

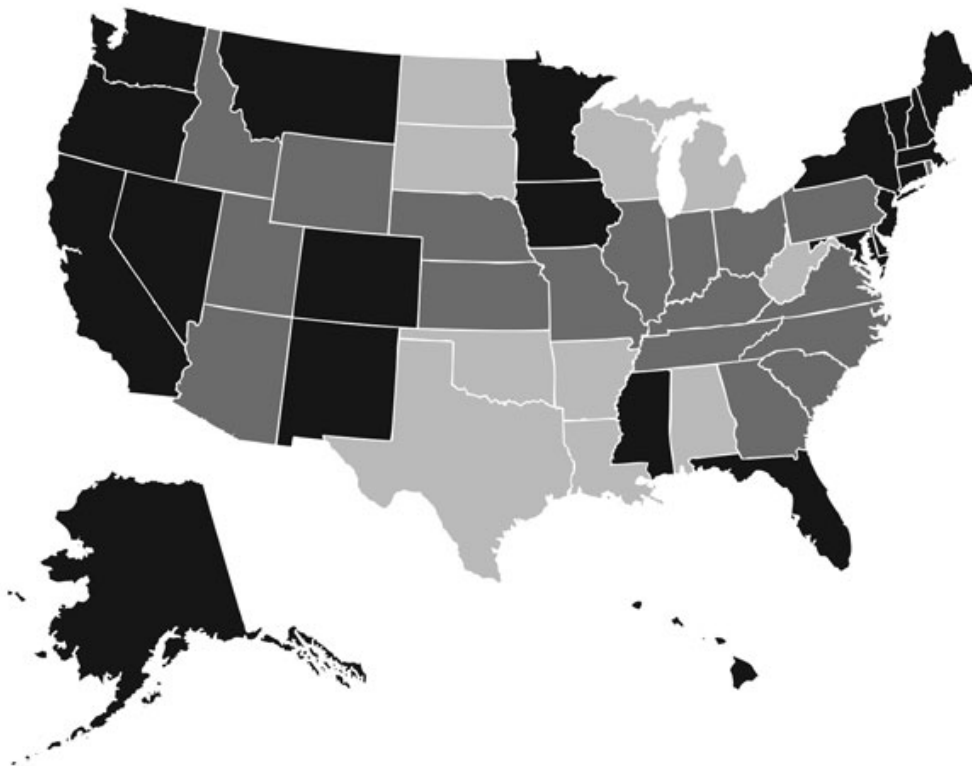
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“An educational group for pro-life nurses”

IF ROE V. WADE IS OVERTURNED TODAY, WILL ABORTION BE ILLEGAL IN MY STATE?



Yes



Yes, but only after 20 weeks gestation



No

The Day After Roe

Steven H. Aden, J.D., Chief Legal Officer & General Counsel

Americans United For Life, Oct. 3, 2019

The fact is, if Roe were overturned today, only ten states would have enforceable prohibitions on the books before 20 weeks, or viability. Another eighteen states and the District of Columbia would have enforceable prohibitions only after 20 weeks. The balance, twenty-two states, would continue to have abortion on demand throughout pregnancy.

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Our Purpose:

...To raise the consciousness of the nursing profession to protect all human life from conception until natural death

...To form an educated core of nurses who can speak for their profession by acting as a community resource for life issues

...To promote public education and awareness about life issues on both ends of the spectrum, from abortion to euthanasia

...To uphold and defend human life in all stages and conditions of development

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From the President

Dear Colleagues,

Some of you may be aware that the United States Supreme Court has agreed to hear an appeal of a Louisiana law that requires that physicians who do abortions have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital.

We all know that abortion carries the same risk as any other surgical procedure and it is not uncommon for complications to arise that cannot be handled at a free-standing abortion clinic. It follows that if a woman has such a complication, and must be hospitalized for treatment, she needs a physician familiar with her condition to admit her. Unfortunately, that is not always the case as many abortionists do not have admitting privileges—if they travel from clinic to clinic, they have a difficult time gaining such privileges. There are also problems with licensure in states other than where the abortion is done.

The abortion industry shows little interest in regulating itself (think Gosnell and Kolpher) and requiring admitting privileges is an effort to safeguard the lives of women having abortions. It seems little to ask if the “industry” truly cares about women.

Now, just a quick look into the future. The New Year is fast approaching and it promises to be of critical importance to the pro-life movement in general, pro-life professionals and women and their babies in Michigan. Our Governor has already announced her desire to pass laws that would make abortion legal, without restrictions, up to birth. Extending physician assisted suicide is also being promoted by various groups. We all know that knowledge is power, and I encourage you to join not just Michigan Nurses for Life, but any other pro-life organization that can give you accurate, truthful information regarding the impact of the upcoming election on pro-life efforts.



Love Life, Diane

Michigan Bill to Legalize Abortions Up to Birth

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Though Democratic leaders are embracing an increasingly extreme position on abortion, most Americans are not. A recent Gallup poll found that 60 percent of Americans want abortion legal “only in a few circumstances” (39 percent) or “illegal in all circumstances” (21 percent).
—*LifeNews.com, October 30, 2019*

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MNFL Conference Summary

By **Mary Lou Temple, RN, MS**

Michigan Nurses for Life met on Saturday, October 19th at SJMO Hospital to learn about the link between abortion and breast cancer, the changing face of medical ethics and hear about the campus pro-life movement through the eyes of a student nurse at Oakland University.

