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LD 1619

I, Tabitha Watkins, oppose the proposed bill LD1619. My opinion is that life begins at conception. This bill will permit abortion right up until birth for any reason. In my opinion this is heartless, radical and extreme. I firmly believe abortion is murder.

On a personal note, my mother was pregnant with me at the age of 17. She and my father were young, not married, and very scared of their future. My grandmother (her mom) hated my father with a passion and was willing to do everything within her power to make sure they were not together and that the family's status remained intact. She tried to pressure my mother into having an abortion- in other words, dismiss and remove the problem before anyone knew. My parents were in the long run, able to be married and my life was saved. I am now 49 years of age, married with two amazing children of my own, as well as a beautiful 3 year old granddaughter. I was not able to speak for myself in my mother's womb and am so grateful that someone could fight against my traumatic death. I had a right to life then as do all the other unborn children whose voices cannot yet be heard.

My husband and I financially support three, local, young children that are in poverty level homes in order to support life after birth. We understand that much help and finances are needed to sustain these lives long after the choice for life is made. Please hear me clearly! There are those of us willing to sacrifice on a daily basis to support these unborn babies!