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A Message from the President

Dear Friends.

Welcome to the annual convention of West Virginians for Life (WVFL). Two years ago, we celebrated the passage of the U.S. Supreme Court decision, Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization, overturning the infamous 1973 Supreme Court decisions of *Roe v. Wade*, and *Doe v. Bolton* that had severely limited all 50 states' ability to protect unborn children. Now, due to the *Dobbs Decision*, states are free to pass laws that protect unborn children, and on September 13, 2022, our WV legislature did just that. The Unborn Child Protection Act, HB 302, now protects almost all unborn children in West Virginia, with exceptions to save the life of the mother, lethal fetal anomalies, and rape and incest when the crime has been reported to public authorities.

Nevertheless, the damage from nearly 50 years of legal abortion continues to impact all of us due to its erosion of respect for human life. From the beginning, the



Dr. Wanda Franz *WVFL President*

pro-life movement has always argued that legalizing abortions to be performed by our medical professionals would eventually lead to the practice of doctor-assisted killing. Physician-assisted suicide has become a major problem in many of the Western countries where abortion has been legalized. We are seeing increased calls for it here in the United States, where it is legal in 10 states and the District of Columbia. We want to prevent the legalization here in West Virginia. West Virginians will have the opportunity to vote on the November Election Ballot to place Amendment 1 on the State Constitution, which will protect our residents from being victims of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia.

This Convention will be dedicated to passing Amendment 1 in November. The theme is **Caring Not Killing**. We are grateful to welcome, once again, the dynamic speaker and author, **Wesley Smith**, who will present: **There's no such thing as a "little" assisted suicide**. **The culture of death spreads like a cancer**.

To address the application of Smith's message to our West Virginia situation, **Mary H. Tillman, J.D.**, will focus on **Amendment 1: Critical November Vote**. She is the Legislative Coordinator for the WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care, a subcommittee of WVFL which seeks to change laws and policies to protect the lives of elderly and disabled persons. She is in demand as a speaker all over the state to talk about the dangers of physician-assisted suicide.

Legislative Director **Sadie Keaton** is working on developing laws to assist mothers in West Virginia to receive information about abortion, post-abortion problems and abortion pill reversal. She is also involved in the distribution of state funds allocated for Pregnancy Resource Centers and Maternity Homes here in West Virginia. It is very important to us that these centers are allowed to grow, that they may help in the support of so many needy families.

Even though WVFL does not offer direct services to these social service programs, we are important to them in many crucial ways. Political Liaison Karen Cross will discuss: Political Action: An Essential Ministry to Preborn Babies and Their Mamas.

We look forward to welcoming many candidates for political office to our WVFL Convention.

Sincerely,

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Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

UP TO 90% OF CHILDREN DIAGNOSED PRENATALLY WITH DOWN SYNDROME ARE ABORTED.

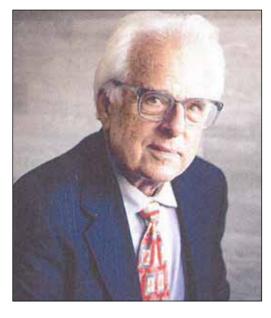


Kurt and Chloe Kondrich of Embrace, Don't Erase Down Syndrome have been instrumental in effectively helping Pennsylvania and West Virginia to pass protective legislation for those in the womb with disabilities. They have testified before the US Congress, as well. The Kondrich Family attended the signing of the Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection and Education Act in 2022 and personally thanked Governor Justice.



Convention Speakers

WESLEY J. SMITH, J.D., is a lawyer, award-winning author, the host of the Humanize podcast, and Chair of the Discovery Institute's Center on Human Exceptionalism. In 2004, he was named one of the nation's premier experts in bioengineering by the National Journal. In 2008, the Human Life Foundation named him a Great Defender of Life for his work against assisted suicide and euthanasia. Smith is the author or coauthor of fourteen books, including Culture of Death: The Age of "Do Harm" Medicine, a warning about the dangers of the modern bioethics movement, and Forced Exit: Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide and the New Duty to Die, which has become a classic in anti-euthanasia advocacy. His other written works include Consumer's Guide to a Brave New World, in which he explored the morality, science, and business aspects of human cloning, stem cell research, and genetic engineering; A Rat is a Pig is a Dog is a Boy: The Human Cost of the Animal Rights Movement, a critique of the ideology and tactics of the animal liberation movement and a defense of the unique importance of human exceptionalism; and The War on Humans, an expose of radical environmentalism. In addition to writing hundreds of articles and opinion columns, Smith has participated in



thousands of television and radio talk/interview programs in at least ten different countries. He has also testified as an expert witness on both the federal and state levels.



