

“An educational group for pro-life nurses”

THIS DEADLY PETITION REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM FOR ALL WILL HARM WOMEN

By Diane Trombley

I am sure by now you have seen abortion supporters and promoters in public places asking people to sign a petition to assure that all women in Michigan have access to “good, safe health care,” especially as it relates to “reproductive health care.”

Reproductive Freedom for All, a coalition of the ACLU of Michigan, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan and Michigan Voices, has begun a ballot petition drive to protect so-called “reproductive freedom,” including **unlimited** access to abortion, in Michigan.

This proposal would **amend Michigan’s Constitution** to explicitly affirm Michiganders’ fundamental right to reproductive freedom. This includes the unlimited right to make and carry out decisions without interference in all matters relating to pregnancy, including abortion, birth control, prenatal care, and childbirth. To those who support abortion, this sounds like a wonderful proposition.

However, a closer reading of the measure and its enabling language tells a different story. The new amendment would remove any and all protective laws passed by Michigan citizens including, but not limited to, Born Alive Infant Protection Act—assured care for a child born alive in an abortion, Parental Consent requirement for children seeking abortions—protecting children from exploitation by others and allows parents to counsel with their children, waiting periods and informed consent measures for women seeking an abortion—assuring that a woman seeking an abortion knows of the procedure’s effect on her unborn baby and herself, health and safety regulations for abortion clinics—assuring that the site of the abortion meets minimal requirements for cleanliness and safety.

Michigan would join the ranks of Alaska, Colorado, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, and Vermont, along with Washington, D.C that have no gestational limits on abortion.

This amendment would place no value whatsoever on the life of the child or his/her ability to survive a congenital condition or premature birth.

It provides no protection to women or girls who may be compelled to abort by others.

It would impact EVERY SINGLE DECISION regarding pregnancy, removing EVERY SINGLE SAFEGUARD OR ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION.

Organizations such as these fear that the United States Supreme Court may rule in *Dobbs v. Jackson* in such a way as to negate the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision. For decades, legal scholars have criticized *Roe v. Wade* as wrongly decided and unconstitutional. The paradox here is that before *Roe v. Wade*, abortion supporters wanted safety and protection for desperate women. Now, they want to remove any safety or protection for desperate women.

For more information, please call the Right to Life - LIFESPAN office, 248-816-1546.

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THIS PETITION!**



**THIS PETITION BEING CIRCULATED
HARMS WOMEN AND CHILDREN!**

**PROTECT LIFE—DO NOT SIGN
THE “REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM FOR ALL” PETITION**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

I am having a very hard time understanding how a so-called civilized society has become so embroiled in deciding if it is ok to take an unborn child's life. Petitions, court decisions, marches, protests, destruction of property, hateful slogans, faces twisted in anger, lies and hatred—all over the desire to allow an unborn child to be killed. Even after 53 years in the pro-life movement, I do not understand how a society that is supposedly as advanced as ours can even entertain such a notion.

In no way am I trying to compare a living child with a stray dog, but the image of dogs fighting to the death over a bone comes to my mind. Each wants that bone and will fight to the death to have it.

We are seeing this struggle everywhere—the nightly news, social media and even last evening on a television program where a father must decide to either allow his unborn child to be aborted or allow a very risky surgery in an effort to save his wife and his unborn child. In the course of the story, an ultrasound image of the baby with a beating heart and his movement in the womb is shown. The alternative of delivering the baby early is rejected because at 20 weeks the doctors say the baby would not be likely to survive. This is stated without challenge—but we all know of some babies who DO survive such early pre-term delivery. It is rare, yes—but it has happened.

The doctors are against the surgery and while they say nothing, they portray an attitude of, “of course he should abort the baby.” The father opted for surgery and both mother and unborn child die. He is grief stricken and the last picture we see is his already living young son staring at the body of his dead mother in a hospital bed. The doctors say nothing about the “tough” decision the father made, but it is clear that they believe the father should have listened to them. The writers of the episode have done their job—they have tilted the thoughts of their viewers onto the “hard cases” where the child must die.

There are no competing rights here.

ALL human life is valuable.

ALL human life should be protected.

ALL human life must be respected.

ALL human life must be protected.

These are the “hard” cases abortion supporters point to and say that the baby should be aborted, and the mother live. To that I say, deliver the baby, save the mother's life and perhaps the baby will survive. This would be the very best way to provide respect, protection and value to everyone. In refusing to try and save both, the writers of the episode are very subtly pushing the abortion agenda.

No matter what the outcomes of the legal maneuvering are, pro-life people will continue to do what we do.

We will offer help to the woman facing a difficult pregnancy.

We will continue to encourage abortion-minded women to look again at what they are planning to do.

We will encourage fathers of children yet to be born to advocate for their sons and daughters and support the mothers of these children.

We will speak for those who have no voice.

We will pray.

And we will not stop until the womb is a place of safety, peace and love. A society as advanced as ours can do no less.



