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To Whom It May Concern

“Application A576 – Labelling of Alcoholic Beverages with a Pregnancy Health Advisory Label”

I wish to endorse the submission made by ALAC to place warning labels regarding the dangers of drinking when pregnant on alcohol containers.

It is reprehensible that a widely available and highly promoted toxic substance currently does not carry health warnings. There is a strong moral and ethical obligation to inform the public about the health risks of alcohol that transcends and outweighs any commercial imperatives or perceived value about the effectiveness of doing so.

I have watch a woman who was once a close friend distroy her childrens lives before they were even born by consuming 2 to 3 standard drinks of alcohol per day throughout all her pregnancies. I warned her about the possible dangers and she disregarded them because that was not the line of the medical profession in the area. I did research on the issue and found how serious the problem was in Australia because of the Australian Governments failure to recognize the problems of Feotal Alcohol Syndrome and the related disorders. I also found the same to be way behind other countries on this issue.

What I see is three children who have had there chance at haveing a healthy happy life taken away from them. The oldest, 3, has serious developmental, and social skills problems, The second child, perhaps fortunately, died at 23 weeks gestation due to placenta previa,(brakedown of the placenta due to toxins ingested) and the third child was born with a double hair lip and and cleft pallet. All of these symptoms are consistant with research done internationally.

My question is Don,t we care about our childrens human rights to not be given alcohol before birth or after through breast milk.?

Yours faithfully

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