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Morning! I'm Joanne Rand and I live in Biddeford. Thank You for this opportunity to speak.

The unseen laws that govern the world in which we live are irrevocable. The law of gravity, the law of lift and the laws of electricity should be familiar. These laws are invisible and can only be detected by observation or by a violation of them. Staying within the parameters of these laws comes with benefits.

There is also the law called "what goes around comes around" or other ways of saying it would be - an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, what you sow you will reap, those that show no mercy will receive no mercy and do unto others what you want to have done to you.

There is the law of development. I used to collect caterpillars in a jar and watch them make a chrysalis. As I waited for the butterfly to emerge, I could see a struggle going on and, in my mind, I needed to help. So, I cut it open and instead of setting this butterfly free, I destroyed it. This butterfly had black sticks where it's wings should have been. I had stopped the development process. Scientists have discovered that it's the struggle that causes those beautiful wings to form. Struggles are inevitable in this life; we wouldn't have butterflies without them. This law of development applies to every living creature. The most egregious violation of the law of development is abortion.

Most in favor of abortion would say they are helping women. Well, I did not help the struggling butterfly one bit. Are we doing the same to the very women we claim to be helping? Many who have been through an abortion are still in pain, that should tell us something?

You have already infringed on the laws of development. This development is the life course of the individual in the womb. Violation of these laws come with a cost. Whatever has been done or sanctioned by supporting abortions will come back as you engage the law of "what goes around comes around". Do you really want to experience the same things you force on the unborn? Now, the natural laws do work slower, but that does not mean anyone gets away with anything. And now that you know, there is no excuse.