

Members of the Committee:

My Name is John Tabor from Stockton Springs and I Stand opposed to LD1619

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in the plea to defend the most innocent lives, the unborn. I know some of you are pro-life, but even if you're pro-choice, you have got to say that at some point it's a baby.

My wife and I have gone through the life experience of having two stillborn children.

Our first child, and our only boy, was into the 22nd week and I remember my wife feeling him move and she would talk to him. I was jealous at the bond she had with him. I was so excited on the day I could feel him move also.

At a routine appointment, the doctor couldn't find a heartbeat. They had to induce labor and after many hours we were left sitting there, as grieving parents holding our dead child that we would have done anything to save.

The second child, our daughter, had a birth defect that was discovered at 2 months. My heart goes out to the lady whose story supposedly started all this with Governor Mills. We've been there. We were told that the chances of our child surviving were small, and if she was born, that she would have complications probably for the rest of her life.

The Doctor and staff advised us to end the pregnancy. They said, " We can end this." That's from a doctor. After much pressure to take the life of our child we said, no, this is a precious life. Kudos to my wife, because from the very beginning she was determined to be the best mom she could be. She did all she could to protect our baby girl. Our daughter's life didn't have value just because she was loved and wanted, she was precious because she was a living human being created in the image of God.

Week after week, we went into the doctor's office. And every week the doctor said, "We can end this. We can end this." And we're like, no, this is God's child and we'll be the best parents we can be as long as we can.

At 22 ½ weeks our little Emma passed away and my wife had to go through labor. It was with a broken heart I watched my wife hold our little baby girl. She then proceeded to dress her and wrap her in a blanket and tell her that she loves her.

At this same stage in pregnancy is where our Governor and Representatives want to say that these unborn children don't deserve protecting. That they don't matter.

So, it's hard for me to be objective. I know what the Bible says. These little ones have life from conception. But I got to believe that even some of you who are pro-choice and

pro-women's reproductive health have to say, have to know, that at some point in the womb these are babies.

If you vote to allow this into law and that these lives don't deserve protection then I want you to look me in the eye and tell me that my unborn children weren't babies, that the life they lived in the womb didn't matter.

Even some of you who are pro-choice have got to realize that this is just so extreme. It's so extreme! And enough has got to be enough.