

Testimony regarding s. 940.04 and SB 398 to the Wisconsin Senate Committee on Health,
Human Services, Insurance and Job Creation

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Hello, my name is Carla Borstad. I am a senior nursing student at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. One week ago I would have thought that today I would be on a cardiology unit in an Eau Claire hospital as a student nurse caring for people whose lives are precious. Instead, I am here in our state capitol asking you, some of the leaders of our state, to care for people whose lives are precious and whose voices are not heard.

I ask you, members of the committee to save statute 940.04 for the following three reasons:

First, I want Wisconsin to be a state in which God is honored by how we treat His creation. Each unborn child is made by God. I am sure many of you are familiar with the verses from Psalm 139:13-14 which say "For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well." I will say it again. I want Wisconsin to be a state in which God is honored by how we treat His creation.

Second, I want Wisconsin to be a state in which unborn children have full protection under our law. I do not want Wisconsin to be a state in which unborn, precious babies are burned, torn apart, or killed in any other way while our leaders turn their backs and pretend as if they did not know what was happening. So I will say it again, I want Wisconsin to be a state in which unborn children have full protection under our law.

And third, I want Wisconsin to be a state in which pregnant women who are scared and confused will receive compassionate, truthful, hopeful assistance in giving their children life. I do not want women in our state to be victimized by people in the abortion industry. A pregnant woman in Wisconsin should not be defiled by an abortionist killing the child within her and she should not be lied to by counselors who do not acknowledge that something horrid was done to her. Instead, I want Wisconsin to be a state in which a pregnant woman who is scared and confused will receive compassionate, truthful, hopeful assistance in giving her child life.

Please, Senator Erpenbach, Senator Vinehout, Senator Carpenter, Senator Taylor, Senator Roessler, Senator Lazich, and Senator Kanavas, honor God, protect unborn children and protect pregnant women by saving statute 940.04.

Thank you.