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My name is Monica Migliorino Miller—and I am the director of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society and a Professor of Religious Studies at Madonna University in Livonia. I want to thank the members of the House Committee on Families, Children and Seniors for the opportunity to address you this morning. The legislation being proposed concerns a ban on dismemberment-type abortion procedures and this is a subject on which I have singular and unique experience.

In 2008 myself, along with other members of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, discovered that the Woman Care abortion center in Lathrup Village, MI then owned by abortionist Alberto Hodari was throwing the remains of aborted unborn children into the trash dumpster in the alley behind the clinic. Between February and April 2008 we made several trips to that alley and retrieved the aborted fetal remains. We held in our hands and saw with our own eyes the severed limbs of dozens aborted babies—most of them early 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester, some of them approximately 20 weeks gestation as the abortion center killed unborn children through the 24th week of pregnancy which is sadly permitted in the State of Michigan.

These unborn children were literally cut to pieces in dilation and evacuation abortion methods. Their severed limbs were placed by Hodari on the very blue surgical paper upon which the women would lay for their procedures. Then after the abortions were over the blue paper was be bunched up, with the fetal remains enclosed inside, and placed inside a black trash bag that must have been positioned close to the surgical table. We know this had to be the case as we would always find the dismembered body parts in a particular black garbage bag where only the blue surgical papers were deposited.

These unborn children were human beings and they died a most horrific torture-method of extermination. They were dismembered—a barbaric action we would not do to even an animal! Medical studies show evidence that by at least 20 weeks the unborn can sense pain. Ultra-sound guided abortions show that the unborn, even much earlier in development, sense the intrusion of abortion instruments and try to back away from them. Dismemberment abortions bear within them an even deeper significance—to dismember the unborn, and that includes suction abortions as well, we do not simply dismember their bodies, we *dis-member* them from the human family—they are severed from inclusion—an inclusion to which they have a right. The injustice and terrible violence done to them is real as these photos testify—including suction abortion procedures. If we want to be a people of justice we must refuse any sort of inhumane ingenuity that deprives the unborn of their right to exist.