



Senator Cathy Giessel,

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This morning I heard about the bill you are supporting and I want you to know I am fully standing behind you in support of Senate Bill 124. In this day and age I believe every chance should be given to a child to survive. Senate Bill 124 requires that a physician use the method of terminating a pregnancy that gives the baby the best possibility of survival outside the mother's womb. The physician will exercise the same degree of professional skill, care, and diligence to preserve the life and health of the child as would be rendered to a child born alive in the course of a natural birth.

I lead a Women's Ministry at Church on the Rock and I have seen first hand the devastation that abortion can have on the heart and life of the mother, even though she chose it. To have a second option, to surrender the child, would greatly ease the mental anguish some of these women live with.

I also want to speak to issue of the children and the question, "Will they grow to be happy, adjusted adults and are they worth saving?" My husband and I have been able to walk down this road a ways and answer some of these questions ourselves. We became foster parents 8 years ago and were blessed to receive 3 baby girls in 2 short years, one at a time. Each one came from a hard place and had physical and emotional challenges. But as we have loved on these girls, adopted them and fought for their wholeness we have seen them progressively heal and become beautiful pictures of what nurture and love and can do. They are sensitive and caring girls, now 7, 6 and 5 years old who are daily growing and healing. I believe these children are highly valuable and worth fighting for and giving a chance at life and love.

If you would like to speak to me more I am available to meet. Thank you again for submitting this bill, my heart and prayers are with you!

Sincerely,
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