

Adoption or Abortion

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Mother Teresa once said “It is a poverty to decide, that a child must die, so that you may live as you wish.”

Hello, my name is Priscilla Breininger. I am sixteen years old and I live in Richland Center, Wisconsin. I am here today to talk to you about why we should uphold the Wisconsin statute 940.04 and to share with you a little about my own personal story.

I believe that we should uphold 940.04 because it is a law that was established to protect a mother and her unborn child. To remove this law would create opportunities for many a young mother and her unborn child to come to harm, which is exactly what laws are made to prevent. For example, speed limits were created to protect drivers. But what if one person said that he should have the choice about how fast he wanted to drive? A law protecting mothers and their unborn children is of greater importance than the seatbelt laws to protect those who travel the highways, roads and streets of Wisconsin. Surely Wisconsin is compelled to protect the most vulnerable of our society.

Many people question though, if abortion is made illegal, what will happen to all those babies who are termed as “unwanted?” The answer to that question is that there are several options from which a mother can choose. These options do not involve causing the possible risk of physical harm to the mother or the baby. One great option is to put the baby up for adoption. It is not commonly known that there are more people waiting to adopt than there are children to adopt. So, in reality, no child is truly ever unwanted. I can personally testify to the advantages of adoption because my family has already adopted three children over the past six years. And we are in the process of adopting three year old triplets. One of the triplets was born with several handicaps. He has only one functioning eye. He had a bilateral cleft palette and he suffered from hydrocephaly. Today he enjoys playing with his toys and brothers and sisters. And his favorite movie to watch is Dora the Explorer. Some would have advised his biological mother to abort him because of his handicaps, because he would have been an unwanted burden. I am so thankful that his mother decided to carry him to full term because he, along with the rest of my siblings, are truly the greatest blessings my family could ever have received.

I urge you, members of the Wisconsin Senate, as our elected public officials, to take the brave and just position of protecting the lives of those who cannot protect themselves. Please, uphold the Wisconsin statute 940.04, and reject the passage of SB 398.

Ronald Reagan once said “We cannot survive as a free nation when some men decide that others are not fit to live and should be abandoned to abortion or infanticide. There is no cause more important than preserving America’s freedom than affirming the transcendental right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning.”