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Dear Governor Haley,

Governor McCrory, I urge you to sign HB 465 (Women and Children's Protection Act of 2015). HB 465 will save unborn lives and raise the standard of care for women seeking abortions in our state.

Abortion is a life-altering decision for the mother and a life-ending decision for the unborn baby. By increasing the waiting period from 24 to 72 hours, we ensure expectant mothers have adequate time to consider and research all available options.

When a woman makes the unfortunate choice to have an abortion, she deserves the safest and most competent care available. HB 465 will ensure that women who decide to have an abortion receive the safest and most competent care possible by requiring all employees of abortion facilities to be at least 18 years of age and allowing only the most qualified physicians to perform abortions.

The bill further protects women who visit abortion facilities by requiring annual inspections that will be published on the NC Department of Health and Human Services' website and strengthening the annual statistical reporting requirements abortion facilities must submit to the state so that we can better track abortions in North Carolina.

Finally, HB 465 also makes critical improvements to conscience protections for medical personnel who object to performing or participating in abortions.

These common-sense measures will help save unborn lives and protect the health and safety of women in North Carolina.