

JENNIFER CALLENDAR
Abortion Survivor, Written Testimony

Hearing of the House Judiciary Committee Regarding H.R. 962,
“Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act”

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Hon. Steve Scalise, Republican Whip

Hon. Ann Wagner, Sponsor of H.R. 962

Hon. Chris Smith, Pro-Life Caucus Chairman

Honorable Members

United States House of Representatives

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Republican Whip Scalise, Congresswoman Wagner, Congressman Smith, and Members of Congress:

I was born 38 years ago, premature and only weighing two pounds, one ounce.

A few months before my birth, my mother had an abortion. I was not discovered until my mother noticed me moving around inside of her after the abortion. It was realized that she had been carrying twins. The abortion had not been complete.

I was delivered by emergency c-section at 29 weeks. I stayed in the hospital for approximately two months after my early delivery.

Thankfully, I did not have any long-lasting physical complications from the abortion. However, the emotional scars are still healing.

Attached are my medical records. In them you will see that my mother “elected” not to have a second abortion. Although I’m grateful to be alive, it’s devastating to me to know that abortion took the life of my twin and that if my mother hadn’t made the decision to not have a second abortion, I also would have lost my life.

Sincerely,

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