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I'm here to speak in opposition of Senate Bill 398.

There are two people close to me that have greatly influenced my views on abortion because they were so negatively affected by it. These women were offered a choice and since regret it deep in their souls. Having an abortion is not a walk in the park like picking out what clothes to wear. That's the way the pro-abortion people like to make it sound but more and more women are coming forward with their real story. When I witnessed the hurt and guilt that people I love were going through I knew it wasn't something I would ever want to see happen to anyone else, which is why I am extremely opposed to abortion. Being almost 16 I'm living right in the middle of the most vulnerable group in jeopardy of having this happen if abortion remains legal.

Teens aren't capable of seeing any farther ahead than what's happening right now. When something goes wrong fear takes over and we just want a way out. A way out that seems easy and is so accepted today. But the reality is that in the U.S., over 140,000 women a year have immediate medical complications from abortion. These are just the women willing to come forward. How many too ashamed or afraid are suffering alone. Many women find themselves dealing with increased use of drugs or alcohol, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and attempted suicide. Women have admitted problems with relationships, loneliness, isolation, anger, fears of the unknown, indecision, and even self-hatred. Lack of trust is a big issue. People they loved and trusted who pressured them into having an abortion or of doctors who are supposed to heal and save lives not destroy them.

I'm praying for the day that Roe v Wade is overturned and the Wisconsin law 940.04 will go back into affect. It hurts me to think that any of you would want to repeal that law. After hearing the personal accounts from some of the women today who are suffering from post abortion syndrome how can you stand the thought of letting anyone you love possibly go through the same thing.

What we are really talking about here is murder. On February 25th a man in Ohio will be facing death or life in prison for killing his unborn child and her mother. September, 1996 a man assaulted his wife resulting in the death of his unborn daughter. He was convicted of involuntary manslaughter for the death of the unborn child. Yet whenever we talk about abortion suddenly

it's not an unborn child anymore. Instead people use words like fetus, embryo and blob of tissue trying to dehumanize the baby. Choosing to end a pregnancy is ending a life and no one should have that choice available to them. After an abortion there is nothing except death. After a pregnancy, regardless of how hard it might be there is a new life, a baby.

There have been 45 million abortions since 1973, 1.3 million abortions per year. 22% of all pregnancies end in abortion and 47% of women having abortions have had more than one. This is sad. It's so easy to just end a pregnancy, but then we all have to live with the consequences.

This is why I am opposed to SB 398 and am asking you to please vote against it.

Thank you