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LD 975

Members of the Committee, thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I urge you to reject LD 975 and all other anti abortion bills presented today as they will gravely hurt families.

My name is Sarah mcdarby and I'm a resident of woolwich. Thank you for hearing my story.

My second miscarriage was what is known as a "missed miscarriage " which means that the fetus was no longer viable yet my body was unable to expell the tissue on its own. For this reason I needed what is known as a chemical abortion, I had to take mifeprystone. Unfortunately, after taking the pill, my body was then unable to stop bleeding so I had to go to the hospital for an emergency D&C, this is an abortion.

After the surgery I continued to lose a lot of blood so I had to stay in the hospital overnight. The next morning when my husband and 2 year old son came to get me, I was only grateful to be alive so that I could continue to parent my child. I believe that criminalizing abortion and trying to eliminate access to it will do nothing but hurt families. If I hadn't gotten my lifesaving abortion I wouldn't be here to be a mother to my son and to the daughter that I went on to adopt.

Before I had this direct experience I don't think I fully understood the myriad of ways in which abortion can be absolutely crucial to a woman's well-being being, even in saving her life. What this experience taught me, among many other things, is that abortion is health care, and there can be no blanket statement to condemn it because there is no one set scenario. Please help to protect other families by voting Ought not to Pass on this harmful bill. Thank you.