

Subject: Prior Induced Abortions Risk CEREBRAL PALSY for New Hampshire Babies --- 5
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OPEN LETTER to Rep. Elizabeth S. Hager (New Hampshire),

This email communication is a legal notice to you, Rep. Elizabeth S. Hager

(New Hampshire), that prior surgical induced abortions (including vacuum aspirations) much increase a woman's future risk of delivering a premature baby handicapped by the very serious brain injury malady of CEREBRAL PALSY (CP).

Greetings from Vancouver, Canada.

I am a medical researcher with a special interest in premature birth risk factors and lead author of a May 2003 study that was crucial to Texas warning women (starting in 2003) that prior induced abortions raise a woman's risk of a subsequent premature delivery; URL: <http://www.jpands.org/vol8no2/rooney.pdf> . Medical researchers in advanced countries recognize that babies born under 37.0 weeks' gestation (i.e. prematurely) face higher risk of CP (Cerebral Palsy), mental retardation, epilepsy, autism, brain hemorrhage, blindness, etc. Those VERY premature babies born under 32.0 weeks' gestation face even higher risk of CP etc.; a prior IA (Induced Abortion) about doubles a woman's odds of a VERY premature delivery. Surely, Rep. Elizabeth S. Hager, the New Hampshire government wants to improve women's chances of full-term and healthy newborn, NOT to increase women's risk of premature and handicapped babies.

How can you, Ms. Elizabeth Hager, be confident that induced abortions boost the risk of premature babies? Australia is an advanced country and uses the same abortion procedures as in the United States, England, France, etc. Consider the Planned Parenthood of Australia consent form; <http://websites.goldenorb.com/plannedparenthod/100158.php> .

This form IMPLICITLY concedes that a first trimester induced abortion (VA: Vacuum Aspiration) raises the risk of a future premature delivery; it does this by listing THREE (3) accepted premature birth risk factors:

1. "Infections"
2. "adhesions of the uterus" [adhesions: scar tissue]
3. "Incompetent cervix"

(The cervix is the 'gate' to the womb and if it is "incompetent" (i.e. very weak), this 'gate' will open too early in a pregnancy). The PP Australia form has implicitly but clearly conceded that vacuum aspirations (the most common abortion procedure) boost the risk of a future premature delivery of a baby. Please note, Rep. Hager, that the PP Australia consent form also lists the following risk: "Depression or mood disturbance, suicide". Yes, there are some people in New Hampshire who want to expose teenage women to higher risk of SUICIDE, via an elective (i.e. unnecessary) medical procedure. Attached to this letter is an affidavit (in the 'snail mail' version) I signed on 18 December 2006 that affirms that I printed the

Planned Parenthood of Australia online consent form on 12 October 2006 (a copy of the consent form is attached to the affidavit).

The third risk listed above, "Incompetent cervix" is an accepted risk factor for CEREBRAL PALSY, a brain injury malady. Surely you, a woman concerned about infant health, and other New Hampshire citizens do not want to encourage more wanted babies with cerebral palsy.

A family with a CP brain injured baby due to the mother's prior elective induced abortion could sue you and other government officials for allowing such contraindicated procedures to be performed in New Hampshire. Thus, parental notification of abortion procedures to be performed on minors is a clear must to protect the health, and in particular, the brain health, of future babies.

The [U.S.] National Academy of Science (NAS) is a very prestigious scientific organization.

In a 2006 609 page NAS book with lead author Dr. Richard E. Behrman (Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Stanford University) identified fourteen (14) "Immutable Medical Risk Factors

Associated with Preterm Birth" with one of the 14 being:

"Prior first trimester induced abortion" [page 519 of the NAS-Behrman book]

[URL: http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=11622&page=519]
NAS book title: Preterm Birth: Causes, Consequences, and Prevention (authors:
Dr. Richard E. Behrman, Adrienne S. Butler (PhD)

Thus, clearly induced abortion is an accepted preterm birth risk factor. Those who claim that prior induced abortions do not pose a preterm birth risk have the BURDEN of PROOF squarely on their shoulders.

In summary, Rep. Elizabeth Hager, please do not expose your government to potential vicarious legal liability law suits by cancelling New Hampshire's current parental notification law. In the Appendix (of the 'snail mail' version of this communication) are pictures of handicapped children from the book Exceptional Teaching (Jim Pierson, Standard Publishing, 2002).

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Thank you very much, in advance, for your attention to this very important matter related to the reproductive health of young New Hampshire women and the health of their future babies.

(Since this is an 'open letter' communication, please feel free to circulate it widely)

Cordially,

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Appendix: Pictures of Handicapped Children from the book Exceptional Teaching (Jim Pierson, Standard Publishing (Cincinnati, Ohio, USA), 2002, ISBN: 0-7847-1255-7). These pictures will be in the 'snail mail' version of this communication.