

THE ABORTIONISTS:

Allene Klass and Tim Shuck

BETRAY A FAMILY

By Thomas and Catharine Yassu

Our names are Thomas and Catharine Yassu. We reside at 8537 N.E. Pacific Street, Portland, Oregon.

We are in support of Senate Bill 818 because of our personal experience.

On August 16, 1977, our daughter Samantha ran away from home. She was 15½ years old and had never been in trouble before in her life. We found her two days later at Lovejoy Specialty Clinic.

During the two days that Samantha was away from home she went to Planned Parenthood and obtained a pregnancy test. When given the affirmative report, Samantha was asked what she wanted to do. She told them she wanted an abortion, as she thought that was her only way out. The counselor at Planned Parenthood gave her the phone number of Lovejoy. Samantha made an appointment for the eighteenth with the aid of her boyfriend's sister, who is a registered nurse.

On August 18, 1977, we finally reached the parents of Samantha's boyfriend, who had just returned home from vacation.

The above account was delivered to a Senate committee in the Oregon State Legislature on May 8, 1979, in support of Senate Bill 818. (This bill, subsequently defeated on the floor by just three votes, would have required that parents be informed before a minor daughter obtains an abortion.)