



May 11, 2015

Representative  
House of Representatives  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of March for Life Action, I write to voice our support for the revised version of Rep. Trent Franks' "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act", H.R. 36. This bill prohibits late abortion on unborn babies after 20 weeks gestation, since at this age they can feel pain.

The child is not the only one who suffers in this barbaric procedure. Additionally studies have shown that abortion poses significant risks to maternal health by 20 weeks gestation. A study in *Obstetrics and Gynecology* (L.A. Bartlett et al., *Risk factors for legal induced abortion-related mortality in the United States*, *Obstetrics Gynecology* 103(4):729-37 (2004)) noted that "The risk of death associated with abortion increases with the length of pregnancy, from one death for every one million abortions at or before eight weeks gestation to one per 29,000 abortions at sixteen to twenty weeks and one per 11,000 abortions at twenty-one or more weeks." In all those cases, the result for the child is the same – death.

The original intent of the bill remains clear – highlighting the humanity of the baby and the need as a society to protect the innocent. The revised bill also includes provisions of care and protection for women and young girls who are victims of rape. The facts are that while all abortion harms women and children, late term abortions are more likely to be more life threatening to women – a fact that the abortion industry ignores in pursuit of profit.

This bill puts the onus on abortionists who break the law – holding them accountable for their misdeeds. It is fitting that this vote is being scheduled the same week as the anniversary of the sentencing of the abortionist butcher Kermit Gosnell, who performed thousands of late term abortions.

Again, I urge you to vote for the revised H.R. 36, the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act," which would prohibit the performance of abortion on unborn children past 20 weeks.

Sincerely,

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