



Elections & Laws for Life

April 12, 2021

Dear Representative,

I write to advise you that Susan B. Anthony List, on behalf of our more than 900,000 members, strongly supports and will score in favor of the signing of the discharge petition for H.R. 619, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act reinforces the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act of 2002 by establishing affirmative federal protections for babies who are born alive after an attempted abortion. This bill would enhance the 2002 law, which clarified that “every infant member of the species homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of development” is a “person” for all federal law purposes. H.R. 619 clarifies that if a baby is born alive as a result of an attempted abortion, the child must be administered reasonable care – as would be given to any other baby born at that gestational age – and transported immediately to a hospital. Failure to provide this standard of equal and reasonable care can lead to criminal prosecution, while the mother on whom an abortion is performed or attempted cannot be prosecuted. In addition, the mother is afforded the right to sue the abortion provider should they fail to comply with the law.

Because of gaps in national and state abortion reporting and the continued opposition of abortion advocacy groups to more accurate and detailed reporting, though there are documented cases,¹ there is not comprehensive data on how often babies are born alive after botched abortions. Of the eight states that report data on babies who survive abortions, just four of those states accounted for 26 live births after failed abortions in 2018 and 26 again in 2019 (AZ, FL, MN, TX). Taking all of the other states into account that do not report on this issue, the actual number of babies born alive after abortions would be significantly higher.

Polling conducted by McLaughlin & Associates on behalf of SBA List found that 77% of Americans support this legislation², including 70% of Democrats and 75% of Independents. All Americans should be able to agree that at a minimum, babies born alive deserve protection and appropriate medical care.

It is impossible to forget that Kermit Gosnell “snipped” the spines of abortion survivors.³ Nurse Jill Stanek⁴ found a tiny abortion survivor abandoned without care in a soiled hospital utility

¹ <https://www.sba-list.org/born-alive-abortion-survivors-documented-cases>

² <https://www.sba-list.org/polling#born-alive>

³ <https://www.sba-list.org/suzy-b-blog/kermit-gosnell-trial-abortion-house-horrors>

⁴ U.S. Senate, Committee on the Judiciary. February 11, 2020.

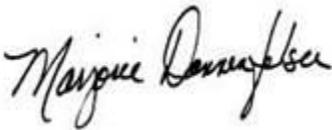
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40FQ_o6mcFo&ab_channel=SenatePro-LifeInformation

room. This little baby was 21 weeks and 4 days and had Down Syndrome. Jill held him for 45 minutes until he died. Abortion survivors Melissa Ohden⁵ and Gianna Jessen⁶ are among those who miraculously survived attempted abortions. As adults, Melissa and Gianna have testified before Congress in defense of countless unborn and other abortion survivors.

Over the past few years, we have seen growing hostility in certain states, including Virginia, New York, and Illinois. Virginia Governor Ralph Northam is infamous for his statement that in the case of abortion survivors, a discussion would happen as to whether or not to provide life-sustaining care. It is incumbent upon the Federal Government to protect these vulnerable born-alive infants and to stand united against infanticide.

Susan B. Anthony List is proud to endorse H.R. 619 and the resolution filed to force a vote on this bill. Signatures on the discharge petition will be scored as if they were a yes vote on H.R. 619. Failure to sign the discharge petition will show as a vote against H.R. 619.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marjorie Dannenfelser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marjorie Dannenfelser
President
Susan B. Anthony List

⁵ U.S. House, Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. June 4, 2019. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdAtHIGZfZc&ab_channel=SusanB.AnthonyList

⁶ U.S. House, Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. September 23, 2016. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLzwbNVpGjY&ab_channel=prolifeinformation