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To the Committee Clerk Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs Legislative Council Parliament of Western Australia.

Re babies born alive after abortion,

I write on behalf of the doctors of *Medicine with Morality* re the situation where some babies of viable gestation are "accidentally" born alive after an abortion procedure and then left to die without what would be regarded as standard treatment and care given to other "wanted" babies of similar gestation.

Consistent with our view that all human life has intrinsic value we regard this situation as being untenable and that usual treatment and care should be given.

In the event of such babies having a condition imminently incompatible with life we would expect that the babies be comforted until death takes place.

We ask that inquiry be made to ascertain why such care is not given, why agencies that would normally ensure such care seem to have no involvement, and to whom these deaths are reported.

Yours sincerely,

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