

My name is Angel Petite. I am eighteen, and I live in Oakland, WI.

I was born prematurely, when I was 27 weeks old. Many unborn children are aborted at that age, but I survived. I am a survivor, because I am alive while many of my generation weren't given a chance to live.

At 27 weeks, I had a heartbeat, brain waves, was able to sense and respond to pain, and every system found in a fully developed adult was present. Even though I was so developed, I still could have been aborted, and my life would have ended. I would not have been able to meet my family, to attend school, to grow up, to participate in my government, or to sit before this committee today. I was not aborted however, so I am able to pursue my dreams, to work for the betterment of the world, and to have a voice. I am here, speaking for those who have no voice. A quarter of my generation wasn't granted that privilege. They cannot argue on their behalf; they cannot aid in coming up with solutions for the problems this world faces. They cannot do this, but I can. That is why I am here today. Every human being, every American, every Wisconsinite deserves a chance at life.

940.04 defends this fundamental principle and guarantees this right.

I ask you to reject SB 398, because it would repeal the Wisconsin statute 940.04. This statute prohibits abortions in Wisconsin except when the mother's life is in danger. The law is over 150 years old and should remain on Wisconsin law books.

One reason that 940.04 should be kept is because it would be able to protect innocent unborn children and their mothers from the horror and atrocity of abortion if *Roe v. Wade* was overturned. The state of Wisconsin should strive to protect all Wisconsinites and this law furthers that protection.