Love Life, Diane

Reproductive Freedom for All (RFA) constitutional amendment petition in Michigan

- The timing of this Planned Parenthood/ACLU petition drive has begun and will last through July 11th.
- The number of signatures they need to get it on the ballot in November is 425,059.
- Canvassers and circulators of the petition are being paid—canvassers \$20-25 an hour, promotional ad indicates a circulator could earn up to \$1,385 per week plus bonuses.
- As of April 7th, Governor Whitmer, using executive authority, filed a lawsuit in Oakland County seeking to overturn longstanding state law that prohibits abortion in Michigan other than to save the life of the mother.
- The Coalition of Citizens to Support MI Women and Children is comprised of *Right to Life – LIFESPAN*, *Michigan Nurses for Life*, *Michigan Catholic Conference*, *Michigan K of C*, *Lutherans for Life*, *Protect Life Michigan*, *Right to Life MI*, *Save The 1*, and others. For a full list go to: www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org
- The RFA amendment would:
 1. Remove parental consent for abortions and other medical treatments on minor children.
 2. Remove protection for women being coerced into an abortion.
 3. Remove Partial-Birth Abortion ban.
 4. Remove Born-Alive Infant Protection Act which requires medical treatment for infants who survive abortion.
 5. Remove informed consent requirement for women seeking abortion.
 6. Remove the 24-hour waiting period for abortion.
 7. Remove conscience protection for medical professionals.
 8. Remove ultrasound requirement.
 9. Remove reporting requirements.
 10. Allow tax-funded abortion.
 11. Remove Michigan's original abortion ban, passed in 1846 and updated in 1931.
- If the RFA is successful, Michigan would join the ranks of AK, CO, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, and VT, along with Washington, DC that have no gestational limits on abortion.

For updates and ways to volunteer, contact Right to Life – LIFESPAN's Oakland/Macomb Chapter at **248-816-1546 and/or email at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org**

For ordering printed materials and resources and for updates, go to Citizens to Support MI Women and Children, www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org

—Bullet points from *Right to Life – LIFESPAN*, April 11, 2022

Use of term “baby” makes abortion providers uncomfortable

By Sarah Terzo

Pro-choice author Carole Joffe on how abortion providers and patients describe the unborn baby: Counselors and clinicians tend to use the terms “pregnancy” and “fetus;” in contrast, many patients use the term “baby,” which makes some providers uncomfortable. Similarly, how should providers respond to the occasional patient who asks to see her ultrasound before her abortion, or, afterward, the product of conception (another term used far more by providers than by patients)? —*Carole Joffe, Dispatches from the Abortion Wars: the Costs of Fanaticism to Doctors, Patients, and the Rest of Us (Boston, Massachusetts: Beacon Press, 2009) pp. 127-128.*

This brief quote reveals that many women having abortions know the child they are about to destroy is a baby, and also that clinic workers use terms that are deceptive. It is also clear that it is not normal practice in abortion clinics to show the woman the ultrasound, and that clinic workers questioned whether she should be allowed to see it.

In the section on “abortion counseling,” you will read many quotes from abortion providers admitting that they never show the woman the ultrasound before her abortion, and that if she asked, they often refused.

—*National Right to Life News*, March 30, 2022

26 states will ban abortions when Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*.

—*LifeNews.com*, May 13, 2022

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Questions I Wish Journalists Would Ask About the Life Issues

By Maria Gallagher, Legislative Director
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When I worked for the mainstream media, even before I was pro-life, I noticed a double standard when it came to covering the core life issues.

Planned Parenthood was considered to be the irrefutable expert in all matters related to abortion. Their assertions were seldom questioned; their pronouncements were accepted uncritically.

Pro-life advocates, on the other hand, were viewed with high skepticism. Anything they said was assumed to come from a place of religious faith and, therefore, suspect. Grilling of pro-lifers was encouraged and, in fact, expected—grilling of abortion advocates frowned upon.

Now, as a pro-life advocate, I find I wish there were questions that the news media would pose to spokespeople for the abortion industry and their allies. The answers to these questions would make for more interesting, more informative articles and broadcast news stories.

- ◆ I wish reporters would ask the simple question: What is abortion? And not be willing to accept a ridiculous answer such as “the right to choose.”

- ◆ It would also be helpful if reporters would ask Planned Parenthood why their abortion totals keep rising—even as overall abortion numbers are declining nationwide.

- ◆ I think it would be beneficial if the media asked the abortion industry what specific help it provided to pregnant women who chose to keep their babies. In addition, inquiring minds want to know what abortion facilities are doing to facilitate adoptions.

- ◆ I wish reporters would ask what abortion businesses are doing to combat domestic violence—since research shows as many as 60 percent of abortions are coerced.

- ◆ I would like a reporter to ask an abortionist to describe, in detail, the process of abortion and its aftermath—and not accept euphemisms as valid responses.

A free press is a time-honored way to preserve democracy. For far too long, the free press has given a free pass to the abortion industry. Let’s challenge the news media to take on a watchdog mentality when it comes to abortion. After all, lives are at stake.

—National Right to Life News, March 30, 2022

Upcoming Events

LIFESPAN BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN

June 13 - July 13

Billboards and posters will be visible in the Metro Detroit area urging voters **NOT** to sign the

Reproductive Freedom for All
amendment petition in Michigan.

248-816-1546

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION – ATLANTA

June 24 - 25

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Saturday, September 10 - 1:00 p.m.

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734-524-0162

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