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Madam Chair and Representatives of this Committee -

Good morning, my name is Lori Goebel; I live in Loveland.

I am here today in FULL support of HB23-1119 – Abolishing Abortion in Colorado. In front of you today sits a statistic of abortion. Yes, I, like many others, bought into the lie that was perpetrated upon the women of Colorado, and of America, with the legalization of abortion.

(in Colorado April 25, 1967 and In the US with the Supreme Court Ruling, Roe  $\nu$  Wade, January 22, 1973)

One of the undisputed statistics of abortion is that nearly 25% of women will have had an abortion by age 45. (Induced Abortion in the United States | Guttmacher Institute)

For those who are promoting a woman's right (Air quotes) "to choose" they would have you believe that after having an abortion your life can simply move on – as if you were never pregnant.

Nothing can be further from the truth; not for myself and not for the women who have come to me. The aftereffects of abortion are all too real.

There is fallout from abortion that no one ever talks about.

Five years after my abortion I started experiencing uncontrollable outbursts of crying or anger, ...Guilt, Anxiety, Numbness, Severe Depression.

(Common symptoms of PTSD.) I self-medicated with alcohol. I experienced horrifying Nightmares, Flashbacks, Suicidal thoughts, ...and planning....

I also, distanced myself from the children I already had.

I had it all! None of which was mentioned to me before my abortion.

LIFE - It is a God-given right that is reinforced by our Constitutions.

FORGIVENESS — It is a God-given gift ready and waiting for all who need it. It is my testimony today that

LOVE, FORGIVENESS and HEALING is available through Jesus Christ.

If you or someone you know is hurting from a previous choice of abortion I would urge you to contact me at faithnow.org. FAITHNOW.org

It's time that we not only protect babies from being murdered in the womb. But also protect women from the hurt and pain that abortion brings.

I strongly urge you to vote yes on HB23. 1119.

Thank you and God bless you!