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OHIO'S HEARTBEAT BILL PASSES

Ohio Becomes Seventh State to pass Heartbeat Bill

On April 11, 2019, Governor Mike DeWine signed the Human Rights and Heartbeat Protection Act (SB 23) into law. The Ohio Senate passed the legislation on March 13, and the Ohio House passed the legislation on April 10th. A series of amendments to add exceptions and expand abortions under the bill were defeated. Governor Mike DeWine has long stated that he would sign it should it reach his desk. This is the first pro-life law Governor DeWine has signed since he took office. The Heartbeat Bill, when it goes into effect, will prohibit abortion when a human heartbeat can be detected. An abdominal ultrasound can detect a heartbeat between eight and twelve weeks. A recent Marist Poll found that 80% of Americans want to limit abortions no later than three months of pregnancy (12 weeks), and another poll found that 56% of voters are in favor of Heartbeat Bills specifically. In the Ohio Senate, Republican members Stephanie Kunze of Columbus, John Eklund of Geauga County, **Nathan Manning of Lorain County** and Matt Dolan of Cuyahoga County joined Democrats to vote against the bill. In the Ohio House, **Lorain County Representative Dick Stein voted for the Human Rights and Heartbeat Protection Act. Lorain County Representatives Gayle Manning and Joseph Miller voted against the bill.** "We are overjoyed today that tens of thousands of precious pre-born children will be protected by law" stated Margie Christie, President of Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio (RTLACO). (*From Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio and Ohio Right to Life)*

COME PRAY: Please join us on the first Thursday of each month, at the Prayer Vigil at the Planned Parenthood in Lorain from 3-4 p.m. This facility is located in the YWCA Women's Center building at 200 W. 9th St. While this facility does not perform surgical abortions, they (like all Planned Parenthood facilities) encourage sexual promiscuity, and provide abortifacients, such as the birth control pill, even to minor children. Please join the Prayer Vigil each first Thursday afternoon. Prayer is the most potent weapon we have in the battle for life! Please call 440-322-0076 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

2019 SIGNATURE AD AND BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN: Thank you to the over 1100 people who sponsored our Annual Signature Ad and Billboard Campaign! The full-page Ad appeared in print and on the websites of area newspapers to commemorate the tragic anniversary of the January 22, 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions (Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton) that legalized the child-killing of abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Ten billboards were on display around Lorain County throughout the month of January (some are still up!). A copy of the newspaper ad is available on our website (www.loraincountyrighttolife.org). The Campaign is only possible because of the generous support of our sponsors. We are extremely grateful to our sponsors for helping to share the message of life. If you, the church you attend, or a civic organization you belong to would like to help sponsor the Campaign next year, please call us (440-322-0076) or send us an email (info@loraincountyrighttolife.org).

NEWS AND NOTES:

2019 BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE: The annual Cleveland Right to Life Convention was held in March and Lorain County Right to Life members had the opportunity to attend. This annual conference offers challenge and inspiration as the message of Life is presented by a variety of speakers from around the country. These presentations are available on line to see again or for those who were not able to attend. The following link will take you to the Presentations: 2019 Bringing America Back to Life Presentations.

BOARD/VOLUNTEER MEETING: The Board Members and Volunteers of Lorain County Right to Life meet on the first Monday of each month at Harvest Christian Church, 907 Eastern Heights Blvd., Elyria, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. To join us for a meeting and find out more about Lorain County Right to Life, please call (440) 322-0076.

