Dear Minnesota House of Representatives and Madam Chair,

I believe the HF1 abortion-until-birth bill is extreme.

Whether prolife or prochoice, know that this is truly out of step with a majority of Minnesotan’s, if not around the world.

The passage of HF1 would guarantee all regulations on abortion in Minnesota would halt that of parental notification and informed consent, including physician requirement.

These lacking regulations on abortion would create unnecessary duress and great burden on our state.

The viability of a fetus that can survive in NICU as early as 22 weeks.

According to Standford Medicine on Children’s Health, a recent study from February 2022 “looked at 10,877 babies born between 2013 and 2018 and found a significant improvement in survival of those born between 22 and 28 weeks, compared to the past. Some 78% were rescued, compared to 76% of those born between 2008 and 2012. Two percent may not sound like much but it translates into many hundreds of infants saved each year.”

If a woman decides NOT to continue her pregnancy, why are we leaving a (quite possibly) viable fetus left to be torn apart limb by limb in a mother’s womb?  How about outside the womb?

I am concerned our state will be under increased duress, as well as abortion doctor (or “abortion person”) for liability including that of the health and safety of the woman during a late term abortion, as you should so be.  ABORTION IS SURGERY, and surgery comes with risks.

Having experienced two abortion’s myself and upon speaking to hundreds of women also post-abort, I know every woman’s abortion experience is going to different and unique – no two women will experience their abortion the same way.  Not even the two abortions I had were similar in nature, but both I can attest to having lasting impacts, physically, emotionally as well as spiritually and spiritually can mean a lot of different things to women today.  Most often these things DO go unnoticed as we go about our lives day to day.

The trauma is real!  Even a growing number of men are affected by abortion, impacting the entire family for generations to come.

According to Shapard Research, growing evidence suggests “82% of people impacted by abortion don’t know where to go for healing, 44% of men surveyed said they did not have a voice in the abortion decision and 71% of men surveyed said they had adverse effects after abortion.”

If these women are not properly counseled on ALL the options and left with no place to go, particularly that of a minor, and one who quite possibly has been trafficked, we are only going to see an increase in mental health while her predator(s) runs free.

Minnesota is a grand haven for child trafficking.  WHY would we then want to attract more problems and predators than we can already manage?

I would encourage you to seriously consider rejecting HF1.

Respectfully,

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