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Proposition 5 Testimony

My name is Roland and I am from Founders Memorial School in Essex, I am 11 years old, I am in fifth grade and my teachers are always saying I should stand up for what I think is right well today I'm doing it. I think no one should be aborted. I'm Standing here because my mom didn't abort me.

I'm younger than you all so I may not know all the things you do about the matter but I watched the movie Unplanned and when I saw the kid being aborted it creeped me out. I could have been that kid that got aborted. A week later on my birthday my mom showed me the black and white photos when I was in her belly. I had a hard time looking at them because it made me think about all the babies that didn't get a chance to be born. As a boy I know I'll never be able to give birth and it's hard for me to see how abortion honors women because they *can* do that amazing thing.

Not only have my teachers told me to stand up for what I believe, they tell me the words you choose matter. Sometimes people call babies that are in their moms bellies fetuses but they are still babies. The word baby makes you think of a warm snuggly infant. The word fetus makes me think of a body part or something medical. A baby has life, a fetus is part of a body. Which word you choose changes your view. I see only babies in pregnant bellies. I would never kill a baby and I don't think you would either. I want to stay in Vermont when I grow up but I don't think I can if there is going to be so much abortion.

Thank you