

I am writing to testify to my objections to the abortion bill that is being pushed through our legislature to allow abortion up until the moment of birth. I am a mother of a premature baby born almost 40 years ago. My son was born at 29 weeks when abortion was legal up until 30 weeks in my pregnancy. He weighed 1 lb. 13 oz at birth. I can testify that my baby was totally human. He would smile at our voices, and was smart enough to gain a reputation of always peeing on any doctor that opened his isolette in the neonatal intensive care unit at the hospital.

My baby had all his fingers and toes and his tiny little 12 inch body was covered in hair. He turned his head to look at anyone talking to him, sucked his thumb and screamed when he was hungry or in pain. He loved to be cuddled and at that time was the smallest baby to be born and placed in room air in the district. If I had tried to abort him at that age, and the abortion was botched, he would have been able to survive even though he was so small.

My son came home a day before his due date, weighing a little over 4 pounds. He is now almost 40 years old and a very vital part of the community. He is married and he and his wife are expecting a baby soon. When I think what life would have been like without him I am horrified. He has touched so many lives and brought so many great joy. There is no doubt in my mind that life begins at the moment of conception. I beg of you to please not pass this law. There are fines to people who kill baby animals that are endangered, aren't human beings more valuable? There are already abortion laws that have been set in this state. That is enough. Please vote no on this abortion bill which will only bring about more murder.

Thank you for your time.

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