BORN ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

The Born Alive Protection Act (S-311) was introduced by Senator Ben Sasse (R-NE) on January 31, 2019. This bill establishes requirements for the degree of care a health care practitioner must exercise in the event a child is born alive following an abortion or attempted abortion. A health care practitioner who is present must (1) exercise the same degree of care as reasonably provided to another child born alive at the same gestational age, and (2) immediately admit the child to a hospital. The bill also requires a health care practitioner or other employee to immediately report any failure to comply with this requirement to law enforcement. A person who violates the requirements is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, up to five years in prison, or both. Additionally, an individual who intentionally kills or attempts to kill a child born alive is subject to prosecution for murder. The bill bars the criminal prosecution of a mother of a child born alive for conspiracy to violate these provisions, for being an accessory after the fact, or for concealment of felony. A woman who undergoes an abortion or attempted abortion may file a civil action for damages against an individual who violates this bill. February 25th, marked a new and horrific low when the U. S. Senate failed to pass this Act. Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown also voted No. Every single major Democrat running for president officially supports abortions up to birth and infanticide. As of now, this list includes: Bernie Sanders, Beto O'Rourke, Kamala Harris, Cory Booker, Elizabeth Warren, and Amy Klobuchar.

DEFUNDING OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN OHIO: The state of Ohio may proceed with its efforts to defund the Planned Parenthood abortion business, a majority of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled as the legal battle over a 2016 law enters its third year. Last April, a three-judge panel of the 6th Circuit ruled that the state could not forbid the distribution of federal health subsidies to any entity that commits or promotes elective abortions, a move which would have defunded 28 Planned Parenthood facilities and deprived Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio and Southwest Ohio of almost $1.5 million. Judge Helene White claimed at the time that Planned Parenthood had a "due process right" to commit abortions, and that making tax dollars contingent on not doing so violated its "right not to be penalized in the administration of government programs based on protected activity outside the programs." March 12th the full 6th Circuit disagreed. The 6th Circuit's ruling affects six state public health programs in Ohio, but doesn't touch Medicaid. In the majority ruling, Judge Jeffrey Sutton concluded that the "affiliates do not have a due process right to perform abortions."

ABORTION SURVIVORS: The New York state government recently passed a law that will allow late term abortions up to the moment of birth. The passage in New York was celebrated with cheers and lighting the Freedom Tower in pink. This appalling news has brought to light the stories of three individuals that were actual abortion survivors. The powerful testimonies of their lives, as well as other survivors of abortion, can be seen at Abortion Survivors Network. (theabortionsurvivors.com). One of the Network's missions is to put a face to the statistics of abortion survivors, informing and educating the public about the prevalence of survivors and providing a perspective to abortion that is seldom heard: that of the child.

ABORTION PILL REVERSAL INFORMATION ACT: This proposed legislation requires doctors prescribing abortion-inducing drugs to also provide written information informing the patient of scientifically proven abortion reversal procedures in the event she changes her mind. The Mifeprex chemical abortion procedure is a two-day regimen used to terminate early pregnancies by blocking the hormone progesterone needed to sustain pregnancy. A second drug, Misoprostol, stimulates uterine contraction to expel the dead baby. Women who choose chemical abortion and regret it within the first two days of taking the first drug have a chance to save their baby, as long as they have not taken the second drug. The reversal procedure has been proven to be successful in 64-68% of cases. (See abortionpillreversal.com). The procedure involves administering progesterone to the mother, which can reverse the impact of the first drug and allow the baby to continue normal development. This bill is awaiting introduction and updates on its status can be seen at Abortion Pill Reversal Information Act at ohiolife.org.

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND TEACHERS: Our website (www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) is regularly updated with extensive information on Pro-Life issues. Perfect for papers and assignments. Check out the Resources and Issues tab on our website. We also welcome suggestions for additions.

VACCINES, ABORTION, AND FETAL TISSUE: Research by several Pro-Life groups has provided direct proof of a connection between aborted fetal tissue and many vaccines. Information on the basic science involved, documentation of the abortion-vaccine connection, the moral/ethical questions about using abortion-tainted vaccines, and information about alternative vaccines is available on our website on the Resources and Issues page.

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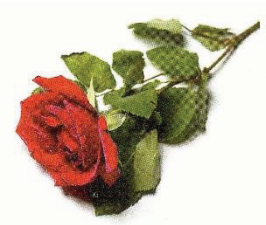

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PRO-LIFE DOCTOR'S LIST: A list of local Pro-life doctors, who do not practice abortion nor support its use, is available on our Website, (www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under the Resources and Issues tab.

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