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The Honorable Sam Brownback  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Brownback:

I commend you for advancing the cause of truth and honesty by proposing the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act, which would require that women seeking abortions be told the truth about new medical evidence showing that as early as 20 weeks of age, an unborn child can indeed feel pain.

A woman making the choice of whether to have an abortion is making a life or death decision with regard to her unborn child, and a decision that will also have a long lasting impact on her own life. Surely she should have all the facts available, including the medical findings that unborn children in the womb do feel pain. We know from empirical evidence that the psychological pain of guilt is a problem for many women who have had abortions. It cannot be right to hide from women the facts about fetal perception of pain, only to have them find out afterward that their unborn children did endure real pain during the abortion procedure.

An important provision of this bill is that women must be informed that they can choose the option of giving anesthesia to their unborn children of twenty weeks of age or more, during an abortion procedure. It is unconscionable that so many women now are kept ignorant of the fact that anesthesia is available to ease the suffering of their babies.

There will certainly be opposition to this bill from abortion proponents. But what could be the logical reason for such opposition? Why would anyone want unborn babies to suffer pain when it could be prevented? The only obvious reason for opposition is that an ideological "commitment" to abortion is more important than women's well being and more important than preventing pain in their unborn children.

The Religious Freedom Coalition stands behind this proposed legislation, (S. 2466) and we believe it deserves to have many co-sponsors in the Senate.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairman