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Testimony for SB 398

Thank you so much first of all for taking the time today to hear my testimony. My name is Emily Moe, I am an 18 year old student at the University of Wisconsin Stout; originally from Superior, WI; and I can honestly say that I have been an active member of the pro-life movement since I was 11 years old. To me, 940.04 is one of the most important pieces of legislation that our state has.

My generation has been substantially affected by abortion over the last few years. One-third of my generation was aborted. Not to mention the countless number of women in my generation who have gone through the traumatic experience of actually having an abortion. It was previously mentioned today that before Roe vs. Wade there were no safe abortions. The fact of the matter is though, there is no such thing as a safe abortion. Not only does abortion completely destroy one human life, but abortion also has the potential to physically and emotionally destroy the life of the mother. Just because something isn't safe doesn't mean that we should legalize it. So many individuals today have said "abortion will happen, legal or illegal." Well, robbery will happen whether it is legal or illegal, but should we legalize robbery just because it is "unsafe" for the robber to enter someone else's home?

Many people have also stated "but it's a woman's choice." I believe that a woman is very much entitled to make a choice, but not when it is a choice of murder. Murder is defined as the terminating of a human life. In that case, abortion is murder. Human life does begin before birth. Children can tell you that, show them a picture of an unborn child; they'll tell you, "baby". Society also knows that human life begins before

birth; there are public service advertisements that urge women not to smoke, drink alcohol, or take drugs while they're pregnant. Society knows the harm it could do to the unborn babies. Besides, what about the baby? Doesn't he have a choice? Just because he is unable to voice his opinion doesn't mean he should be killed.

The bottom line is, all human life is sacred, before and after birth. So today, *you* have a choice. Are you going to support the killing of these innocent children, or are you going to speak for the voiceless and make a positive difference in the world? Please save 940.04 by rejecting Senate Bill 398, for the babies, the mother, and the future of this country, my generation.

I understand that today we have come before you to speak about the criminalization of those people directly killing the innocent, the doctors, *not* the mothers, but then I suppose my question is this; if we do not criminalize the killing of the innocent, then what do we criminalize for? Thank you.