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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to strongly objection to this proposed bill.

Abortion, no matter how we look at it end a life, and not just any life but the life of an innocent child. For those who want to claim that its just a bunch of cells and not a life, here are some fact-

- The first heartbeats are seen as early as week 5 (3 weeks after conception)
- By week 8 the baby has developed a tip on the end of its nose and it fingers, toes, lips, eyelids and legs are becoming more clearly defined.
- By week 10 all babies internal organs are formed and their little fingers and toes has nails
- By week 12 baby can suck their thumb, kick, stretch, twist & turn. If the mums tummy is prodded the baby will respond by moving, showing that the baby can feel.
- By week 13 the connections between Baby's brain, muscles and nerves are formed and they are developing their vocal cords that one day give them a voice to ask for protection

This is the end of only the first trimester and already it distinctly a human being

- By week 14 Baby can frown & squint. They are drinking their amniotic fluid and urinating.
- By week 16 Baby will be finding its umbilical cord and at time holding on to it. If a bright light is shone against the mums abdomen Baby will more likely turn away from it showing that they are able to see light.
- By week 17 a Baby Girl will have all the eggs her ovaries will ever produce already made and Baby is developing his/her own unique fingerprints
- By 20 weeks at the halfway mark Baby can hear voices on the outside and start to recognize the voice of his parents
- By week 21 Baby will shift position to comfortable again indicating the ability to feel discomfort.
- By week 22 they are distinctly Male or Female with all their sex organs in place

I can carry on with the wonder of these little lives, but its at week 23 (way before the proposed 40 week the bill calls for) I am going stop, cause that is the point I no longer need the books to tell me that they are precious children and def not just a blob. It was the point I held and watch my grandson fight to live outside the womb for 2hrs & 25 min without any medical help, after being born prematurely. It was the point we had to watch him slip away cause QLD health would not assist a baby born before the 24 week mark. He was perfectly formed, survived a very prolonged labour and was 100% a Baby. I could see both his Dad & Mum in him, so no one can ever tell me that abortion is not killing a child. Seeking to legalize

the right for women to have an abortion up to 24 weeks for no reason other than "its her right to choose" is to sanction murder and secondly seeking to have any exclusion zone to prevent people who want to offer the women support not to kill her child, which emotionally have long term effects for her too, shows the hardness of the hearts of those who want to see this bill pass.

The only reason abortion could ever be anything other than murder is if it was to save the mothers life due to it being physically impossible for her to carry that Baby any further, and Qld laws already make provisions for the preservation of a Mother life. All this bill will do is place the womens lack of care with birth control & selfish desires above the life of a child.. All woman have the right to use birth control, which in the 21st century is not rocket science, but NO one should have the right to take a precious innocent life to accomplish this.

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