

Born Alive Infant Protection Act

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Chairman Burke and other esteemed members of the committee,

"My Body, My Choice." These words have been shoved down our throats by the pro-abortion lobby in the recent years. Women have been told the lie that this unique human embryo/fetus, genetically different from them, was actually theirs, to be disposed of at their discretion. This distinct human was theirs alone. It was housed within her, therefore, only she should she have control over what happens to it, according to this ideology.

Once born, however, we previously all agreed that it was a human life, worthy of rights and privilege and care. This agreement has been eroded away in a mere year's time. Virginia's governor put into words what many of us feared. The physician abortionist as the judge and jury for a live-born infant is an absurdity of epic proportions.

Once delivered, there is NO doubt about its separateness. While vulnerable and weak, this is NOT a reason to intentionally take a human life. Many women who have had abortions under the guise of "it's just tissue" would be shocked to see this distinct humanity. They were prevented from seeing their baby on ultrasound by these same providers who relied upon their lack of awareness in order to complete the terminations. These women likely heard the cries and the struggle as their child was pithed or stuffed in a garbage bag or drowned in some circumstances. Their child's suffering was short; however, their suffering is ongoing and agonizing.

The recent news of the deceased abortionist from Indiana and his ghoulish "victory trophies" has been very emotional for many of my patients. These post-abortion women watched the news with horror, realizing for the first time that "these were babies." Kermit Gosnell's admission of live born babies having their spinal cords severed with scissors is equally appalling. The tip of the iceberg of post-natal killing is exposed, but the abortion industry has a hidden iceberg -of-death that we have just begun to expose.

Ohio has to provide care and protection for these born-alive children. We are better than this.