

I am here today because my parents chose life for me. They had every excuse to do otherwise: they were both recovering alcoholics, my dad was disabled so they were dependent on welfare, and they each had previous marriages and families that were absolute train wrecks. They had no intention of ever bringing another child into this world, but when my mother discovered she was pregnant she chose to see it as a blessing from God. My wife was born prematurely at 25 weeks weighing just 2 lbs. 2 oz. The doctors told her folks that she would be mentally challenged, unable to walk properly or even bear children. And yet today we are the proud parents of six healthy, beautiful children of our own and if God so chooses to bless us with another we will welcome him or her with open arms regardless of their physical or mental capacity. I'm sure many of you have already made up your minds how you plan to vote on these bills. Please know that as our elected representatives you have a monumental responsibility to prescribe either good or evil for our state's citizens and that the God of heaven, the creator and judge of all will hold you to account for your decisions in these halls.

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