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Dear Senators,

I know that you know that you have an awesome responsibility, and that each one of you will be held accountable for the decisions you make and the votes you cast. You have great authority, but you also have the power to go beyond your authority. Perhaps your constituents would rise up and stop you and perhaps not. Right now you are considering legislation that moves beyond your authority and into tyranny. I believe that you can see the injustice in arresting and fining me for doing nothing more than walking towards a girl while talking to her, never touching her except with the sound of my voice. If you know of abuses by those who counsel these women, abuses that aren't already covered by the laws common to all of us, then perhaps there needs to be more legislation. But this brush is too broad. I urge you to consider: that these women are making a decision that *will* affect them for the rest of their lives; that the places they are going to are profiting by the consummation of their choice; and that we are doing what we do out of love and concern for them, for our country, and for our own souls because we will all stand before our Creator one day and give an account of our actions and our choices. We will. Those ladies will. And each one of you will. What will you say to your Judge when He asks you how you used your power and authority to defend the innocent, helpless, and hurting among us?