

To Committee Chair Rep. Murphy, and committee members,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit public written testimony on SF0001, the Protect Reproductive Options (PRO) Act. I would like my testimony to be entered into the public record.

Minnesota has been a leader in protecting the right to reproductive choice and SF0001 preserves safe and legal abortion for our women. Please continue your support for equal rights and the Pro Act without amendments to ensure our rights are protected.

As a woman, I have always been aware of the possibility of having an unwanted pregnancy and have been sensitive to many of my friends and family members caught in this predicament: whether it was unawareness of consequences of actions (especially for young adults), inability to thwart sexual advances in cases of rape, a failure of birth control methods or tubal pregnancies/miscarriages. Women need protections to make these decisions about their health – everyone does, regardless of gender or bias. Government needs to protect individuals rights (not force end-term pregnancies) for these very personal matters.

Thank you very much for your time and service.

Sincerely,
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