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Dear Friends of Life,

May the joy of the season live in your home and heart this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

The PHL Bethlehem/Easton Board

WHY the FEDERAL 15-WEEK ABORTION BAN is NOT a GOOD IDEA

1. Pro-life states have enacted abortion restrictions much more stringent.
2. Over 95% of abortions are performed before 15 weeks.
3. Our job is not to placate those who wish to render abortion a non-issue.
4. This is not the right time to return abortion to the federal government.
5. By promoting the federal 15-week abortion ban, the pro-life movement is forcing candidates to commit to the position that Congress has the constitutional authority to regulate abortion at the state level.
6. Focusing on a 15-week ban that would stop only a small fraction of abortions.
7. By the time a baby in the womb reaches 15-weeks, he or she is 4 to 6 inches long.

Human life should be protected from conception on.

IN BRIEF Oct/Nov 2023 Life Legal Defense Foundation

PRO-ABORTION BILL PASSES PA HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

“Sadly, a pro-abortion bill passed the PA House of Representatives on November 15, 2023.

*House Bill 1786 would allow **abortionists** who live in PA but who perform abortions in other states to **escape any penalty if they harm women** during a botched abortion.*

The bill is unconstitutional and, in the end, could make Pennsylvania a sanctuary for future Gosnells. You will recall that abortionist Kermit Gosnell created a House of Horrors abortion facility where newborn babies were murdered and female patients were gravely harmed.”

The bill has now been referred to the PA Senate Judiciary Committee. **Please contact your state Senator and urge him or her to oppose this bill.**

From: Maria Gallagher, PHL Legislative Director

HOW TO (Unintentionally) DEFEAT PRO-LIFE CANDIDATES

Here’s what **NOT** to do:

1. Fall in love with your candidate.
2. Believe your candidate is the only “real” pro-life candidate in the race and bash other pro-life candidates.
3. Support a really nice candidate who is pro-life but has no chance of winning.
4. Expect candidate to sound like Right to Life chapter leaders.
5. Expect the candidate to always make abortion the major issue in the campaign.
6. Vote for a third party or independent candidate who has no chance of winning.
7. Force pro-life candidates to sign public pledges or take positions in a primary that could be politically damaging in a general election.
8. Decline to vote if there is no “pro-life” candidate in the race.

NRL News Sept 2023

NARAL CHANGES NAME

NARAL Pro-Choice America announced it is changing its name to **Reproductive Freedom for All**. The name implies that abortion restrictions are just another form of government intruding on individual freedom.

Heading into the 2024 election, abortion will be a key issue on the state level in legislative and ballot battles so the group plans to connect abortion access with the need to protect individual freedoms.

NRL News Sept 2023

HHS HELPS TO PROMOTE ABORTIONS FOR MINORS

Beginning on September 15th, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) began giving 23 million dollars to 18 organizations, including Planned Parenthood. The funds are to help “prevent unintentional teen pregnancy and evaluate new and innovative approaches to prevent unintentional teen pregnancy,”

Currently, about 35% of teenage girls who become pregnant have an abortion. This number does not include chemical abortions.

The new HHS-funded activities will target “youth in foster care, youth in juvenile justice, rural youth, expectant and parenting teens, [and] younger adolescents in middle school”. Young girls who are already in difficult situations and to whom abortions may be the most attractive are their target.

CV News Feed on September 1, 2023

AMA RETAINS POLICY vs. ASSISTED SUICIDE

Prior to the American Medical Association’s interim meeting in November, there was concern that it would abandon its opposition to assisted suicide. Another concern was that it would change its official language from “assisted suicide” to “medical aid in dying”.

Thankfully, the current policy remains in place. The AMA still recognizes **euthanasia is incompatible with the physician’s role as healer** and the term “assisted suicide” was retained. Keep in mind: physician-assisted suicide is providing lethal drugs so patients can take their own lives and euthanasia direct killing of patients by doctors.

LIFE ISSUES in the NOVEMBER '23 ELECTION

While polling showed that most voters opposed unlimited abortion on demand along with the stripping of parental rights, voters were more swayed by stories of losing control of their “healthcare,” and stopping a “ban” on abortion.

“Abortion groups focused on threats to self-interest. Our side had the challenge of getting voters to care about someone other than themselves.”

There’s a reason the issue of life is foundational and pre-eminent. Abortion is never just about one thing. “Wrapped up in a vote on abortion are questions about women, the sexual revolution, marriage, children, and culture. We aren’t just fighting the injustice of killing innocent children. We live in a culture drenched in pornography, selfishness, instant gratification, and sex without consequences or responsibility.” B.Burch

SENATOR FETTERMAN: EXPAND ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION

Sen. John Fetterman (D-PA) introduced the *Convenient Contraception Act*, legislation that would improve access to contraceptive products, including over-the-counter contraceptives.

The bill provides individuals covered by private health insurance with the option to receive up to a full year of contraception at the time their prescription is issued instead of the current three-month supply.

“A woman’s right to make her own health care decisions is sacred to me. I am proud to lead this first of its kind legislation... Convenient and reliable access to contraceptives reduces unintended pregnancies, improves maternal health outcomes, and promotes equity...” said Sen. Fetterman.

In the Senate, Sen. Fetterman was joined by Senator Bob Casey (D-PA).

“If we want to support families, we need to protect access to reliable, affordable contraception,” said Sen. Casey.

48 Democrat senators also urged the Biden administration to require insurance companies to cover Over-the-Counter hormonal birth control. Included in the list of 48 is Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr of PA.

REAL ALTERNATIVES STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Real Alternatives’ contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is set to expire December 31st. Without Real Alternatives, pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, and adoption agencies across PA could be forced to shut their doors. Please take a moment to send an immediate message to your state Representative and state Senator urging them to save Real Alternatives.

You can send a message instantly by following the links on PHL’s website at www.paprolife.org.



Pennsylvanians for Human Life Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 (Snow date: February 15, 2024)

Time: 7pm

Place: St. Anne’s Rectory Meeting Room
450 E. Washington Ave. Bethlehem, 18017

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2024 MARCH for LIFE FRIDAY JANUARY 19th, Washington, DC The Theme for the 2024 March is: PRO-LIFE: WITH EVERY WOMAN, FOR EVERY CHILD

Since Roe v. Wade was first enacted, over 62 million lives have been lost to abortion. Polling shows that many of these lives could have been saved if more women were aware of the vast network of pro-life resources available. Through these organizations, hundreds of thousands of lives have been saved, while countless women have been equipped with the support and resources they need to choose life.

The 2024 March for Life will be an opportunity to celebrate this vast, long-standing and growing life-affirming network, which continues to transform lives and serves as a hopeful reminder that no woman must walk alone.

Check website for transportation information.



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