

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3301

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Mr. George D. Mullen
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Dear Mr. Mullen:

I appreciate your wording against abortion, and thank you for writing me.

I share your concern that the unborn have been deprived of the most important right of all – the right to life. And it is important to go after the abortion argument with every means of our vocabulary, whether on biological, medical, Constitutional, or religious grounds, or otherwise. We must come together as a nation in opposition to this tragedy.

In your piece, it is noted that unless there is substantial proof that the unborn isn't life, abortion shouldn't be legal. In fact, it is scientifically proven that there is a continual progression of growth and development from conception through natural birth. I offer the following excerpt for reference:

“Physicians, biologists, and other scientists agree that conception (they defined fertilization and conception to be the same) marks the beginning of a human being – a being that is alive and is a member of the human species. There is overwhelming agreement on this point in countless medical, biological, and scientific writings” (Source: Report, Subcommittee on Separation of Powers to Senate Judiciary Committee, S-158, 97th U.S. Congress, 1st Session 1981, p.7).

I commend you for your efforts to influence the debate on abortion. It's an honor to be on the same team as you.

Stay the course.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse Helms". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

JESSE HELMS:rw