

To Whom It Does Concern:

My name is Rachael, I'm a wife and mother of three children in Baltimore County. I fight for the well-being of babies by mentoring women in Baltimore County by inviting mothers to my home, feeding them, reading to their children, helping mothers learn to nurse their babies. I help provide for their material needs by staying connected to a local community of mothers who donate their baby gear and clothing to me. I wash and sort clothing for infants and toddlers, baby carriers, clean up donated furniture, and show moms how to live on a small income, while leading their children to live honest and gentle lives. I see how simple it is to help a mother and her baby live healthy, safe lives—it's a bag of baby clothes, a meal, a little quality time, an encouraging conversation, a nap in a spare bedroom.

Women and children need safety and a friend so that they grow together in a bond that is self-sacrificing and self-healing all at the same time. I want nothing to do with these bills to expand abortion. These laws will prevent access to the kind of help that heals and will herd women into places where they will be pushed, cornered and scared into harming themselves and their babies. Please protect women and children so that they can grow in safety.

To every person reading this: I urge you to protect innocent children and their mothers! As you read legislative words, chosen carefully to numb the sting of what is really being said...Remember who you're talking about. Remember what is being done. Precious, innocent, babies are being murdered alive! Have courage to stand up for these children! They are absolutely helpless, but fully known and loved by the God who formed them. Please use the power you were given to keep them protected in the womb they were where they live.

If you allow these laws to train unskilled workers to slice babies in pieces, burn babies alive with chemicals and lynch their body parts apart--you will have their blood on your hands!

I wonder if any of you have children of your own. Would you keep a violent, greedy, highly trained assassin out of your home and away from your own children? I'd like to think you'd fight with everything you had to keep them out of your home or your child's school. Would you fight for their safety?! Then fight to protect these innocent children! The only difference between these babies and your babies is that you do not know them. And since you do not know them, you have no right to condemn a child to a life of poverty or criminal activity. You have no idea who that child will grow up to be.

Your vote is a key that could lead a murderer into a room with live victims. You either vote in favor of expanding abortion and so hand the key to the skilled assassin, or you vote against it and you deny access to the mothers and children you want to protect. You will not be held blameless for allowing them to be killed.

No-- you will be held accountable for sending the murderers into the room, into the very womb to slay those babies, and leave their mothers injured, for a business deal and a profit.

I am astonished that murder is illegal and abortion is not illegal. Women need to be protected! They lay down their lives and give their hearts, strength, and energy to form another life — all because of love. Sometimes they are so dedicated and so weary from caring for others that they doubt themselves and they question if they are doing enough, or if they have enough provisions to provide for their families. Protect them! Set apart sanctuaries for them! Let there be places they are safe, where they can rest. I do what I can to support mothers, and to care for children. We need you to keep them safe from unskilled workers, safe from profits and business deals. Remember their faces—see innocent babies, and beautiful self-sacrificing mothers—and vote for their safety.

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