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To Mr David Crisafulli MP
Premier of Queensland
Liberal National Party of Queensland
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Subject: Motion Restricting Abortion Legislation Debate

Dear Premier Crisafulli,

On behalf of Pro-Life Health Professionals Australia (PHPA), we write to express our deep concern regarding the recently passed motion by the Queensland Liberal National Party (LNP) banning any bills on abortion for the next four years. This decision not only raises significant questions about democratic principles and constitutional law but also ignores the grave implications of current abortion laws, which permit the termination of pregnancies up to birth and provide no protections for infants who survive abortion attempts.

We call on you, as the elected representative of Queensland, to fully understand the significant negative ramifications of this motion and **overturn the decision**.

Specifically, we request a written response addressing the following critical concerns:

1. Democratic Accountability

- How do you reconcile supporting a motion that prevents elected representatives from debating and considering reforms on an issue as consequential as abortion? Do you believe such pre-emptive restrictions align with the principles of a democratic parliamentary system?

2. Constitutionality

- Have you sought or reviewed legal advice on the constitutional implications of passing a motion that precludes legislative action on a specific topic for an extended period?

3. Protection for Vulnerable Lives

- How do you address the current legal framework that allows abortion up until birth and the lack of safeguards for infants born alive following failed abortion attempts? What is your position on ensuring that viable unborn children and survivors of abortion attempts receive care and protection under the law?

4. Ethical Leadership

- As a leader entrusted with safeguarding the welfare of all Queenslanders, how do you justify supporting this motion in the face of widespread public concern about late-term abortion practices and their ethical implications?

PHPA represents a broad coalition of healthcare professionals dedicated to advocating for healthcare that defends the lives of both mothers and their in-utero infants. Many of our members (including obstetricians, general practitioners, midwives, nurses, pharmacists and other allied health) have first-hand experience with the devastating realities of liberal abortion laws, particularly concerning late-term abortions and the ethical conflicts they create for practitioners who enter their careers pro-life. As leaders in our community, we view this motion as a failure to protect the most vulnerable in our society, and a failure to protect healthcare workers from moral injury, a consequence of the “abortion is healthcare” narrative.

There are babies in this state being terminated without lethal conditions¹, a proportion of whom are either **normal and have no medical condition** or have a medical condition that would most certainly survive ex-utero. There are healthcare workers who will continue to be harmed by experiencing first-hand the trauma of these distressing scenarios.

We urge you to overturn this motion, to do what is right by Queenslanders, including women, their in-utero infants, their families and the healthcare workers that take care of them. Most obstetricians and gynaecologists, midwives and health professionals are pro-life and would welcome judicious leadership on this issue. Have the courage and integrity to stand with the voiceless.

We look forward to your response and hope that it reflects a commitment to free speech, transparency, ethical governance, and the protection of vulnerable lives.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ Rosser S et al. Late termination of pregnancy at a major Queensland tertiary hospital, 2010-2020. Med J Aust. 2022 Oct 17;217(8):410-414. doi: 10.5694/mja2.51697. Epub 2022 Sep 7. PMID: 36071581