

**Testimony in Opposition to HF1 - PRO Act**  
**House Health Finance and Policy**  
**January 12, 2023**

Members of the House Health Finance and Policy Committee:

Good morning! My name is Mary Amiot. I am a wife, mother of four and grandmother to eleven children. I have been a registered nurse since 1977 working in various areas from Critical Care to Public Health Nursing. I have been a Pro-Life activist since learning about abortion when *Roe v Wade* became enshrined into law when I was a senior in high school.

I'm strongly opposed to this radical Bill that would wreak more devastation and death to women, children and families in Minnesota. I ask you to oppose and defeat HF1-ProAct

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines Healthcare as "efforts made to maintain or restore physical, mental or emotional well-being especially by trained and licensed professionals." Abortion is not healthcare, it is the exact opposite. This barbaric procedure has cost monumental pain, suffering and death in the physical, mental and emotional well-being of countless of millions of women and their children. This is bad public policy and bad for the well-being of all Minnesotans. It is not a right to kill unborn children. We should not be financing harm to our citizens. Abortion destroys lives and families rather than heal and unite them. It causes excruciating pain for those full term babies that are burned, stabbed and dismembered before their skull is crushed and they are delivered dead on arrival guaranteed. What kind of a state and nation have we become that we would consider something so evil? Mother Teresa once prophesied that "The fruit of abortion is nuclear war!" Think about that long and hard in our current world situation! Violence begets violence! Yes, we have many problems in our state and country, but bad public policy only worsens the plight of good Minnesotans who only want to thrive in raising healthy, wholesome families. Families that can worship God without fear of violation of their constitutional right to freedom of conscience. Families have a right to freedom from government interference in providing parental consent for their minor children in important areas of their lives. They desire laws enacted that promote moral behavior and the good of society.

This Bill is such bad news for all Minnesotans, born and unborn! I strongly urge you to oppose this measure and encourage your colleagues to do the same!

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