eternally grateful that my beautiful wife was not aborted and discarded based on the suggestion to abort.

We must retain safeguards. Abortion should remain as a criminal act, and rather more should be done to preserve life. Let us rather focus on helping mothers with unexpected pregnancies – emotionally ,financially, systematically, rather than increasing access to termination of precious lives.

I leave you with a photo of our beautiful unborn baby at 21 weeks, complete with thoughtful pose.



With heartfelt regards,

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Regards,
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