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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee:

*Representing The Montana ProLife Coalition*

Growing up, I was a victim of incest and rape, repeatedly. I also had an abortion. Later in life, I was a victim of domestic abuse by my husband. I healed from the horrendous emotional and physical trauma I experienced from the incest and rape. I have forgiven my perpetrators and know I am forgiven by God for the abortion. Nevertheless, I remain ravaged by my memory of the trauma of the abortion. Even worse, I live with the enduring consequences of guilt, knowing I killed my baby. My remorse didn't come from being educated about what abortion is. It came when I later learned about unborn children when I was pregnant as an adult. That's going to happen to anyone that gets an abortion and later is fortunate enough to have more children, and I'm here to tell you it is excruciating knowing that I killed another person. I know there are thousands of other women here in Montana suffering this same fate. Even one is too many. If we have laws protecting eagle embryos at any stage, how much more important to protect human embryos. I urge you to support Senate Bill 406.

*Lee Ann Bear*