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Conservative Merrifield Suggests Counseling Before Abortion; Campaign Life Coalition Agrees

Conservative Health Critic Rob Merrifield, MP said yesterday that he supports third party counseling for women considering abortion. Campaign Life Coalition supports this suggestion because women have a "Right to Know" what is involved in a procedure that kills their baby and could adversely affect their body as well.

Jim Hughes, National President of Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) said, "This would be a very positive initiative for women, because, as we know most women are not given full information about abortion before they go through the procedure. After they find out the truth they are burdened for the rest of their lives with what they have done."

"Henry Morgentaler and others who claim to be pro-choice seem to be against women having a truly informed choice," Hughes continued. "We rightly call the abortion lobby "pro-abortion," because the only choice they offer is a dead baby."

Karen Murawsky, Public Affairs Director of Campaign Life Coalition in Ottawa, said, "Of course it's important to require third party counseling. In the absence of a law protecting the unborn, women need to realize that they are terminating the life of their child."

Campaign Life Coalition supports Rob Merrifield and any other politician who takes a stand in support of human life. Campaign Life Coalition does not endorse any single particular political party, but urges voters to support only those candidates who acknowledge the fundamental right to life of all human beings from the time of conception.

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