## A Right to Life

Many people today see a new life as a burden and a hardship. Something uncontrollable, unexpected, and a stress to their perfectly planned lives. Yet, this is not the reality. In my personal experience, children are a bundle of joy and intelligence beyond measure. Even so, we are choosing to kill them. These aborted children could've been a great light to others, but because of misinformation, greed, and fear, they're being slain in the name of prosperity.

My aunt was a person with a greater perspective. During the beginning of her pregnancy, she and my uncle were informed by doctors that it was a high-risk pregnancy and suggested she have an abortion. It was grievous news to the couple, but they eventually decided to give the child a chance at life. My aunt's labor came early, and my cousin was born prematurely. Soon after she died from the birth, the doctors performed an autopsy and found out that she would've died within six months regardless of the pregnancy. However, because of her unselfish decision, she allowed my cousin to live.

Whenever I hear this story, my aunt inspires me to make the right decisions even when it is hard. Our family, though grieved that she passed, is grateful that she chose to give her son a chance. In the end, she saved a life instead of ending two. She understood that abortion is a permanent decision and decided to choose hope instead of despair from the beginning. My cousin, now an adult, is serving a mission with our church, helping others learn about God. Though I've met him only a few times, he is an evident joy to his family and is trying to reach his true potential. There are many reasons I stand against abortion, but the biggest one is "that we are the children of God:" (Romans 8:16 KJV) If the Lord knows and values us as such, we should follow His example and do the same for others, especially the ones who have no voice. We should not be the ones who destroy a life without reason; we should be the ones protecting that life and letting it flourish until its natural end.

Even though it may not seem like I can do much, I hope to convince others that killing our prosperity is a terrible and consequential way to handle other problems. Through talking to people, educating the youth, and sharing thoughts, we can carve out a path in the future to outlaw unnecessary abortions and give these children a chance for life.

To put it simply, I stand against abortion because it destroys an innocent's life before it even begins. It destroys opportunity, love, and innocence. It destroys families. So instead of destruction, I will choose life.