

## Fact Sheet: Late Term Abortion Ban SB 242

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- **AS TAXPAYER OF NM I HAVE TO FUND LATE-TERM ABORTIONS And I have the following concerns:**
- **THE MAJORITY OF LATE-TERM ABORTIONS ARE ELECTIVE - Planned Parenthood's Guttmacher Institute**
- **NM is known as the late-term abortion capital of the U.S.**
- **NM has the highest percentage of late-term abortions in the country- according to the CDC, 5 times the national average.**
- **42 states have protections in place limiting abortion after viability of the unborn baby.**
- **98% of governments across the world have banned the practice of abortion to the day of birth—except for countries like China and North Korea**
- **80% of Americans agree with limiting abortion after 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester and 69% after 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester.**
- **Abortion doctors who do not reside in New Mexico fly in to perform abortions up to the day of birth at a cost of \$8,000 - \$16,000 per late-termination.**
- **Albuquerque voters SUPPORT a 20 week ban on abortion, on an up or down question- Albuquerque Journal Poll: 55% support, 39% oppose 20 week ban  
<http://www.abqjournal.com/259923/news/more-voters-support-abortion-ban.html>**

### LATE TERM ABORTION IS NEITHER SAFE NOR RARE- MAJORITY ARE ELECTIVE

- As a doctor, you know that these are children; you know that these are human beings with arms and legs and heads and they move around and they are very active
- When the abortionist finishes...he has to literally reassemble the child.
- Late term abortion is neither simple nor safe.  
- *Former late-term abortionist and practicing OB-GYN, Dr. Tony Levatino of Las Cruces, NM,*

### ABORTION IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS FOR WOMEN: AFTER 16 WEEKS IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN NATURAL BIRTH- According to Albuquerque's Late-Term Clinic Southwestern Women's Options Consent form- attached

- At 21 weeks or more, a woman is 91 times more likely to die from abortion than she was in the first trimester- *OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY 103(4):729 (2004).*
- Late-term abortion is a 3-4 day procedure with far greater risks than natural birth
- At least 2 women have died at a Southwestern Women's Options late-term abortion clinic.
- Unsafe standards of care: woman instructed to deliver 27 week baby into hotel toilet by nurse at Southwestern Women's Options, Albuquerque, NM. <http://liveaction.org/inhuman/inhuman-undercover-in-americas-late-term-abortion-industry-new-mexico/>

### LATE-TERM ABORTION IS NEVER A COMPASSIONATE CHOICE

- Fetal abnormality testing is often inaccurate
- Prenatal genetic screening tests are not regulated by FDA and oversold by drug companies:

<http://www.nbcnews.com/health/womens-health/prenatal-tests-have-high-failure-rate-triggering-abortion-n267301>

- Fetal abnormality testing promotes disability discrimination
- Children given incompatible with life diagnosis- natural death is more compassionate to both parents and child

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