

To: Community and Protective Services and City of London Council

Re: Abortion Photos being shown in public

Date: June 29, 2024

I have been informed of a City of London proposal to ban pro-life visual signs based on anti-abortion sentiment. While I agree that these signs may be viewed negatively by a certain side of the population, I believe that there should be extremely stringent measures when limiting freedom of speech. I even doubt that such proposed censoring of free speech is within the realm of a city government. Laws should not be created because of feelings.

A photograph of an aborted fetus is a pathologist's documentation of the remains after an abortion. Having this visual information should be a factor when forming an opinion or making a decision to end the life of a child. How can people make an "informed" opinion or decision without all the facts? What William Wilberforce said about the slave trade applies to the abortion industry also: "You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know."

Many post abortive women tell us that they didn't know the development of the baby or the abortion methods used when they had abortions. That is appalling. For someone who has had an abortion we do not "hurt them". The abortion hurt them and no matter how deep she buries the event she is hurt for the rest of her life. Many times, the photos are the beginning to her healing from abortion. Also, I have stood with one of the photos and many people unharmed by abortion yet tell participants that they didn't know the reality of abortion.

Although some people are negative about the strategy many others thank us and take literature about the abortion issue. It will be a sad day in Canada when informing people with facts will be a crime.

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

Re: Abortion Victim Photography shown in public

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

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