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To the Editor:

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Opposition to abortion is not the same thing as opposition to a woman's right to make informed choices. In fact, in most cases, the need for an abortion arises from a person's failure to make such choices. The majority of abortions that are performed in the United States are abortions of healthy babies whose mothers do not wish to bring them into the world. I shall not deal here with the case of women who have abortions because they have learned that their babies have some serious handicap, nor shall I deal with cases in which the presence of a fetus compromises the mother's life, because these cases apply to only a small fraction of the abortions that occur, and because in these cases, the medical decisions involved are different from those involved in the cases of women who, after all, chose to conceive their babies. It is also unfair to lump all of these groups together and claim that they are all "anti-choice." Our defense of abortion does not mean that we are "pro-abortion." What we are trying to do is protect the rights of women to choose to have or not have children. It is within the context of these rights that the question of abortion must be decided.

In addition, the way in which The Tech presented the issue was misleading. The editorial stated that pro-choice groups are really pro-abortion. Let us point out, for example, that pro-choice groups are really pro-life. They argue that if we do not have a choice, we will not have a child. The current debate over abortion is a debate over the issue of "choice."

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