

WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR HF 3194

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My name is Carla Stream. I was asked to speak at the March for Life 2018 and tell my abortion story. On September 5th, 1990 I had an abortion I did not want. I wanted help and hope and support. But I didn't have that. I went to Meadowbrook in Minneapolis. I was never shown an ultrasound of my baby at 10 weeks. I never got to hear that little heartbeat. They told me it was "just a clump of cells." I was shown a video of a bunch of red circles, like grapes. I watched that video with a group of other girls. Maybe 8, 11, 12 weeks along. We all watched the same video. We all believed the same lies. 5 years later my husband and I were expecting. I was 10 weeks along when I started bleeding and was told my baby's heart had stopped beating. I went home and delivered my child into my hand and saw the truth for myself. This was not a clump of cells!! This was MY BABY! Tiny toes and feet and legs. Fingers and hands and arms. A tiny little rump and a precious little face. And the lies I believed crumbled all around me.

I was not allowed the truth about my first child. I was lied to by omission. There is no informed consent with abortion. Show women the truth about their baby! Show women their ultrasound!

Thank you!

This is the video of me speaking at The March for Life.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/rjxj2i3tsmlphrd/Carla%20MN%20March%20For%20Life%20Speech%2001.22.2018.mp4?dl=0>

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