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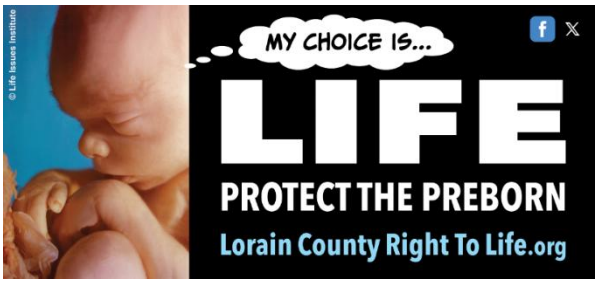

2025 AD AND BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN: As announced in our Spring 2025 Newsletter, Lorain County Right to Life will hold our Annual Bring America Back to Life Ad and Billboard Campaign starting in October, 2025. The ads for the Campaign will be in local newspapers and on their websites, on social media, etc. Billboards will be displayed throughout Lorain County. Tragically, in November of 2023, 57% of Ohioans voted in favor of Issue 1, which enshrines unlimited abortion in the Ohio Constitution. Issue 1 is being used by pro-abortionists to dismantle all protections for preborn children in Ohio. The challenge we face then is to redirect Ohio in a Pro-life direction by convincing people of the humanity of preborn children and the inhumanity of abortion. This Campaign will be a reminder that we must re-humanize the de-humanized. Financial support remains critical to the success of the Campaign. We encourage a "free-will" donation to be considered based on what is judged to be appropriate for this all-important mission to bring Lorain County, the State of Ohio, and yes, America back to life. Sponsors who provide their names will be acknowledged prominently on our website. Campaign materials, including sign-up sheets, sample bulletin inserts, and other useful materials have been mailed out and are also available on our website loraincountyrighttolife.org. If you would like to participate in this year's campaign, please use the coupon in this Newsletter or visit LorainCountyRightToLife.org/AdCampaign. If interested in being a point of contact for your church or other organization, please call us (440-322-0076) or email us (info@loraincountyrighttolife.org) and we will send you everything you need to spread the word and collect names and donations.

NEWS AND NOTES:

THANK YOU! We would like to thank all our dedicated volunteers for their time and efforts at our Information Booth at this year's North Ridgeville Corn Festival, Lorain County Fair and the Elyria Apple Festival. We appreciate you helping fulfill this important outreach.

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, 626 Lorain Blvd., Elyria, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We normally meet in person and also have a teleconference option available for those unable 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.

OHIO HB 370 PRENATAL PROTECTION ACT: HB 370 was introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives on June 18, 2025.The Primary Sponsors of this bill are Levi Dean and Johnathan Newman. If passed this Bill would abolish abortion in the state of Ohio. The *Foundation to Abolish Abortion*, provided the following details for this legislation: In 2023, Issue 1 was approved by Ohio voters. This amendment to the Ohio Constitution says that "every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions," including through abortion, contraception, and fertility measures. Though voters approved Issue 1, the provision is null and void because it contradicts the U.S. Constitution, which says in the Fourteenth Amendment that no state may deny to any person the equal protection of the laws. Most importantly, the amendment contradicts the Law of God, which makes clear that we shall not murder. The command not to murder includes all people created in the image of God including those who have not yet been born Passing an abolition bill like HB 370 that explicitly applies the equal protection of the laws to preborn babies in Ohio would set up a legal challenge against the current abortion language in the Ohio Constitution.

COSTCO SAYS IT WON'T SELL ABORTION PILL: Pro-Lifers turned up the heat, and now, Costco has announced it won't sell the abortion pill. The retail giant toyed around with the idea of selling the abortion drug mifepristone at their 500+ locations nationwide. However, they were immediately met with fierce backlash from pro-life groups, who are now praising Costco's decision to keep the dangerous and controversial pills off their shelves. Costco released this statement: "Our position at this time not to sell mifepristone, which has not changed, is based on the lack of demand from our members and other patients, who we understand generally have the drug dispensed by their medical providers." This stance aligns Costco with other major retailers, such as Walmart and Kroger, who have also opted not to carry the drug.(*From the Washington Stand – August 18, 2025)*

Help for Crisis Pregnancies is Available – *(loraincountyrighttolife.org/crisis-pregnancies-help-available-2/)*

THE DOBBS DECISION – THREE YEARS LATER: The Supreme Court's Dobbs decision in June 2022 marked a historic shift in U.S. abortion policy, enabling states to implement laws restricting abortion. According to estimates from the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute's Monthly Abortion Provision Study, over one million abortions occurred in the U. S. in 2023—an increase of 11% compared to 2020. This figure remains uncertain and raises a critical question: How could abortion rates rise despite the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision?

