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Maryland Senate
SB 664

For the record my name is Paula J. Page and I live in Milton, NH.

I may not be here today if there weren't skilled doctors & nurses who were able to care for a 3 pound 1 ounce baby girl born February 24th, 1954 after a failed instrument abortion. I was that baby girl, born two months early and wasn't much longer than my father's hand, in fact, his wedding ring fit on my wrist like a bracelet. I had a sister born 2 years before me that didn't live to 24 hours because she was also born early and a little smaller than me.

CONCLUSIONS:

If not for the grace of God and the medical care I received 65 years ago, I wouldn't be alive to make a difference in this world today. My husband and I also suffered through the heartbreak of 4 miscarriages before being blessed with 4 children, three of whom were born early. The doctors and nurses were there to care for each of my babies and give me direction and support that I was grateful for.

If I wasn't alive:

My life long friend of 61 years would never have met me.

If I wasn't alive:

My brothers wouldn't have had a sister.

If I wasn't alive:

There would have been one missing at my HS graduation in 1973.

If I wasn't alive:

My husband wouldn't be the happy man that he is.

If I weren't alive:

There wouldn't be 4 beautiful children born that I'm very proud of. Each are hardworking members of Society that are making a difference in this world.

* My oldest daughter an RN, military wife, & mother of two boys 15 & 17.

*My oldest son, dialysis tech/phlebotomist, attending nursing school & dad of a 4 year old boy & 2 year old girl.

*My youngest son a Journeyman electrician and father of five children, 3 girls 16,14,8, and 2 sons 7,4

* Youngest daughter, business owner and mother of two, a son 14 & daughter 12.

If I weren't alive:

Who would have cared for our parents in their late senior years? They both avoided the nursing home because I was alive. My brothers couldn't, one lived too far away, and the other was raising his family.

I'm grateful God had His hand on my life before I was born. He knows the purpose for my life.

As you consider this bill, please consider the impact of each life, impacted by abortion. Please think of me, my four children and 11 grandchildren.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula J. Page