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I still remember. It was in East Hampton and we were in love.

My cervical cap didn't work.

I tested positive and was told I couldn't terminate until 6 weeks

My mother took me to the clinic, which was legal, safe and affordable.

The choice and the procedure were difficult.

The boy who got me pregnant would have been a terrible choice for me to raise children with.

I could barely care for myself. I was working two jobs to pay rent and eat.

I now have two beautiful daughters. I am very proud of them. But I made mistakes. Imagine the mistakes I would have made without the 10 years of growth between my termination and having my daughters.

I am so grateful that I had the freedom to choose abortion and that it was affordable and logistically easy. I am past the years of childbearing. But my daughters are not.

My body, my decision.

Their bodies, their decisions.

Our bodies, our decisions.