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KAREN CROSS became involved in the pro-life movement in 1984, after suffering from her own two abortions, which changed her life forever. Her story has been featured in *USA Today*, in the video "Aching Heart, Too," on NPR's *On Point* program, and numerous other publications and broadcasts. She and her mother have spoken together about the devastating effects that her abortions had on their family. Before becoming the longest-serving political director for National Right to Life, Karen helped build the grassroots pro-life base in West Virginia, where she successfully lobbied to pass several pro-life laws and to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot in West Virginia. Following the *Dobbs* decision, she helped pass West Virginia's Unborn Child Protection Act. Karen serves on the National Right to Life board as an at-large member and serves on the West Virginians for Life executive board as their political liaison. She is married to Jerry Stanphill, and together they have five children and three grandchildren.



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RILEY KEATON was an Assistant Majority Whip in the West Virginia House of Delegates (serving the newly redistricted District 15 - Roane and Wirt Counties), before taking another job in Charleston. He studied Economics at WVU and has been an Assistant Faith Formation Teacher at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, a Board Member of the Youth Leadership Association, Chair of the YLA Advancement Committee, and a Chairman Emeritus of the WVU College Republicans. He is a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and serves as Youth Camp Director at Camp Carlo in Huttonsville, where together with his wife, Sadie (read below), they lead the annual Leadership for Life weekend retreat. They see many of the same faces at this State Convention, where they lead the Teen Day Camp. Riley and Sadie have one young child.

SADIE KEATON is the Legislative and Communications Director for West Virginians For Life. Sadie grew up on a farm in Doddridge County, West Virginia before attending college at Davis & Elkins College. After transferring to West Virginia University, she led the Mountaineers for Life Club and played an active role in Students for Life. Sadie comes from a family of Marchers for Life. Sadie previously worked for West Virginians for Life as their office assistant, and for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Sadie and her husband, Riley (read above), lead the annual Leadership for Life weekend retreat and this Convention's Teen Day Camp. She is a practicing Catholic, and currently resides in Spencer, West Virginia. Sadie and Riley are the seventh generation of Keatons to call West Virginia home, along with their young daughter, Margaret Rose (the eighth generation).



Programs and Services

Through education, legislation and political action, West Virginians for Life, Inc. works to return legal protection to defenseless human beings. WVFL seeks to protect the unborn child from abortion, the disabled newborn from infanticide, and the medically disabled and the elderly from euthanasia and doctor prescribed suicide. Following are brief descriptions of some of WVFL's programs and services.

Life Matters

West Virginians for Life produces and mails a quarterly pro-life publication, *Life Matters*, to paid members and members of the legislature. *Life Matters* provides accurate local, state, national and international pro-life news.

Media Relations

WVFL actively seeks out media coverage by distributing press releases on all pro-life issues and by holding press conferences and other media events. WVFL staff are frequently interviewed on television and radio programs throughout the state and are also frequently quoted in many statewide and local newspapers.

Advertising

WVFL produces powerful radio, TV and print advertisements as well as brochures and flyers that promote respect for life. WVFL promotes NRLC's *Pro-Life Perspective*, a daily five minute radio broadcast. It airs on WDTF 107.9 FM in Berkeley Springs and WDTF 96.3 FM in Hancock, MD.

Development

WVFL starts and organizes new local chapters and provides assistance, resources and ideas to existing chapters. WVFL gives educational presentations at churches, civic groups and schools across the state.

State Legislation

WVFL works with legislators to pass pro-life legislation and to defeat pro-abortion legislation. WVFL coordinates grassroots lobbying efforts through dissemination of legislative alerts, compilation and distribution of legislative voting records and email blasts. WVFL coordinates Pro-life Rally Day at the state capitol in February, sometimes March.

