



Dear esteemed members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate,

With the State of the Union approaching, I'm sure you've learned that President Joe Biden is scheduled to bring a mother, Kate Cox, as a guest. Kate Cox sued Texas to force officials to support abortion even though her life was not in danger and would be protected under Texas law. She asked for an abortion in Texas because her baby had been diagnosed with Trisomy 18, a deadly genetic condition. Ultimately, she went out of the state to pay an abortionist to end the life of her child, and, since then, her story has been used by Democrats to make the case for legal abortion, for any reason, and the eugenics of children with chromosomal abnormalities.

The President's invitation of Cox spreads misinformation about the laws of Texas and about the Trisomy 18 community, comprised of many parents and children who are insulted by his presumption their lives are not worth living. At *Students for Life Action*, we reject prejudice against people based on age, sex, race, parental income, perception of abilities or the events of conception.

We would ask Members of Congress to use their platforms to bring guests to the State of the Union to counter Biden's pending misinformation and put a human face on the lives of people with diagnosis of disability. We hope your members will feature constituents with Trisomy 18, Trisomy 13, Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome) or other genetic conditions like cystic fibrosis (CF) that too often lead to incredible pressure to abort. Perceptions of a person's abilities or lifespan do not define their worth as a human being.

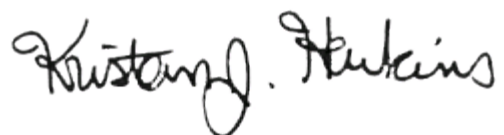
You can find mothers who chose to embrace their children with Trisomy 18 at [Verity's Village](#). Beverly Jacobson founded the organization to connect with mothers like herself, looking for support as they welcomed their children. Her story in Newsweek is inspiring: [I Was Told My Baby Was 'Incompatible With Life'](#). SFLAction would be glad to assist in bringing together some stories of life-affirming outcomes.

You can show millions of Americans and your fellow Members of Congress that every human being, no matter their genetic makeup, deserves to be treated with dignity, love, and respect.

Please let Savanna Deretich, our Government Affairs Coordinator know at [sderetich@studentsforlifeaction.org](mailto:sderetich@studentsforlifeaction.org) if you have any constituents with Trisomy 18 that would be willing to be your guest at the State of the Union as we would love to help you facilitate a special event.

We hope you can make an effort to show people that human life is precious and deserves protection regardless of one's circumstance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristan Hawkins". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Kristan" and last name "Hawkins" clearly legible.

Kristan Hawkins

Mother of two children with cystic fibrosis, Gunner and Graice

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