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Terri Kellogg for Hope Hoffman
Regarding SB 664 "Right to Privacy"

As you consider Senate Bill 664, I would ask that you consider the story of my adopted daughter, Hope.

Hope's birthmother was 22 years old, going through a divorce, raising two children on her own, when she discovered she was pregnant.

She had a D & C abortion at 10 ½ weeks, and was told, of course, that it had been successful.

Time passed, and months later, she felt Hope kick in the womb. She was likely about 5 ½ months along when it was discovered that the abortion had failed. At this time, she didn't go through with another abortion, and she decided to place the baby for adoption.

Hope was born 8 weeks premature in 1991, weighing 3lbs 6 oz and fighting again for her life. Hope had a large injury to her head from the failed first trimester abortion, and in her medical records it is recorded as having the "appearance of an old wound."

The instrument used in the abortion had scraped her scalp and skull away leaving her brain exposed.

Hope is a miracle, she is an abortion survivor! Despite her many difficulties as a result of the failed abortion, despite the 24 hour care she required due to cerebral palsy and epilepsy, among other health issues, she is full of life. She is more than a choice, she is our daughter. And she deserved life and timely medical care after her survival.

Behind the words privacy and choice there is a child. My child is Hope.

Sincerely,

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