In recent years WVFL has worked with legislators to successfully pass the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, the Women's Right to Know Act, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, an Ultrasound Option Requirement

Act, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act, improved the Parent's Right to Know Act, and amended a Telemedicine Bill to prevent web-cam abortions in the Mountain State. The most historical legislation to ever come out of the state of WV, was Amendment 1 on the November 2018 ballot. Passing by a 52-48% margin, taxpayer dollars no longer fund elective abortions. In 2020, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act was enacted and an Abortion Pill Reversal bill passed in 2021. In 2022, the Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection and Education Act became reality. The same year saw passage of the Unborn Child Protection Act, which protects most WV women and babies from abortion. See pages 18-21 for current legislative efforts.

Conventions

WVFL holds an annual pro-life convention every fall. The convention provides pro-life West Virginians the opportunity to learn, to be motivated and to network with other pro-lifers. Presentations offer a deeper analysis of pro-life topics ranging from abortion and euthanasia to the legislative agenda and personal testimonies. Some past convention keynote speakers include Kristan Hawkins, Dr. Alveda King and Wesley Smith, J.D.

Educational Trust Fund

The Educational Trust Fund provides educational materials to individuals and chapters across West Virginia. Because of this fund, billboards have been placed across the state and prolife television, radio and newspaper advertisements have been broadcast. Life Touch Fetal Models are available for use in fairs, booths and in schools.

An annual Rose Dinner sponsored by the Educational Trust Fund raises pro-life awareness as well as income to fund the activities of the Trust Fund. The 27th Annual Rose Dinner will be held in April of 2025, with the Keynote speaker to be determined. Previous speakers have included Tim Tebow, Jay Sekulow, Cal Thomas, Alan Keyes, Fr. Pavone, Abby Johnson, Bobby Schindler, Melissa Ohden, and many more. A summer annual Golf FORE Life Tournament (July 12 in 2025) helps in keeping the Educational Trust Fund functioning.

Religious Outreach

WVFL produces and mails Life Letters, a bi-annual pro-life bulletin insert to thousands of churches. One is for Respect Life Sunday (1st Sunday in October); the other is for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS), which is January 19 in 2025. WVFL also provides churches with educational and organizational material and suggested projects that aid pro-life work.

Political Action Committee

To ensure elected officials are in place who will support pro-life legislation, WVL-PAC was formed. WVFL has a state PAC that helps elect state candidates and a federal PAC that helps elect federal candidates. WVL-PAC is one of the most effective political action committees in the state.

In every major election since 1980, pro-life candidates have fared better than pro-abortion candidates among voters who base their vote on a candidate's position on abortion.

Teens for Life

WVFL hosts an annual Pro-Life Leadership Weekend Retreat for teens in July.

At the annual state convention in October, the teens have their own day camp apart from the adults.

Teens from around the state attend the annual pro-life rally at the State Capitol. It provides an opportunity to see how state government functions and gives them an opportunity to meet their legislators.

Web Page/Social Networking

Visit wvforlife.org to stay on top of pro-life issues and events

For Facebook, X, Instagram and other social networking info, see page 12.

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The Northern Panhandle Chapter is actively engaging the community with regular events.



Harrison County invited Mary Tillman to presenti on end of life issues.



Monongalia County Walk for Life



Lynda's Story

into the pregnancy, an ultrasound revealed that our haby was a girl. During this appointment, we found out that she had full on the brain and other problems. An appointment was set up in Roanoke where we were to see a specialist. During this visit, more ultrasounds and testing were done. Seve saw his daughter for the first time and it seemed as if she was waving and blowing kisses at him. After these tests, the doctor suggested that we abort the pregnancy. We were in shock!!! At the same time, Seve and I said "NO"!!! At each visit, we were told we should abort our bably, but we "NO"!!! At each visit, the went of the west of the state of the doctors and the doctors to the state of the west of the state of the doctors to dis visit that she would have to have brain surgery after birth, that she would never focus on anything or recognize us, would never sit up, crewal or walk; that she would he deaf, would never talk. I refused to believe them: I knew with my faith and belief in my Savior Jesus. Orist all things are possible through him!!! Lyndw was born on March 16, 2016. She was in NICU in Roanoke for S weeks. I was there with her every day. She dight I have to have the brain surgery that the doctors predicted way. She dight I have to have the brain surgery that the doctors predicted by the propersion of the state of the sta

Lynda will be going into Kindergarten this fall at Mountain Vie Elementary School.

