

Testimony of
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Victim

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Crystal Lane's Testimony

Hi, my name is Crystal Lane and I'm here today to tell you why I think the "Child Custody Protection Act" should be passed and made part of our national laws. I believe in this Bill and hope my message will make those present here today believers as well.

When I was 13 years old I was taken across the Pennsylvania state line to New York for an abortion. The woman that took me was in her mid forties. I was so young and immature in many ways. I trusted this woman because she was older and I was so scared I didn't know what to do. I really think I could've lost my life at the abortion clinic. I was awake through the entire time and asked them to stop but no one listened to me. I think all the time about how things would have been different if my Mom was with me or if I had told her I was pregnant. I would have been taken care of with love rather than how I was treated. After the abortion things started to go wrong right away and just kept getting worse until my Mom took me to our family doctor and on to the hospital. Since the first abortion I had was incomplete, the procedure needed to be repeated. Going through all this was the most terrifying time of my life.

I am pleading to everyone here today to please take my story to heart and mind when considering the "Child Custody Protection Act". I believe the passing of this Bill will protect the children of our nation from even more horrible things than what happened to me when I was only 13 years old. I am really nervous about coming here today but I realize how important this Bill is and the good that it can bring to the people of this nation. Thank you all for taking the time to listen to me today. I hope you find it in your hearts to do the right thing!