

# *New Hampshire Right to Life*

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WOMEN HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW

"Women have suffered greatly at the hands of the abortion industry. Not all women have been properly informed about the risk factors of abortion. They may have little knowledge of fetal development or even of what changes their own body is going through," announced Darlene Pawlik, President of NH Right to Life.

"In July 2006, the Institute of Medicine (an organization of the National Academies of Science) listed "prior first trimester abortion" as an "immutable medical risk factor" for premature birth. Premature birth is associated with cerebral palsy for the child and neonatal deaths. Studies show that mothers who have babies before 32 weeks gestation more than double their breast cancer risk. A premature birth is biologically the same event as an abortion. Therefore, this evidence supports an abortion-breast cancer link. Premature births increased 42% between 1980 and 2005, and cost U.S. society \$26.2 billion in 2005," says Karen Malec, President of the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer.

Ms. Malec went on to say, "All cancer groups recognize one of the two breast cancer risks associated with abortion. Experts agree that increased childbearing, starting at an early age, and increased breastfeeding significantly reduce breast cancer risk. Therefore, it's irrefutable that the young woman who has an abortion has a greater breast cancer risk than the one who has a baby. A full term pregnancy is the only event in a woman's life that matures her breast tissue from cancer-vulnerable tissue into cancer-resistant tissue."

"Scientists debate only one remaining breast cancer risk associated with abortion. It has to do with this question: Does an abortion leave women with more cancer-vulnerable breast tissue than they had before they became pregnant? Eight medical groups say that it does. Further, in 2005, the World Health Organization assigned combined (estrogen plus progestin) oral contraceptives and combined hormone replacement therapy the highest level of carcinogenicity. Studies in the New England Journal of Medicine (Jan., 2006) and Mayo Clinic Proceedings (Oct., 2006) show that oral contraceptives increase breast cancer risk. These findings provide additional biological support for an abortion-breast cancer link," concludes Karen Malec.

"HB744, introduced by Representative Dumaine, is relative to informed consent before abortion. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Representatives' Hall at the State House Building in Concord," Mrs. Pawlik says, "There will information on hand about what women should know before submitting to abortion. This legislation would ensure that women will make informed decisions about abortion so, they don't suffer the detrimental effects of decisions made in ignorance."

"Not everyone has the ability to do the research on their own," noted 21 year old Ashley Fairbanks.

"Karen Malec will hold a talk on the extensive research she has conducted concerning breast cancer. There is a great deal of information out there.

We decided to bring some of it to NH, at the Holiday Inn 172 N. Main St. Concord, in the State Room at 7pm. For more info about Karen Malec's visit to NH call 626-7950 or write life@nhrtl.org.

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