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U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator,

We write to introduce ourselves, and to urge passage of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which has already been passed by the House and which President Trump has indicated he will sign.

The Coalition for Jewish Values is a new organization - though born of millennia of classical Jewish thought - promoting traditional Jewish values in public policy. Our officers are Rabbinic leaders versed in classic Jewish studies, and we aim to represent mainstream Rabbinic opinion. We enjoy widespread support, especially among the traditional, values-oriented and rapidly growing Orthodox population.

Contrary to what you may have been led to believe, mainstream Rabbinic opinion most emphatically does not regard fetal life as a "choice." We enclose a short background paper on the classic Jewish attitude towards Abortion for further information.

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act is a reasonable and prudent step back from policies which degrade fetal life. It turns America back towards the bedrock moral ideals at the root of first-world civilizations. Passage of this Act not only protects the unborn, but conveys a positive message about our values to all citizens and to the world.

Again, we urge swift Senate passage of this Act.

Yours Sincerely,

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