



"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." - George Washington

Dear Gail,

"On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God."  
Psalm 22:10 (ESV)

The psalmist tells us that we belong to God while we are in our mother's womb. The first president of our nation acknowledges God and encourages us to obey His will. We've come a long way. I took a look at abortion statistics on the National Right to Life website and they cited over 57 million abortions have been reported by the Guttmacher Institute for 1973-2011. When I tell people these numbers they accuse me of making it up. I remember talking to a fifteen year old boy at one of our local schools, he was okay with a woman's right to choose. He didn't see anything wrong with abortion. I looked him straight in the eye and said, "I'm so glad your mother did." It registered that his mother could have chosen abortion and we would not be having this conversation. I think often about the story of a little girl walking along a beach strewn with starfish washed up from the sea. She picked up a starfish, and placed it back in the water. Then she picked up another, and another, and another. An elderly man asked her if she really could make a difference. Does what you are doing really matter. As she walked to the water's edge and placed another starfish in the sea, she said, "It matters to this one." And that's what we do here. When we do an ultrasound, when we counsel with love, when we educate, when we turn to our partners in churches and seek pray, it matters to the baby in the womb.

Respectfully,

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