

ABORTION; One Dead, One Wounded

(My Testimony: for Jessie's sake, by Mrs. Maria Michaels) April 30, 2023

Members of the the Legislative Committee:

Thank you for hearing my story and that of so many others with the same wounds and heartbreak. You see 44 years ago, at the age of 21, in my blindness, ignorance and naivety, I paid \$180 to a "doctor" to perform what was then called an abortion. When I asked him BEFORE the procedure if it was a baby, he lied to me and said "it" was just a "blob of cells". Even though the procedure was horrifically painful; NOTHING can compare to the devastating, heart-wrenching truth that I came to know approximately 10years later; that is' that I murdered my baby who had a beating heart, fingers, toes, feelings, etc and that he (Jessie) felt the excruciating pain of being torn apart as he was sucked out of what should've been a place of safety; a place to grow; a place of love. I have seen a video of an actual abortion and what my poor baby went thru, I encourage you to watch one... you will never be the same. I am not. Abortion robbed my child of life and me of my child.

The one thing that gives me solace and comfort is in knowing the truth that Jessie went to be with His loving God and Creator and that thanks to Jesus dying on that cross, and all that He suffered, that I am forgiven and will one day go to Heaven with Jesus and Jessie. I am sooo thankful that Jesus came to save and not to condemn; He loves the sinner but hates the sin. He hates the sin in part because sin hurts us and those we sin against and therefore hurts and grieves God. Thus Jesus has called us to follow Him, to live holy and to love; reproving the darkness and speaking up for the helpless, defenseless and innocent and that is why I and so many others are here today for He commands us all not to kill AND not to lie and as I and you know: ABORTION STOPS A BEATING HEART and the truth is that as God, in His Words to us, refers to the baby in its mother's womb as an unborn CHILD just as even the Latin words EMBRYO & FETUS refer to the unborn baby as one's UNBORN CHILD/OFFSPRING. The LIE IS: that that unborn baby is a part of the mother's body (or a blob of cells!) BUT the TRUTH IS that that BABY has its OWN BODY with its own DNA, heart, emotions, brain, soul and blood. Innocent Blood that not only declares is not shed but our own laws that prohibit murder and a constitution that Declares we all, regardless, of our developmental maturity, sex, race, religion, or value to others has a GOD-Given right to LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. I do not think being found dismembered in a trash can or flushed down a drain fulfills ANY of these rights, do you?

Exo 21:22 If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart *from her*, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine*.

My mother often told me to “do unto others as you would have others do unto you” as Jesus declares. I personally would NOT want someone to murder me (*whether it be for convenience, cash, cruelty, fear, pride, etc*) and tear me apart limb by limb, suction my brains out, poison me with a pill, or drown and burn me from the inside out by filling me and my mother’s womb with concentrated saline solution; would you? Of course not! So why choose to allow and thus enable someone to do this to an innocent child in the womb that just like you was created in the “Image of God” by a loving Heavenly Father who has a purpose and plan my life, your life and all children He creates. Should we not fear HIS loving chastisement? Should we not use our free will to choose to do no harm to another, especially a child whether in the womb or outside of the womb.

Well regardless of what we mere humans think or feel or even that true science declares that the unborn child is a separate human from the mother, God declares and commands us not to murder His creation, the creation He loves and has a purpose for and thus the ultimate war for those who want to kill or help kill the unborn and the innocent, is with God; is it not? Please make the right the choice and choose life and true goodness for mother and child. NO mother or father has ever been truly helped by murdering their own offspring. Please choose to protect LIFE. Thank you. MDM

Psa 139:13-18 For thou hast formed and gifted me my inward parts: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my sub-stance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! *If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Jer 1:4-5 KJV Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Jer 29:11-13 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Prov 6:16-19 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.