

To: Community and Protective Services Committee and City of London Council

Re: abortion victim photographs being proposed to be banned

Friday June 14, 2024

This is an event I experienced while standing with a photograph of the remains of an aborted child.

I was standing with a small group spread along the public sidewalk on a busy street out in front of a shopping mall in Lindsay, Ontario. A young couple who appeared quite agitated rushed across the parking lot directly to me. The young man seemed confused about the woman's strong reaction.

She started talking very loudly and quickly and I could only stand and listen to her say we shouldn't be there and she hated the pictures. She wore herself out and started crying. I'm sure people passing by thought we had upset her.

As she got tired, she told her story. Sometimes we find that it is easier to tell strangers about issues rather than family and friends. She was upset about a comment her father made just that morning. He had told her that he had wanted her aborted before she was born and that she was a disappointment to him! Her boyfriend and I were speechless for a moment as she poured her heart out to me. All I could think was that she needed to cry and talk because she was hurting so much. Finally, we were able to tell her how beautiful she is and how important she was to her boyfriend and the world. I think she felt some relief as they left. Without the truth event she may have suffered in silence for a long time.

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I give my consent to have my letter be included in the agenda and/or as part of the public record concerning this issue.

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