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To Whom It May Concern in the Health Committee,

I ask you to reject the abortion bill. I ask you to oppose this bill on behalf of the children, the parents and the healthcare professionals it will impact.

This is a very emotive subject, and not without reason. How can anyone hold a day old newborn and think that yesterday that baby was not a life, legitimate and deserving of it's chance in the world? One day is now the difference between 'my choice' and being charged with murder. Would the honourable members consider the testimonies of children whose mother's considered abortion and did not go through with it? I have heard some, and unsurprisingly they present their case for life convincingly. Likewise the testimony of women who did have an abortion and it's life-long impact.

I am a healthcare professional; a peri-operative nurse. I can not ethically carry out an abortion on a baby. To me this is murder. If this bill is passed and my job requires me to do this reprehensible act, I will have no choice but to morally object or leave. One person is perhaps of no consequence, and reforms cannot be hedged on a minority, there will always be those who do not like change. But please consider that if our government wishes to be representative of the Australian People, it should be noted that statistics show majority of Australians do not wish the abortion laws to be changed.

Thank you for your consideration of this serious matter.

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