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Pro-choice,  
 because how can we live in a world where a man controls a woman's body.  
 Her body, YOUR body, MY BODY.  
 My body, my choice,  
 to make love in between fresh sheets  
 if I want to,  
 when I want to,  
 and with a man who also wants to.  
 A basic human right  
 that too many have stolen in the dark of night.  
 Now they're saying, a doctor  
 trying their best to make a bad situation a little better  
 would get life behind bars  
 before the rapist ever even hears the siren.  
 Pro-choice.

But also,  
 pro-life,  
 because how can we live in world where women control other women's bodies.  
 I can't want rights for my body, YOUR body,  
 without wanting rights for HER BODY.  
 Her body forming inside the womb,  
 call her a lump of cells but her heart still beats all the same.  
 Mama and Papa don't have to agree on her creation,  
 no money maybe just kids themselves,  
 or papa might not even be a papa  
 just a man who forced himself.  
 But shouldn't she still get a choice?  
 Write policy where the rapist is behind bars  
 but the doctor is soon to follow.  
 Because no choice for her  
 is the same thing as murder.  
 Pro-life.

But what if there is something better,  
 maybe call it pro-love.  
 Love first, and love always.

Love for the women who believe differently than me,  
who have chosen differently than me.

Love for the expecting mama's,  
the scared girls,  
even the parental duty donators,  
fetus removers.

Love for the papas,  
the boys becoming men,  
even just the sperm givers,  
virginity takers.

Love whether you're behind bars,  
on the table, legs spread, abortion ready,  
or still in the embryonic sack.

Love humans through all trimesters, seasons, and decisions.  
Pro-love.