

Written Testimony in Opposition to SF37 (Her)

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I am Peter Strand, and I am a lifelong citizen of Minnesota, a college student, and a believer in the sanctity of human life at all stages of development.

SF 37's proposal to enhance equality in the state of Minnesota is backwards when considering the effect it has on the lives of the vulnerable--namely, the independent, living, breathing children at risk of abortion-without-limits. It is a signal of societal decline for government legislation to consider the elimination of the vulnerable because of the "burden" they cause to be "Equality." In truth, abortion denies the right to live not only to the most vulnerable of society, but also negatively impacts women and minorities more so than other groups.

As a young person, I am surrounded by cultural forces increasingly hostile to children, life, and families. Having grown up in a close-knit, complete, loving family, I cannot begin to describe the personal, social, relational, and societal benefits this provides. For government to legislate based on the winds of culture that think they know a better way is enabling a future of despair and destruction. Why? Because family is the nucleus of society, and children are the center of the family. Throwing these long-held principles to the wind through this legislation guarantees my generation a bleak future.

I consider this proposed legislation to be detrimental to Minnesota's future, the future of American ideals, and most importantly, the future of the unborn children lost to abortion. It should not be enacted.

Thank you.