The assumption that abortion numbers would inevitably decrease post-Dobbs did not account for the aggressive legal maneuvers of pro-abortion states. These states leveraged several strategies including mail-order telehealth abortions without an in-person requirement and facilitating the shipment of abortion drugs into pro-life states. Through these measures, pro-abortion states found ways to circumvent restrictions on abortions in pro-life states, significantly impacting the expected post-Dobbs decline. The exact number of abortions performed since the Dobbs decision remains unknown, as researchers are unable to provide a single, definitive total.

The good news is that the FDA has agreed to review a new study concerning the abortion drug mifepristone. Commissioner Marty Makary has confirmed that the agency will assess recent findings, from the Ethics and Public Policy Center, which examined more than 860,000 abortion related insurance claims between 2017 and 2023. The study reported that 11% of women experienced serious medical complications—including sepsis, infection, hemorrhage, and other adverse effects—after taking mifepristone. This sharply contrasts with the FDA's original estimate at the time of the drug's approval, which indicated that only 0.5% of women suffered significant side effects. (*Excerpt from Summer 2025 Lifelines – Right to Life of Northeast Ohio – By Amy Groening)*

LCRTL TREASURER NEEDED: Our current Treasurer and Board Member is planning for retirement in about a year. With this announcement, we would like to offer the opportunity for someone to fill this vital role. The duties of the Treasurer take approximately 5 hours per month and include attendance at our monthly Board Meetings. If anyone is interested, please contact us at 440-322-0076.

ATTENTION CHURCHES IN LORAIN COUNTY: Lorain County Right to Life seeks your help in the fight for the rights of the preborn. This is a Biblical matter even more than political. Jesus died for the born and the preborn. There are some new things going on and new resources for churches. We would love to tell you about them. We have started contacting area churches and would like to be in touch with every church. This is an ambitious goal, and it would be helpful if you would contact us. If you are a pastor, please contact us. If you are a church member, please ask your pastor to contact us, or ask your pastor if you can help out by contacting us! Email info@loraincountyrighttolife.org Phone: 440-322-0076, Thank you for partnering with us to save lives!

ONLINE OUTREACH ASSISTANT: Lorain County Right to Life is in need of an Online Outreach assistant to help with social media**.** Please contact us at info@loraincountyrighttolife.org or 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.

ATTENTION PARENTS: We would like to offer our Speaking Engagements to include area middle and high school classrooms. Parents can request a speaker at their child's school to present Pro-life educational material. Please call 440-322-0076 for additional information.

AD AND BILLBOARD SPONSOR FORM

I, the undersigned, do agree that my name is to be included in the Lorain County Right to Life Website Ad in the month of October, 2025. My donation which indicates my support of the Pro-life cause, will help defray the cost of the print and online ads and will help in providing funds for the rental of billboards in the Lorain County area. These will have the Pro-Life message on display during the month of October. Please make checks payable to LORAIN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE. Return this form and all contributions by September 19, to Lorain County Right to Life, P. O. Box 207, Elyria, OH 44036.

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GET YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: This saves money on postage which we can then use for other lifesaving purposes. You'll also receive other email updates with more frequent and timely information. To get your email Newsletter and information updates, please send an email to info@loraincountyrighttolife.org

PRO-LIFE DOCTOR'S LIST: A list of local doctors, who do not practice abortion nor support its use, is on our Website (loraincountyrighttolife.org) under the Resources and Issues tab. Know a doctor who belongs on our Pro-Life list? Ask them to fill out the form on our website.

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