Submitted by West Virginians for Life, Monroe County Chapter

"Heartbeats" is a monthly feature in *The Monroe Watchman* newspaper submitted by the Monroe County Chapter. What a great way to communicate the pro-life message!

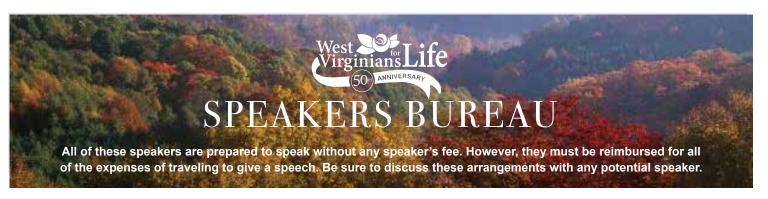
To assist or start a chapter in your county, call West Virginians for Life at 304-594-9845.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

- Edmund Burke

Any chapter may borrow the Memorial Cross Project. Pictured is the display near West Union as erected by the Doddridge County Chapter in 2021. *L to R:* Miriam Lopez, Marge Northrop, and Chapter Leader Charles Northrop. Oscar Lopez also helped. He is taking the picture,







Mary Anne Buchanan, West Virginians for Life (WVFL) Office Manager and Political Action Committee (PAC) Treasurer, graduated from Penn State University with a B.A. in Speech Communications. After an 8-year career as a radio announcer in the 1980's for WPQR in Uniontown, PA and then WVAQ and WAJR in Morgantown, she opted to be a full-time mother and homemaker until 2005 when she rejoined the workforce. She is currently enjoying semi-retirement and less stress at the WVFL as she transitions out of the program director role. Mary Anne has been involved with her local Monongalia County Chapter of West Virginians for Life since 1985 and held every office at various times since then. She was named WVFL's Angel of the Year in 2009. She resides in Morgantown with her husband, retired attorney and former pro-life Delegate Mike Buchanan. Together they dote on their two grandsons.

Topics: Personal testimony about her own abortion and how to be an overcomer • How to Save Babies with Social Media

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Topics: Legal and legislative issues relating to abortion and euthanasia • Fetal development and fetal pain • Adolescent abortion and parents' right to know • Damage caused to women, men and families following abortion

Lacey Evans is a 2010 graduate of Marshall University with a degree in Secondary Education. She attended the National Right to Life Academy in the summer of 2009 along with nine other college-age students. At the Academy, she received in-depth training on the issues and strategy of the pro-life movement. She has given pro-life presentations at West Virginians for Life Conventions and at youth events. She is currently the president of Tucker County Right to Life and serves on the Board of West Virginians for Life. She is employed as a business education teacher in Tucker



County. She serves as a board member for the youth center in Parsons, WV.

Topics: Legal and legislative issues relating to abortion and euthanasia • Planned Parenthood

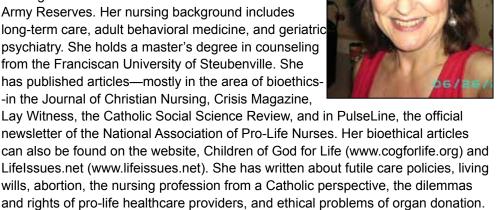
• The Living Will • Damage caused to women, men and families following abortion



Lorrie Mullins was placed for adoption at five days old. Her testimony is the value of life. From being adopted, to becoming a pregnant teen who had a God encounter while laying on an abortion clinic table, her life goal is to be the person she needed when she walked alone into the clinic. Not aborting her baby, she shares her miracle moment and her determination to not become a statistic. Her story tells of how one decision for life can change the world. Lorrie is the proud mother of two sons (who are a Police Officer and a retired NFL player) and her daughter who is a military wife and stay at home mother of three. Lorrie is also grandmother to seven.

