

Submitter: Kyleigh Dunn
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SJR33

I'm currently pregnant with my fourth child.
We sometimes joke with our oldest three that I have two hearts.
But that second heart isn't actually mine.
It's almost certainly pumping a different type of blood than mine, possibly even blood my body would fight and reject if it mixed with mine because I am O-.
The kicks and wriggles that I feel don't come from my body. I have no control over them, no power.
They come from another body, one with different DNA, different blood, maybe even different chromosomes.
It's not my body to do with what I please. It never has been, never will be. In and out of the womb, it's someone else's body, entrusted to mine for a time, to be nourished and grown.

Therefore, there is no time at which abortion should be acceptable. It's not my body, my choice. It's someone else's body, and they are unable to give consent. To enshrine abortion at a time when a baby born could survive is even more unfathomable, unacceptable. Two-thirds of Oregonians don't support this. I am one of them, because I know that this is not a matter of choosing to do something with my body, but with someone else's life--which in any other circumstance we call murder. It's not a matter of "equality of rights" for women. It's inequality of rights for babies, whose only "wrong" is that they are inside the womb instead of out of it. Many advocate against the morality of circumcision--a fairly minor medical procedure--because the baby cannot consent. This often happens one day after birth. Yet Oregon daily allows and promotes the murder of the same unborn children that one day later we're saying should not be circumcised without their say. I believe abortion is always wrong, but this is illogical madness.