



Pregnancy Resource Center

February 8, 2018

Idaho State Affairs Committee Members
State Capitol
Boise, ID 83720

RE: Senate Bill 1243

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Dori Sanstrom and I am the Executive Director of Stanton Healthcare Magic Valley, Pregnancy Resource Center in Twin Falls. I am writing to you today in support of SB 1243.

Currently, women considering terminating their pregnancy by taking the abortion pill may not be receiving all pertinent medical information from their abortion provider. As part of true informed consent, women who are considering the difficult choice to terminate their pregnancy should be told there is a physician in her area that can provide information and medication that may halt the medical abortion process should she change her mind. Some women may choose to attempt abortion pill reversal and some may not, but that decision should be between the woman and a physician. It would be tragic to force a woman to undergo the trauma of terminating a pregnancy she now wishes to carry to term by withholding information and forcing the continuation of an abortion she no longer desires.

At Stanton Healthcare Magic Valley, we respect a woman's right to receive evidence-based information about her reproductive health and pregnancy options, including information about abortion pill reversal. Allowing a woman to know there may be an option to reverse the effects of the abortion pill should be included as part of informed consent information. It has been our experience that when decisions are made quickly, in an overwhelmed state of stress—oftentimes with enormous outside pressures—women sometimes experience life-long regret.

Over three hundred babies have been born to mothers who experienced a change of heart after initiating the abortion pill and were brave enough to ignore propaganda calling abortion pill reversal "junk-science". There are another 100 babies safe in their mother's womb awaiting delivery. With backing from the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a 2500-member organization, abortion pill reversal appears to be gaining recognition as a legitimate procedure. There is at least one licensed OB-GYN, with hospital privileges in Twin Falls, willing to provide the education and ongoing medical care necessary to women who would like to attempt to save their pregnancy.

With that information, Stanton Healthcare Magic Valley is comfortable initiating protocol to provide information about Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) to our community. It is our plan to offer abortion pill reversal information, along with the APR hotline phone number, on our website, in our voicemail for after-hours calls, and to each client meeting with a medical professional for pregnancy testing in our clinic.

The State of Idaho gives a woman the right to choose to terminate her pregnancy. The State of Idaho should also give her access to information that will allow her the right to choose to save her baby.

I respectfully ask each of you to support a woman's right to be fully informed when it comes to matters of her health. Please vote in favor of SB 1243.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dori Sanstrom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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