Topic: Personal testimony which supports adoption and the need to help those contemplating abortion to choose a better option

Deborah Sturm, RN, MA, was born in Wheeling, WV and grew up in New Martinsville, WV. She has an extensive background in healthcare—eighteen years of experience in the field of radiologic technology, and nine years of hospital experience in the field of nursing. She is also a veteran of the United States Army Reserves. Her nursing background includes long-term care, adult behavioral medicine, and geriatric psychiatry. She holds a master's degree in counseling from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. She has published articles—mostly in the area of bioethics--in the Journal of Christian Nursing, Crisis Magazine,



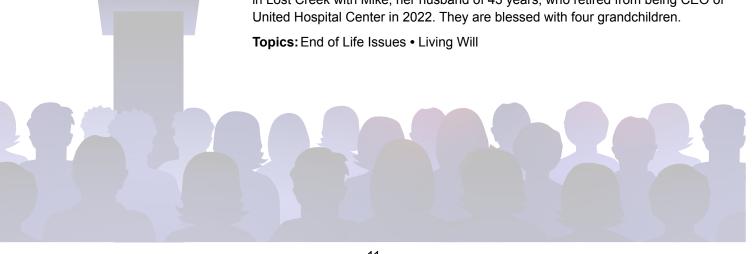
newsletter of the National Association of Pro-Life Nurses. Her bioethical articles can also be found on the website, Children of God for Life (www.cogforlife.org) and LifeIssues.net (www.lifeissues.net). She has written about futile care policies, living wills, abortion, the nursing profession from a Catholic perspective, the dilemmas and rights of pro-life healthcare providers, and ethical problems of organ donation. She served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Pro-Life Nurses from 2006 to 2013. She lost her husband Michael in 2012 after an extensive battle with cancer and, as a result, gained an understanding and appreciation of hospice care. She currently resides in Friendly, West Virginia with her dog Mia.

Topics: Living wills and advance directives • Ethical problems of organ donation • Futile care policies in healthcare • Dilemmas and rights of pro-life healthcare providers • End of life issues • Physician-assisted suicide

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Information **Technology**

To meet the ever-changing, everexpanding challenges presented by the world of online communication, West Virginians for Life, the state's only singleissue pro-life organization, depends on information technology. The medium of the message constantly changes from a past priority of snail mail, telephone and faxes to today's priority of email, texts, tweets and social media. WVFL must constantly assess the emerging technological trends in information dissemination and then exploit these trends to most effectively communicate

the pro-life message in a timely and accurate fashion.

In addition to the website at wyforlife.org, West Virginians for Life also utilizes such communication staples as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Weekly Updates every Friday. To join the Weekly Update email list, go to http:// wvforlife.org/about-us/join-us/ and click on the graphic.

National Right to Life News Today, a daily blog commentary on the pro-life news of the moment, is a running news feed at



WVFL's website.

West Virginians for Life county chapter affiliates may also have their very own websites linked to that of the state organization. For more information in that regard, call the state office at 304-594-9845.

Advances in technology are helping WVFL to get its message out to a much wider and diverse audience than has ever been reached before and much more quickly.







facebook com/ West Virginians for Life





YouTube.com/ WVforLife



Connect with West Virginians for Life through Your Favorite Social Networking Site





West Virginia Teens for Life was formed in 1986 by a handful of teens dedicated to fighting the culture of death passed on to them.

> Join by contacting 304-594-9845.















The Leadership for Life Weekend Retreat

Sadie Keaton
West Virginians for Life Legislative Director

"What strengths did God give you, and how can you use them in the prolife movement?" This question kicked off the 2nd Annual Leadership for Life Weekend Retreat. Throughout the event, students were presented opportunities to discover their strengths – through team building exercises, group discussions, and more. They were also introduced to ways they can help, after hearing from pro-life leaders like Mary Tillman and Sadie Keaton of West Virginians for Life, Kayla Kessinger of Her PLAN, Natalee Wilson of Students for Life, and Riley Keaton, youth director for West Virginians for Life.

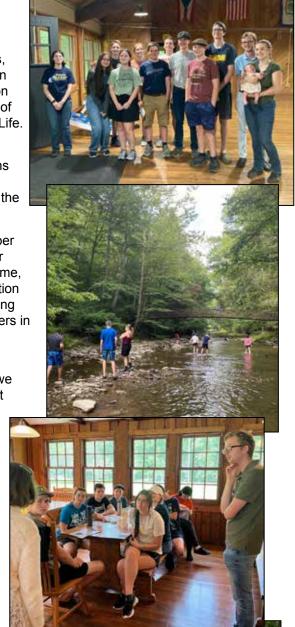
Campers had a three-part objective for the event: 1) educate yourself and one another on timely pro-life issues, 2) develop leadership skills and plans to take action on behalf of the pro-life movement, and 3) build community and fellowship among one another so no one feels like they are taking on the abortion industry alone.

