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WOMEN'S GROUP SUPPORTS RIGHT TO KNOW
Women deserve to be fully informed

New Holland, South Dakota – Concerned Women for America (CWA) of South Dakota is pleased that Gov. Daugaard approved HB1217 with his signature. Certainly our governor understands the need for women to be fully informed when making life-altering decisions.

“We are asking the abortion industry to do no more than any reputable physician and surgeon would do prior to every medical procedure or surgery—personally meet with the patient and conduct a risk assessment. The abortion industry should fulfill the same good medical practice, especially when abortion involves the taking of a whole, separate, unique, living human being—the mother’s baby,” stated Linda Schauer, State Director of CWA of South Dakota.

“For too long women have not had all the information they need to make wise choices regarding unplanned pregnancies. Many mothers in this vulnerable situation were deceived by the reckless lack of counseling at abortion facilities leaving women to deeply regret their decision to end their child’s life. One wonders if Planned Parenthood cares about women or about their bottom line,” continued Mrs. Schauer.

The deposition regarding 2005 legislation, HB 1166, revealed that 25 percent of Planned Parenthood’s clients “weep openly, and ‘bawl’” prior to the abortion procedure, which should be a red flag that a woman does not want to abort her baby. But it appears Planned Parenthood proceeds with the abortion anyway. Furthermore, 64 percent of women are coerced by family, the father of the child, mothers of boyfriends, and others to end their babies’ lives. HB1217 would detect that unlawful coercion.

Extending the waiting period to 72 hours would grant the woman the time she needs to process all her options and make a wise decision. South Dakota’s pregnancy care centers offer education, counseling, risk assessment and information concerning assistance, should she decide to give her baby life—with no regrets.

The deposition reveals that Planned Parenthood’s staff offers no counseling and has no knowledge of fetal development. Furthermore, the unborn child is referred to as “remove the pregnancy,” and “the pregnancy tissue,” intentionally dehumanizing the child.

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