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# Michigan Nurses For Life

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*“An educational group for pro-life nurses”*

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## **NO PROPOSAL 3**

A committee called Reproductive Freedom for All (RFFA) is working to amend the Michigan Constitution. Led by Planned Parenthood and the ACLU, this committee's amendment would create a new, unlimited and unregulated right to abortion in our state. This radical proposal is not about reproductive freedom, which already exists. This poorly worded amendment would repeal dozens of state laws, including laws unrelated to abortion. It could affect any law related to pregnancy and abortion and does not exempt minor children. Vote **NO** on Proposal 3 this November.

### **The following state laws are at risk:**

- Parental consent for abortion
- Ban on school employees helping children have abortions
- Laws requiring parental consent for medical treatment related to pregnancy, including sterilizations and hormone therapy
- Late-term abortion bans
- Screening for women being coerced to have abortions
- Health and safety requirements for abortion facilities
- Requirement that only doctors perform abortions
- Conscience protections for doctors/nurses who object to abortions
- Ban on tax-funded abortions
- Michigan's original 1846 and revised 1931 abortion ban
- Bans on statutory rape and incest

**Michigan Nurses for Life is a Member of Citizens to Support MI Women and Children formed to defeat Proposal 3.**

# Michigan Nurses For Life



## 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,

I did not write what follows here. A google search provided the name of Pastor David Barnhart of St. Junia, Methodist Church in Birmingham, Alabama and of Monica Snyder, pro-life atheist, both of whom wrote something very similar. If I ever find out the true author, I will certainly let all of you know. In the meantime, given the proposal we are facing on the November ballot, I thought the words to be particularly appropriate.



*The unborn are a convenient group of people to advocate against. They never make demands of you, in fact, they can't even speak. They can't confront your ignorance when you call them tumors or parasites; they're powerless to denounce your lethal ableism when you suggest it's better to never live than to live with disabilities or to condemn your classism when you imply it's better to not be born than to be born poor.*

*They can't ask you to reckon with your racism when you tout higher abortion rates for PoC as empowerment. They can't implore you to step up and support mothers who feel they have no choice.*

*You can forget about the unborn, mute and helpless, to remind you they are here. You can advocate for abortion without substantially challenging your power or privilege to have been born yourself, to get to experience life in all its pain and beauty. You can advocate for abortion without reluctance or remorse—on demand and without apology—and never have to face the humans whose lives you've deemed worthless.*

*The unborn are, in short, the perfect group to dehumanize with no risk to yourself. They can't fight back. They're stuck in a small space, forced to die in silence.*

*Love Life! Diane*

## Vote NO!

**Do you believe that abortion should be available for the full nine months of pregnancy?**

**Do you believe that parents do not need to be notified if their underaged daughter is seeking an abortion.**

**Do you believe that abortion clinics should not have to meet the same standard for cleanliness and record keeping as any other out-patient facility?**

**Do you believe that partial birth abortion (delivering all but the head of child and then killing him or her) is acceptable?**

**Do you believe that abortion should be funded with tax dollars?**

**Do you believe that a health care professional should be required to participate in an abortion or lose his or her license?**

If you answered NO to any of these questions, then you must vote NO on the "Reproductive Freedom for All" amendment. Each of these things can, and will, happen if the measure succeeds. The measure makes Michigan an "anything goes" state like California and New York. There will be NO restrictions on abortion at any time for any reason and this will become part of the Michigan Constitution.

Vote NO on this extreme measure and protect All Michigan Residents!!! Visit this website for more on the ballot proposal: [supportmiwomenandchildren.org/](http://supportmiwomenandchildren.org/)

Contact your local Right to Life - LIFESPAN office for more information: Main Office, 734-524-0162; Oakland/Macomb Chapter, 248-816-1546; and Wayne County Chapter, 734-422-6230.

# KEY POINTS BASED UPON RESEARCH TO SECURE A NO VOTE NOVEMBER 8, 2022

## OVERALL MESSAGING

### 1. Unforeseen Consequences Due to Confusing Language

The hastily conceived ballot proposal is **confusing** and will lead to potentially devastating **unforeseen consequences**. This is dangerous since it is a constitutional amendment and cannot be changed by passing a simple law.

### 2. Unrestricted: The Measure Goes TOO far

The amendment **goes too far** and would allow abortion until, during and beyond birth, opposed by more than 70% of Americans. Failing to strictly define “fetal viability” and “physical and mental health” would lead to completely unrestricted abortion, even infanticide, in Michigan.

### 3. Unregulated: Basic Health and Safety Regulations Would Be Stripped Away, Significantly Increasing Risks to Women

If passed, the amendment would **repeal ALL current health and safety regulations** that require medical facilities to be licensed, inspected and clean, while also allowing non-medical professionals, such as social workers, to perform abortions. This is reckless, significantly **increasing the risks to women**.

### 4. Unravels Parental Consent by eliminating parental involvement in sexual decision-making by minors.

This amendment would allow your minor child to have an abortion or undergo sterilization without your knowledge. If passed, the constitutional amendment would allow school personnel to assist students in obtaining an abortion without parents’ knowledge.

## ADDITIONAL POINT OF CONFUSION

The amendment purportedly supports women, but the word “women” is conspicuously missing from the language. The ballot proposal instead refers to an “individual,” adding to the confusion about who retains the given right—the man or woman. (The first sentence of the ballot text says, “every individual has a fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which entails the right to make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy”... it doesn’t even specify “that individual’s pregnancy.”) The language further on simply references a “pregnant individual.”

# DON’T ALLOW MICHIGAN TO BECOME AN “ANYTHING GOES” ABORTION STATE

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**Remember to Vote on November 8**

**NO PROPOSAL 3**

**TOO CONFUSING  
TOO EXTREME**

*Those who stay away from the election think that one vote will do no good.  
'Tis but one step more to think one vote will do no harm.*

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson ~

## Upcoming Events Fall 2022

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, FALL CAMPAIGN

September 28 – November 6  
Find a location, visit: [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com)

### RTL – LIFESPAN ANNUAL DINNER

Tuesday, October 11 - San Marino Club, Troy  
Speaker: Steven Ertelt, Founder, [Lifenews.com](http://Lifenews.com)  
For information: call 248-816-1546

### GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 8  
REMEMBER TO VOTE

### MOTHER & UNBORN BABY CARE FALL BANQUET

Thursday, November 17  
St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Anthony Levatino  
For information, call: 248-559-7576

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