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Since the road to constitutional amendment to restore protection of the right to life for unborn children is lengthy and difficult, my preference would be to first use the legislative process. If that fails, I urge the Congress to support an amendment and send it to the states for ratification. As a last resort, I support the right of the people of the United States to call a constitutional convention for the specific purpose of proposing an amendment.

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