

20/20 Sample Letter

Your address

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Representatives Name

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Dear Assemblyman/Assemblywoman/Senator _____,

I am writing to ask you **to support and to co-sponsor bill A-3452/S-2026, the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act” which would protect children in the womb at 20-weeks (that’s 5-months) and beyond.**

According to a study published on May 7, 2015 in the New England Journal of Medicine, babies born prematurely as young as 20-weeks post-fertilization can survive and thrive with appropriate care and treatment.

Fetal surgeons recognize unborn babies as patients. Perinatal medicine now treats unborn babies as young as 16 weeks post-fertilization (18 weeks gestation). Pain medication for unborn patients is routinely administered as standard medical practice.

Right now, New Jersey has no restrictions on abortion. Abortions past 20 weeks are routinely being committed in Englewood (Metropolitan Associates), Montclair (Pilgrim Medical Center), Cherry Hill (Cherry Hill, Newark (University Hospital –up to 7 months) and Union (Jersey Gyn Associates).

Why are we allowing babies who have a chance of surviving outside the womb, and who can feel excruciating pain to be aborted?

OPTION A. The United States is one of just seven countries that allow elective abortions after 20 weeks. The other six remaining countries that allow abortions past 20 weeks are China, North Korea, Vietnam, Singapore, Canada and the Netherlands. It is an embarrassment that we Americans, who pride ourselves on civil rights has such a barbaric law in place. So far, 17 states have enacted the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. New Jersey needs to join this list.

OPTION B. According to a November 2014 Quinnipiac poll, 60% of Americans support legislation limiting abortions after 20-weeks. Pro-life and Pro-choice citizens in New Jersey can agree that babies at 5 months or 20 weeks post-fertilization should be protected.

OPTION C. A recent Marist poll (July 2016) shows that 8 out of 10 Americans support restrictions on abortion. “Though 51 percent of Americans say they are pro-choice, about 8 in 10 Americans support substantial restrictions on abortion (78 percent), and would limit it to, at most, the first three months of pregnancy.

{See <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jan/19/abortion-poll-finds-81-americans-66-pro-choice-adv/>}

We need to stop the barbaric and inhumane practice of destroying unborn children who have a chance of surviving outside the womb and who feel excruciating pain during abortion. **Please support and co-sponsor the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act” (A-3452/S-2026)** to protect babies in the womb at 5-months and beyond.

Respectfully yours,

Name