Dr. Donna Harrison, board-certified OB/GYN and Executive Director of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, (AAPLOG) spoke on how induced abortion increases the incidence of breast cancer later in life, especially if it's a first pregnancy and there is a family history. Breast cells change and proliferate during a woman's pregnancy; if estrogen is stopped abruptly through an induced abortion, the breast cells that are still undifferentiated tend to turn into cancer cells later in life. A full-term pregnancy and breastfeeding are protective. Research studies from 1994 through the present have verified these findings. She explained reasons why not all studies done show this link.

Dr. Cherie Sammis, Director of Ethics Integration for Ascension Health, spoke on "Words Matter: The Threat to Human Dignity," and discussed how people can interpret the same words differently, and people become confused or misinformed. For example, there are many words to describe physician-assisted suicide, and many of them sound caring and compassionate. Currently, there are nine states with assisted suicide laws. The ANA recently went "neutral" on assisted suicide. Nurses have the right to refuse to be involved in a patient's care if they morally object, but they cannot abandon the patient. Our role as pro-life nurses is to eliminate suffering...not the patient and the concept of "quality of life" changes as we age.

Amber Gier, a senior nursing student at Oakland University, has been involved in the Protect Life group on campus since her freshman year. She shared her passion for all things pro-life and encourages other students to get involved. Her enthusiasm was evident to all attending, and her proud father came to support her. We see her as part of the future of the Nurses for Life Movement.



Donna Harrison; Diane Trombley; Amber Gier; Cherie Sammis

Michigan Nurses for Life, November 2019

The Future of the Pro-Life Movement

By **Amber Gier**

The pro-life movement is growing in and around college campuses all throughout Michigan. There are dedicated pro-life leaders eager to train incoming students and educate their peers on the dangers of abortion. These fearless leaders engage the campus with multiple tools to deliver their message.

Effective techniques that are being used every day on college campuses include interactive tabling where students are directly asked the question, "what is abortion?" Our job as pro-life activists is to educate students with researched scientific facts that lead to effective dialogue that promotes the change of hearts and minds.

Other methods include public events such as "Stump the Pro-Lifer" where pro-choice-minded students are encouraged to ask questions of our educated pro-life apologetics. Through education and activism, pro-life students are impacting lives on college campuses on a daily basis where there is proof of significant change.

We even promote huge support for pregnant and parenting students—some campuses offer financial aid and scholarship opportunities. Through loving and supporting them both, pro-life groups offer peer counseling, baby showers, transportation and even babysitting so that every student has the option of being successful while pregnant and parenting in college.

The pro-life movement is strong on college campuses and will stop at nothing to expose abortion for what it is, while protecting the most innocent and vulnerable members in our community, the unborn.

—Amber Gier

Senior Nursing Student, Oakland University

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—Tracey Fish, MS, PA-C

Medical Services Coordinator

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Michigan Democrat Gov. Gretchen Whitmer Unveils Bill to Legalize Abortions Up to Birth

By Micaiah Bilger

Michigan Democrat Gov. Gretchen Whitmer joined abortion activists [October 29] to introduce legislation that would legalize the killing of unborn babies for basically any reason up to birth.

The *Associated Press* reports the set of bills known as the *Michigan Reproductive Health Act* would eliminate basically all abortion restrictions in the state, including parental consent and informed consent requirements. It also would repeal a 1931 law that bans abortions but is not enforceable under *Roe v. Wade*.

Whitmer's legislation does not have much hope of passing the Republican-controlled state legislature, according to the *Detroit Free Press*. And polls consistently show strong voter opposition to such measures, but Whitmer said she will push for it anyway.

"It's important that we continue to push legislation like this and use every tool at our disposal to protect a woman's right to choose," she said at a news conference.

Responding to the announcement, Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing said: "It's no surprise that Governor Gretchen Whitmer wants to follow New York's lead and allow unlimited abortion-on-demand in Michigan. We know most Michiganders do not support secret teen abortions, unregulated medical facilities, or abortions up to the point of birth."

According to the pro-life organization, the legislation would:

- Allow minor teens to have secret abortions without their parents' consent—or even knowledge.
- Allow abortion facilities to ignore health and safety regulations that other medical clinics follow.
- Allow abortion facilities to refuse to provide informed consent to women.
- Allow walk-in abortions with no waiting period.

It also may:

- Repeal Michigan's ban on tax-funded abortions that has saved an estimated 236,935 lives since 1989.
- Allow nurses and physician assistants to perform surgical abortions.

Right to Life of Michigan currently is collecting signatures on a petition to ban brutal dismemberment abortions that tear unborn babies limb from limb while their hearts are still beating. The state legislature passed the ban earlier this year, but Whitmer threatened to veto it. If the organization collects enough signatures, the law could go into effect without Whitmer's support.

At the end of September, the pro-life organization said it had collected more than half of the 400,000 signatures needed on the petition. They have until Dec. 23 to reach the goal.

More information about the petition is available at MichiganValuesLife.org.

During the new conference [October 29], Whitmer slammed the pro-life organization for its life-saving work.

"They've already passed a bill to ban a safe procedure that has saved women's lives," the governor said.

"And as they know, I'm going to veto those bills if they ever have the backbone to send them to my desk."

Listing said there is nothing safe about abortion when an unborn baby's "arms and legs are torn off by forceps, and her body and skull crushed." She also pointed out that the dismemberment abortion ban includes an exception if the mother's life is at risk.

"[Whitmer's] rhetoric is as empty as her compassion for viable children who can survive outside the womb," Listing said. "Most Americans do not support late-term abortions, and it's time for Governor Whitmer to respect that Michigan values life."

The legislation would follow the lead of New York, Illinois, Vermont and Rhode Island, which passed radical pro-abortion laws earlier this year. Massachusetts is considering similar legislation this fall.

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