



Open Letter to the Georgia Senate

March 27, 2012

I am writing today to urge you to support the original version of H.B. 954, the *Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act*. This is a bold and compassionate bill, and the Senate amendments greatly weaken the bill.

Opponents of H.B. 954 are crying foul, stating this is an assault on women's rights. As I listened to the several hours of testimony from the Senate well on Monday, March 26, it was very disappointing to watch several male senators buckle under the pressure of the bullying tactics of bill opponents, fearing they will be labeled as anti-woman and uncompassionate. Let it be known that the 500,000 plus members of Concerned Women for America (CWA), the nation's largest public policy women's organization, disagree with the opponents of H.B. 954. As state director for CWA of Georgia, we boldly state that this is not a woman's issue; this is a life issue, and we ask you today to stand on the side of life.

On behalf of the Concerned Women for America of Georgia state members, I ask that you reject the senate amendments that will allow a physician to perform the abortion if the pregnancy is "medically futile." Who but God can determine when life begins and when life ends? What doctor has the right to determine if a life is "futile"? We as women will applaud the boldness of your decision and will stand with you against the onslaught of those who disrespect life.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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