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LD 1614

As a RN I have worked with a number of young women over the years who chose abortion because their understanding was that it was not a "life" they were aborting, just a "mass of tissue". Many did not believe the unborn's heart began to beat by 8 weeks and the brain fully develops in the 2nd trimester with most neurons present in the central nervous system - hence, that unborn child can feel pain.

There is so much more I could add but the bottom line is that if one is willing to inflict pain on an innocent human being and simultaneously extinguish his/her life, then it should be a truly informed decision.

Fortunately some of these women reconsidered their decision and chose life after having an ultrasound. Unfortunately many were not given that opportunity and while some just do not care, some have been scarred as a result, especially after starting their families and having routine ultrasounds during their pregnancies which they found to be eye-opening.

An ultrasound is a simple, inexpensive, non-invasive procedure. It should be required before an abortion along with proper, transparent counseling. Please vote "YES" for LD1614.

Along that line, since a woman may change her mind about having an abortion after receiving education, counseling &/or ultrasound, she has a right to withdraw her consent and it is criminal not to allow it. Please vote "Yes" for LD 771.

Please vote "Yes" for LD 1197

And please vote "YES" for LD 494