

“On Wisconsin, on Wisconsin, GRAND old Badger State. We the loyal sons and daughters hail thee good and great!” Today, I stand here before you proud to recite these lyrics. Even though abortion is legal in all 50 states, due to Rowe v. Wade, I am happy to say that our state is one of the few that give my generation a hope for a better tomorrow; due to 940.04; a tomorrow, where all life is respected and protected by the law of the wonderful state of Wisconsin.

My name is Anna Shirek. I am a junior at Mauston High School. Today, I stand before you wondering: Will I be able to sing this song in the future? Will Wisconsin hold its dignity? Will we continue to stand for what is right and what is just? You see, my generation has already suffered horribly because of abortion. 1/3 of the people my age are missing from our state right now. They have been denied the greatest right and gift of all human beings; the right to live, and our state has been denied all of their gifts and talents, their joy and their smiles. They are lost, because a federal court decided to temporarily overrule the good judgment of your predecessors and put on hold 940.04; which gives legal protection to the unborn.

Now, it falls to you to hold the line of wisdom which is our present law. I still have hope that people of better judgment in our court will overturn the Roe v. Wade decision. That hope rests on you right now. Please do not take it from me. I ask you to uphold the present law 940.04 and reject senate bill 398; which would make Wisconsin a state to be ashamed of. Please hear my cry today as a representative of a generation who has lost too many lives already to abortion and cannot bear to lose the hope of a better tomorrow. Protect our law, protect our young lives and reject senate bill 398. I want to be able to sing our state song as I do now. I want to be able to hail Wisconsin good and great, but that’s not up to me; it’s in your court now.