Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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Hello,

My name is ██████ and I am a teacher from Brisbane.
Providing healthcare is a fundamental responsibility of our society. Currently, the legislation is not clear and protecting the right of babies who are born alive during abortion. This right does not affect an abortion going ahead, however it protects the human rights of the baby being born. Regardless of whether the baby then goes on to live or die, dignified care and compabcdion can be provided to that child in the instance that it is born alive.
The governments responsibility is to support and protect its citizens. Citizens include those who are born alive as newborns. It therefore makes sense that the government would also be responsible for pabcding legislation to uphold the human rights of newborn babies born alive following abortion.
As has been seen in other cases, where newborn babies have been left to die following an abortion, the physical and psychological impact on those working in that situation is significant. If this legislation is not pabcded, further physical and psychological harm will continue for those who provide after-care following an abortion. Regardless of a persons, personal cirabcdstance or belief, they must act within the law. Those who support women having abortions are left with an unenviable level of internal conflict when the baby is born alive but they are legally unable to intervene. This legislation allows for compabcdionate, humane, dignified care of babies born alive following abortion and allows those caring for them to make quality decisions to uphold this.
I urge the committee to make a recommendation to the parliament to pabcd this legislation.

Sincerely, ██████████
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