

Dear Friends of life and family,

A very courageous Member of Parliament, the Honourable Stephen Woodworth, tabled Motion 312 in February, asking that a Parliamentary Committee be established to study Canada's 400 year old definition of the human being. Canada's Criminal Code (Subsection 223-1) states that a child becomes a human being only at the moment of complete birth. MP Woodworth is asking Parliament to closely examine this law based on modern medical science because, he says, "we should never accept any law that says that some human beings are not human".

Mr. Woodworth's initiative has caused an outcry among advocates of the so-called "right" to abortion who fear the reopening of the abortion debate and the possible recriminalization of abortion.

The Catholic Organization for Life and Family encourages all people respectful of life and human dignity to contact their MPs to ask them to vote in favour of Motion 312. The vote will take place either before the end of June or in September. It is also important that, as citizens, we use our voices in the media.

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