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My husband and I were so excited when we found out I was pregnant again. We had already been through one miscarriage. At 13 weeks we went in for a routine CVS test and everything seemed great. We found out our baby was a boy. Then at 16 weeks, a scan showed that his feet were turned inward. Our doctor said we'd keep watching it because he seemed fine. My husband and I reminded ourselves that Kristi Yamaguchi was born with clubfeet and became an Olympian. We decided that it just made him more special.

Shortly after, I got a call from my doctor and she sounded distraught. A blood test suggested he could have Muscular Dystrophy or Spina Bifida. But when we did another scan, he seemed normal. My doctor said all we could do was keep monitoring him. At 20 weeks, a scan showed his hands clenched shut, which is a bad sign. But he was still growing. The doctor said that if he made it to 28 weeks, there was a good chance he'd be fine. But by then, the scans showed his growth had cratered.

This was the first moment we realized something was terribly wrong. I was never going to be his mother – he wouldn't make it. Even if he came to term, he'd only live a short while before choking to death. I couldn't put him through that. But now I was at 31 weeks of pregnancy, well past the 24-week cut off for termination under New York law. I thought, this is totally crazy. We live in New York, after all and my baby is not viable. Yet, I still can't have this done in a supposedly progressive state. I was going to have to fly to Colorado to get an abortion. When I told a friend we had to fly to Colorado, he assumed I was doing this under the table, in some kind of shady way. I had to convince him—no, this is just what you have to do in New York. Our top doctor at a top hospital told us it was necessary.

The clinic in Colorado provided excellent medical care and treated me great, but here's the thing—getting an abortion at that late date costs \$25,000 cash. And that's not including the cost of last-minute travel and hotel. My mom was looking into how she could help me pay for it. That would be impossible for most people. They would have to carry to term because they can't afford it.

I was lucky.