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**Subject:** SB 124

Dear Cathy,

I would like to send you my support for SB 124. A botched abortion is a live birth, and therefore protected by our constitution's preamble and Article 1 section 7.

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My defense for supporting SB 124, and the unborn (or accidentally born). I am a teacher of Worldview and this question of personhood is regularly debated in class and in public at large.

Scott Klusendorf travels the country debating for the humanity of the unborn. The ultimate question in any debate concerning abortion is:

What is the nature of the unborn?

Reasons why the nature of the unborn (and now the accidentally born) is important

If the unborn is not human, no justification is necessary for abortion.

If the unborn is human, no justification for abortion is sufficient.

A defense of the unborn's humanity is as follows

Scientific proof for the humanity of the unborn is biological. The Law of Biogenesis states that life is only produced by pre-existing life and the life produced will be like the life that produced it. That is to say, living dogs produce living dogs; living trees produce living trees and living humans produce living humans

Philosophic proof involves two tactics: "Trot out a toddler" and "S.L.E.D."

Trot out the toddler: any justification for abortion is then applied to the toddler. As many will not kill the toddler for the same justification as they will the unborn, this tactic shows the unborn is human like the toddler.

S.L.E.D., shows that the four fundamental differences between the unborn and the toddler are not reasons to kill the unborn through abortion. Those differences are: Size, Level of development, Environment, and Dependency.

S. - Size. There is a size difference between the unborn and the toddler. However men are generally bigger than women. Are men more human because of they are larger than women?

L. - Level of Development. There is a developmental difference between the unborn and the toddler. There is a developmental difference between a 4 year old girl and a 16 year old girl. Are 16 year old girls more human because they now have a functioning reproductive system? People do not reach their physical peak until their late 20's. Are 30 year olds more human than those younger than 30 years of age?

E. - Environment. There is an environmental difference between the unborn and the

toddler. Each of you experienced an environmental difference in traveling to Juneau to be in senate. You went from inside the plane to outside the plane. Are you more human outside the plane than inside the plane? Is it correct to consider you less human when you are inside the plane?

D. - Dependency. There is a dependency difference between the unborn and the toddler. There are many people who cannot live with being dependent on insulin, pacemakers, and dialysis. Are these people less human based on their dependency?

Since there are only 4 fundamental differences between the unborn and the toddler (or the rest of us), and none of these differences are sufficient to warrant killing the unborn, I would encourage voting for SB 124.

As far as this bill is concerned Article 1 Section 7 would support SB 124:

No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law. The right of all persons to fair and just treatment in the course of legislative and executive investigations shall not be infringed

The definition of person is not open to discussion. Personhood begins at conception but for the purpose of this bill, a live birth due to botched abortion, is a person entitled to government protection.

Our constitution provides guidance for this bill. Our preamble is as follows:

We the people of Alaska, grateful to God and to those who founded our nation and pioneered this great land, in order to secure and transmit to succeeding generations our heritage of political, civil, and religious liberty within the Union of States, do ordain and establish this constitution for the State of Alaska.

To, "secure and transmit our heritage of political, civil, and religious liberty..." to succeeding generations,

The botched abortion is the next generation and therefore is entitled to our heritage of liberty, entitled to our protection, and entitled to be given the chance as any other citizen.

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2 Tim 2:3-4