

**TESTIMONY OF LUCILLE BUFFALINO, CELEBRATE LIFE
COMMITTEE, LONG ISLAND, N.Y.**

Mrs. BUFFALINO. Honorable Chairman, honorable Senate committee members, my name is Lucille Buffalino and I represent the Long Island Celebrate Life Committee.

Many people in this country feel that abortion is at the head of their list of injustices in the world. The Rabbinical Council of America and various other faiths have also echoed their sentiments along this line.

This viewpoint has been embodied for many years in laws passed by State legislation. These laws regard the unborn child as a living human being, whose life is sacred, and entitled to the law's protection.

In recent years, attacks have been launched against laws which protect unborn life. Although at first these attacks in State legislatures were successful, of late they have been consistently defeated, as the great majority of the American people have asserted their sentiments that these laws should be preserved.

But those seeking to overturn laws protecting defenseless life have opened a second line of attack on laws protecting the unborn. They have filed lawsuits seeking to declare laws protecting the lives of unborn children "unconstitutional."

Normally a minority group seeks to preserve statutes giving it equal protection, but one of the largest minorities in the United States—its unborn children—cannot do so because they cannot speak. Our group has asked me to come here to ask you, the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the Members of the U.S. Senate, to speak for the unborn and to preserve their lives.

This can be done by appointing to the U.S. Supreme Court men who will uphold the longstanding laws of the various States which protect the lives of innocent unborn children. No one has the right to destroy innocent, unborn life—not even a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court—who may be disposed to reach for the label "unconstitutional" in order to strike down statutes to which he may, as a personal matter of philosophy, disagree.

We oppose the nomination of any man to the U.S. Supreme Court whom inquiry discloses is ready to substitute his own personal philosophy for the majority will of Americans, expressed for many years in statutes which regard unborn children as human beings whose lives are protected by law. If inquiry discloses that any of the present nominees are disposed to reach for the label "unconstitutional" to strike down laws protecting the unborn, or to weaken them by loose interpretations, we ask that such nominees be rejected.

TESTIMONY OF MARGARET DEVLIN, WANTAGH, N.Y.

Mrs. DEVLIN. Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the committee:

My name is Margaret Devlin. I am from Wantagh, N.Y.

It is certainly not necessary to remind you that our Nation's founding fathers held as self-evident truths that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, among which are liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and life it-