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Dear Montana representatives,

I suspect that much discussion on HB 403 will center on exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother. Such exceptions have the following unintended consequences:

### **Abortion for Incest**

- Abortion helps to cover up the crime.
- The victim is typically sent back home to her rapist.
- The victim is often sent home with the relative who raped her.
- Abortion for incest emboldens a criminal to rape his young relative.
- Abortion for incest helps the rapist escape being caught.
- Abortion for incest tempts the rapist to repeat his crime.
- Incest abortion is not compassionate, but increases a woman's suffering.
- Intentionally killing a child is always wrong, even if her father is a criminal.
- Loving the woman and the child is right, including by adoption!

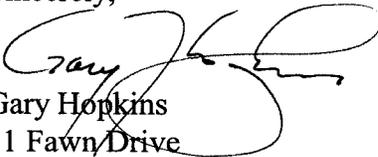
### **Abortion for Rape** (see Incest Talking Points above. Also...)

- Abortion aids rapists by kill the baby, the destroying the evidence of his crime.
- We should kill the rapist, and love the baby.
- Abortion helps the rapist, by being an alternative to severe deterrence.
- Abortion helps the rapist, by having us "deal with" rape rather than prevent it.
- Rapists advocate abortion for rape, especially when done quietly.
- Abortion doesn't punish the rapist.
- We should never kill a child because his father is a criminal.
- Abortion makes the would-be date rapist even more reckless.
- Abortion emboldens the sick minds of all would-be rapists.
- Abortion for rape does not undo the crime.
- Abortion for rape further victimizes the woman making a second casualty.

### **Abortion for the Life of the Mother**

- Abortion always kills a child. Our goal should be to save mom and if possible the baby too.
- Abortion is always wrong, without exception, and should be abolished.

Sincerely,

  
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