When asked why the issue of abortion was important to them, every camper volunteered that they had grown up in Christian homes, but each had their own moment in their lives in which the abortion issue became real. For some, it was the birth of a younger sibling. For others, it was a gruesome realization after encountering footage of a dismemberment abortion. Apart from sharing their stories, campers were prepared to share these reasons with their peers in order to truly build a pro-life generation.

In between rock climbing, glow in the dark gaga-ball, creek stomping and more, students dove headfirst into learning about the biggest challenges we face against the pro-abortion industry today. They discovered exactly what overturning Roe vs. Wade did, how that affects our state, an introduction to end-of-life issues, and the West Virginians for Life legislative agenda.

Camp Horseshoe staff volunteered their time to operate the property's Incredible Journey Challenge Course for campers. Through a series of low-ropes initiatives, campers developed leadership, communication, and group skills that can be difficult to acquire in day-to-day life.

The final stretch of the program focused on "taking it home." Each camper left with the tools they need, resources they can use, and people they can contact to develop school- or community-based West Virginians for Life Teen Chapters across the state. Follow up by WVFL staff and volunteers in the days and weeks after the Leadership for Life Weekend Retreat will focus on mobilizing and engaging young people in the work of the pro-life movement.





The Basics

A compilation of recent and noteworthy information on the abortion issue.

"Probably nothing has been as damaging to our cause as the advances in technology which have allowed pictures of the developing fetus, because people now talk about the fetus in much different terms than they did 15 years ago. They talk about it as a human being, which is not something that I have an easy answer on how to cure."

-- Harrison Hickman, pollster for the National Abortion Rights Action League

Diary of an Unborn Baby

Day 1

* fertilization: all human chromosomes present; unique human life begins

Day 6

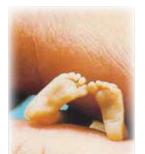
*embryo begins implanting in the uterus

Day 22

* heart begins to beat with the child's own blood, often a different



type than the mother's



Week 5

* eyes, legs, hands begin to develop

*brain waves detectable1; mouth lips present; fingers forming²

eyelids, toes form; nose distinct, baby kicking and swimming3

* every organ in place⁴ ; bones⁵, fingerprints² begin to form



* teeth begin to form, fingernails develop; baby can turn head. frown²

Week 11

*baby can grasp objects placed in hand3

Week 17

*baby can have dream (REM) sleep7



Unless otherwise noted, information on fetal development taken from Keith L. Moore and T.V.N. Persaud, The Developing Human, 5th ed. (Philadelphia: W.B Saunders Co., 1993).

1. Hamlin, JAMA, 10/12/64. 2. Flanagan, The First Nine Months, 1965. 3. Valman & Pearsson, BMJ, 1/26/80. 4. Nilsson, A Child is Born, 1990. 5. Rugh & Shettles, From Conception to Birth, 1971. 6. P.E. Rockwell, Markle v. Abele, U.S. Supreme Court, 1971. 7. AMA News, 2/1/83. Full citations available upon request.

Not Just Numbers

In the United States ...

As a result of the National Right to Life Committee's analysis of data from both Guttmacher and the CDC through 2020, and estimating figures for subsequent years (2020-2022), NRLC estimates that 64,443,118 abortions have been performed in the United States since 1973. After reaching a high of over 1.6 million in 1990, the number of abortions annually performed in the U.S. is steadily dropping back to levels not seen since the 1970's.

In the ten years between 2007 and 2017, the number of U.S. abortions dropped approximately 25%. Then, according to Guttmacher, it began to rise again. (The Guttmacher numbers are more accurate; since 1998, the CDC totals exclude CA, NH, and often at least one other state.)

According to the 2023 edition of The State of Abortion in the United States by National Right to Life, the number of chemical abortions is increasing, and now accounts for more than half of all abortions.

After dropping to a level not seen since the 1970's. the number of hospitals, abortion clinics, and private physician's offices performing abortion rose from 1,587 in 2017 to 1,603 in 2020. Although this is far below the high of 2,918 in 1982, the new vector is disturbing – especially in light of the increased number of facilities performing 1,000-4,999 abortions a year.

Abortion Myths

Myth: Women obtain abortions only in rare cases.

