My name is Ross Schriftman. I am a member of the Casper pro-life community and a member of the Jewish Pro Life Foundation.

I am here to express my 1st amendment rights. While we should be careful with the words we use, we are obligated to speak the truth.

I will not sugar coat this. Sadly, violence has come to our community brought here by a business based in Washington, D.C. Just a few blocks from here babies are dying and women are at risk for medical and emotional harm. An abortion is a procedure that intentionally takes the life of an unborn baby.

Therefore, I stand here this evening with the support of more than 250 of my fellow citizens to present to you the following proposed resolution:

"Whereas Wyoming is the Equality state,

And whereas the Wyoming Constitution states in Section 1 that "…all members of the human race are equal,"

And whereas unborn children are part of the human race,

And whereas all persons of the human race have value and deserve to live,

And whereas unborn children are the most vulnerable humans,

Be it resolved that the City of Casper condemns the establishment of a business in our City that plans to kill unborn babies in painful and inhumane ways for profit."

Every year about 900,000 babies die from abortions in our nation and over 60 million since 1973.

In a chemical abortion the mother takes two pills. The first one starves the baby to death. The second pill causes the mom's uterus to contract and forces the dead baby out of her mother and usually into the toilet. The baby is then flushed and ends up in our sewer system.

Risks to the surviving mom include severe pain, heavy bleeding, infections, undetected ectopic pregnancy which is life threatening, permanent infertility and emotional trauma seeing her dead baby floating in the toilet.

It has been reported that this business is performing 2nd trimester abortions known as Dilation and Evacuation. The 2nd trimester is from 14 weeks to 27

weeks after conception; the size of my hand. At this age, the baby already kicks, moves and can hear our voices.

In this procedure, the abortion doctor uses tools to open the cervix and then grasps and pulls off legs, arms and other body parts through the mom's vaginal canal. Finally, the baby's head is grasped and crushed. All the pieces are put back together to make sure no piece is left inside the mom.

Can anyone remain neutral while this is occurring in Casper?

The people's legislature overwhelming passed the Life is a Human Right Act but a district judge has put a hold on our law.

Women who face the difficulty of an unplanned pregnancy need our compassion and support. Although most abortions are done for financial, career or young age reasons, the law provides exceptions for the small number of situations such as a life-threat to the mother or fetal abnormality. Even in those cases a pre-term induction of delivery is the safest and most humane procedure rather than a brutal abortion and allows parents to mourn the loss of their child.

And a miscarriage is not an abortion because it is not the intentional killing of the baby.

For women in crisis, my message is clear. If you embrace what you think is a problem today, you will soon realize what a great bundle of joy you have inside you.

There are so many people here in Casper willing to help you. We care about you. Please don't make a quick decision. Take your time to explore your options to make the best decision for you and your baby. There are free resources that can smooth the way.

Mr. Mayor and Council, please give our resolution your consideration and acknowledge that Casper is a pro-baby, pro-moms and dads, pro-life affirming paradise.

At this time, I ask all those that support this resolution to stand and pray silently for the moms, babies and families. We especially pray for the staff of the abortion clinic that their hearts are changed and that they join with us to uphold life; our most precious gift.