

My name is Tianna LaMore. I live in Clay Center, Kansas.

I am writing this letter in regards to what is being brought before you today.

This bill is very close to my heart. Ten years ago my life was a mess and I was making some very poor choices. At the age of 23 I became pregnant. Not being married I decided I needed to find a way to fix this. Until that day I had been strongly pro-life. Now I had put myself in a place where I was considering going against my beliefs. I was scared. Scared of what people would think and already having two children it seemed too much to handle. Not knowing who to talk with about options or to get sound guidance, I decided to turn to a phone book. I flipped through until I saw a number for an abortion clinic. I called and they were able to get me in the next week.

I still vividly remember what I saw and heard when I arrived. The people with their signs and their mocking, harsh voices. I will forever hear the voice of one woman making the sound of a baby crying. A worker from the clinic hurried out to help me through the people. I was checked in and led to the room where the abortion would be done. I was told what would take place and when it was time. In those next moments my life would change forever. My hands were shaking, tears streaming down my cheeks, strangers around me and the physical pain. After it was over I was quickly taken to a recovery room. There a lady asked me some questions. Then I was sent on my way.

Never once before or after was I told of the emotional pain that was to come. As I said in the beginning it has been 10 years and still today I am brought to tears from that decision. There have been times of deep depression, self hatred and an eating disorder I have battled with as a result of what I did.

What became clear to me afterwards is that at the moment of conception there was a life inside of me. Because of fear and not wanting to take responsibility for my choices I took that life. I allowed that little heart to stop beating. I made a choice that day that was not mine to make. I robbed that baby of ever being able to experience this world. I thought having an abortion would be the easy way out. I was so very wrong. I never imagined when I went to have the abortion what it would do to my mental state long term. This is one choice in my life that will have life long effects.

I truly hope you will consider what I have said. That so many

women will not have to experience what I have.

Above all else that many precious little lives will be saved, that their hearts can beat until that moment they are brought into this world to experience taking that first amazing breath of air.

Sincerely,

Janice Moore