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Madam/Mister Chair and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My Name is Shirley Landmesser and I live in Stockton Springs, Maine. I had an abortion June 8th, 1973 and graduated from high school a few days later. I am not proud of my actions. At that time, I was swept up into the prevailing ideas that I had a right to do whatever I wanted with my body. I wanted to travel. Explore the world. I figured that if it was legal, it was okay. When Planned Parenthood called to say that my pregnancy test was positive, they only asked if I wanted to terminate with no offer of counseling or support. It was easy to overlook the fact that there was another body growing inside my body that also had a right; the right to live, breathe, and be the very unique being that he or she was created to be. My seven grandchildren are such individuals. Each one offers a perspective, a personality, a potential for so much good in the world. I know life isn't perfect and sometimes hard choices have to be made, but please don't promote abortion or make it easy.