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The issue of reproductive rights has become especially meaningful to me this past year, as I had to rely on my reproductive rights after a very planned and wanted pregnancy went very wrong.

In the second trimester, my baby was diagnosed with trisomy 18, a rare genetic disorder considered to be “incompatible with life.” After talking with my doctors and searching my heart, I chose to have an abortion as an act of love and compassion. I chose to give my unborn daughter peace instead the pain and suffering that she would have surely experienced had she come into this world to struggle for minutes, hours, days, weeks with failing organs and no hope for a cure or a future.

I chose not to risk my own health through continued pregnancy and childbirth, so that I could stay strong and present to take care of my three old son who needs me.

I was very fortunate to be provided with safe and compassionate medical care in a local hospital, who even gave me a cherished memory box with her tiny footprints, and to have insurance coverage to not have financial stress on top of everything else.

I’m writing because not everyone is so lucky, and I am concerned about the direction we are headed in, and especially the Supreme Court appointment. Thank you for listening to my story. I hope that I can count on you to oppose any attempts to restrict reproductive rights.

Sincerely,

Jessica B.