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Ms. Serrin Foster
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Dear Ms. Foster,

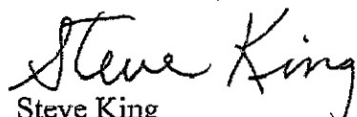
I wanted to write to personally thank you for your testimony before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution regarding The Unborn Victims of Violence Act, H.R. 1997. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this bill and greatly appreciate the commitment of groups such as Feminists for Life to seeing it passed.

Opponents of this bill focus attention on "a woman's right to choose," but many people lose sight of the fact that a woman has a right to choose to have a child, as you astutely point out in your statement. No one has the right to take away that child's life, and we must ensure that principle is reflected in the federal criminal law.

Your testimony helped emphasize the reality that there are two victims when a pregnant mother is attacked. The loss a family feels is no more or less painful simply because they were eagerly awaiting the arrival of their new baby, rather than already enjoying his or her company. Recognizing this, it is essential that we fill this gap in the law and protect the victims of violence against women, both born and unborn.

Thank you again for your testimony and support for this bill.

Sincerely,


Steve King
Member of Congress

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