Lorain County Right to Life

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ABORTION AMENDMENT TO THE OHIO CONSTITUION MUST BE DEFEATED

In its 2022 *Dobbs* decision, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* at the federal level and returned the decision authority for regulating/allowing abortions or disallowing abortions/protecting the preborn babies to the people. The abortion industry along with radical left political organizations have started an initiative to enshrine the "right to an abortion" in the Ohio constitution by crafting a proposed constitutional amendment to be voted on in the November 2023 election.

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Be It Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio that Article I of the Ohio Constitution is amended to add the following Section:

Article I, Section 22. The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety.

A. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decision, including but not limited to decisions on:

1. contraception;
2. fertility treatment,
3. continuing one's own pregnancy,
4. miscarriage care; and
5. abortion.

B. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either:

1. An individual's voluntary exercise of this right or
2. A person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right,

unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.

However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.

C. As used in this Section:

1. "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis."
2. "State" includes any governmental entity and any political subdivision.

D. This Section is self-executing.

WHY THE AMENDMENT IS WRONG AND NEEDS TO BE DEFEATED:

- Abortions will be made legal for the entire 9 month term of pregnancy
- Amendment language is intentionally made vague or open to interpretation so any reason, however weak can be used to justify an abortion
- Amendment would abolish parental notification and consent requirements that protect minor girls from undergoing an abortion or even sex change therapy without her parents' knowledge or involvement
- Abortion language is buried in or included with other non-lethal or non-controversial language or procedures in order to make the (real) desire for an abortion "right" less prominent
- Funding for advocacy for the abortion initiative is largely from out of state organizations and donors; the real right for Ohioans to determine their own political/religious destiny is being undermined
- As in the days of *Roe v. Wade*, the abortion amendment language makes the entire issue focus on the "individual" i.e. pregnant mother's "right" to have the abortion and completely ignores the baby's real right to be protected and born and loved.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Pray!! In the spirit of 2 Chronicles 7:14, ask God to heal our land of this evil.

- Donate: Use our donations page (loraincountyrighttolife.org/donations/) and also donate to other organizations working to defeat the amendment. Any of the organizations linked at our Defeating the Abortion Amendment page at LorainCountyRightToLife.org would be appreciative and would put your donation to work fighting this terrible amendment.
- **Stay informed:** Sign up for our mailing list (loraincountyrighttolife.org/contact-us/) to get the latest information about the issue and ways you can help. Organizations on our Defeating the Abortion Amendment page will also keep you informed of the latest developments and activities you can support.
- Share: Talk to your family and friends about the initiative; let them know the issues and deceptive language that's included in the proposal; point them to sources of information with the pro-life perspective.
- Spread the word: Use the flyer enclosed with this Newsletter at your church, in your neighborhood, etc. Host a speaker at your church or other organization to spread the pro-life message further. For some help finding a speaker, go to: **loraincountyrighttolife.org/contact-us/**.

AD AND BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN: Lorain County Right to Life thanks all who participated in the Ad Campaign held during the month of June. June 24, 2023 marked the one-year anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade* and returned abortion regulating authority to the people. The Billboards were on display during the month and the Ad appeared in print, on websites of area newspapers, and on social media on or around the June 24 anniversary. Over 400 people sponsored our Ad and Billboard Campaign! A copy of the newspaper ad and a list if sponsors are available on our website (loraincountyrighttolife.org). Between the ads and billboards, the message of LIFE was brought to many thousands of people in Lorain County. This Campaign is only possible because of the generous support of our sponsors. If you, the church you attend, or a civic organization you belong to would like to help sponsor the Campaign in the future, please call us (440-322-0076) or send us an email (info@loraincountyrighttolife.org).

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!

NEWS AND NOTES:

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.

BOARD/VOLUNTEER MEETING: The Board Members and Volunteers of Lorain County Right to Life meet on the fourth Monday of each month at Harvest Christian Church, 907 Eastern Heights Blvd., Elyria, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We normally meet in person and also have teleconference option available for those who may not be able to join us in person. Check our website for the upcoming meeting details. To join us for a meeting or to find out more about Lorain County Right to Life, please call (440) 322-0076.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU: Our Speaker's Bureau can give an in-person or online Pro-life presentation for a meeting of your church, school or organization. LCRTL also has a program for the High School age group. If you would like to arrange to have a speaker, please call 440-322-0076.

5TH CIRCUIT RULES AGAINST MAILING ABORTION PILLS: The Biden Administration suffered a major setback, as a federal appeals court has ruled the abortion industry cannot send the abortion pill through the mail, nor ignore the life-threatening harms suffered by the women who take it. The unanimous decision, which pro-life advocates say could save tens of thousands of lives, likely placed the pro-life movement and the abortion industry on another collision course for the Supreme Court. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, based in New Orleans, ruled against laxer safety standards placed on the abortion pill by the Obama and Biden administrations. Washington Stand - Aug. 13, 2023

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE GIFTS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

John Burt Kohls from Joseph & Gail Gonzales
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THE TRUTH

ABOUT THE NOVEMBER ABORTION BALLOT ISSUE

1. REMOVES PARENTS' RIGHTS

The initiative's language uses the legal term "individual," which does **not** differentiate between adults and minors. An "individual" legally refers to citizens of all ages—nullifying parents' rights to stop their children from making harmful decisions.

2. ALLOWS ABORTION THROUGH NINE MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In the case "Doe v. Bolton," the court defined "health" to include physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age, allowing for abortion without limits in the proposed amendment.

3. ENSHRINES THE "RIGHT" TO SEX-CHANGE SURGERY AND HORMONES FOR MINORS

The initiative would enshrine protections for anything involving "reproductive decisions." This would include gender transition "therapy" like hormones and irreversible surgeries.

4. ENABLES ABUSERS

Any "person" that "assists" an "individual," including a minor, in getting an abortion or sex change would now be legally protected in doing so. This includes an adult man abusing a teenage girl or a teacher going behind a parent's back.

Protect Parents' Rights, Protect Our Children

On November 7th, Vote NO on Issue 1

(Early Voting begins October 11th)

SEE THE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE (OVER)

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SEE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE AMENDMENT (OVER)

Community Corner

A THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS: We would like to thank the following sponsors who have recently provided business cards for our newsletter. We encourage recipients of the newsletter to patronize these businesses when you have the opportunity. Again, thank you for your support of Lorain County Right to Life.

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