Fact: There were over 862,00 abortions in 2017 according to the Guttmacher Institute. Rape and incest are cited as reasons for only 1 percent of all abortions. Three in four women say they had abortions for reasons of inconvenience.

Myth: Legalized abortion reduces child abuse.

Fact: 91% of battered children were from planned and wanted pregnancies. There has been a growth of 331% in child abuse cases in the U.S. since 1976.

Myth: Most abortive women are poor, minority teens. Fact: Four out of five abortions are obtained by women 20 years of age and older. Two-thirds of abortions are performed on white women.

The Facts on the Abortion Pill

Is it really "safer than Tylenol?"

Clearly not for the babies. And their mothers face many serious risks, too.

Studies tracking visits of chemical abortion patients to emergency rooms find complication and failure rates much higher than is commonly reported. Women taking the abortion pills have actually perished from **dangerous infections**, **uncontrolled hemorrhages**, and from **ruptured ectopic pregnancies** that doctors missed because of the pain and bleeding they expected from chemical abortions.

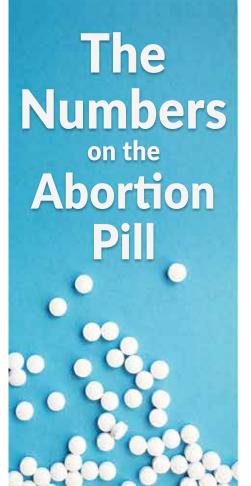
How does the abortion pill work?

Chemical abortion is a multi-step process that involves two drugs. **Mifepristone** blocks progesterone's effects, which prevents nutrients from being provided to the baby. **Misoprostol** is taken a day or so later to expel the baby from the woman's body and complete the abortion.

Can it really be reversed?

As soon as possible after taking the first drug, Mifepristone, a woman can possibly reverse the intended effects before taking the second drug. The Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) hotline has received calls from thousands of women who changed their minds after taking the first drug.

APR is scientific with a proven tracked record: using the natural hormone progesterone, medical professionals have been able to save 64-68% of babies through the reversal process when their mothers acted quickly enough.



53%

More than half of all abortions are now chemical abortions.

10%

One large Canadian study showed that 10.26% of women taking the abortion pill ended up visiting the emergency room.

28

At least 28 women have **died** after using abortion pills.

10

Current FDA regulations allow babies up to 10 weeks LMP to be killed with the abortion pill—the age of the baby pictured here.

4,000+

Over 4,000 babies have been saved by the abortion pill reversal protocol.

Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline: **1-877-558-0333** For the most up-to-date numbers & information, visit **lifeatrisk.org**

Agencies Offering Alternatives to Abortion & Community Services in West Virginia & Surrounding Areas

AbbaCare

200 Weems Lane Winchester, VA 22601 540-722-4844 540-665-9660 (Help Line) www.abbacare.org www.abbacarepartners.org

Abel Pregnancy Resource Center

PO Box 1164 (201 Sylvia Lane) Bluefield,WV 24701 304-325-8694 info@abelcenter.org www.abelcenter.org

Aim Women's Center

PO Box 4365 (248 N 5th Street) Steubenville, OH 43952 740-346-6705 www.aimwomenscenter.com

Birthright of Beckley

PO Box 1942 (400 N Vance Drive) Beckley, WV 25802 304-253-7656 800-550-4900 www.birthright.org

Birthright of Morgantown

364 High Street Suite 205 Morgantown, WV 26505 304-296-0277 800-550-4900 www.birthright.org

Birthright of Jefferson County

103 South Mildred Street Ranson, WV 25438 304-724-7015 www.birthright@frontier.com

Burlington UM Family Service

PO Box 69 120 Hope Lane Burlington, WV 26710-0069 304-289-6010 www.bumfs.org

Burlington UM Family Service

105 Beech Street Grafton, WV 26354 877-23-CHILD 304-265-1338 www.bumfs.org

Burlington UM Family Service

593 New Creek Highway Keyser, WV 26726 800-296-2342 304-788-2342 www.bumfs.org

Central WV Center for Pregnancy Care

8 Meadow Street Buckhannon, WV 26201 304-473-1122/877-472-1122 cwvcpc@frontier.com www.cwvcpc.org

Choices Women's Ctr

117 South 4th Street Clarksburg, WV 26301 304-622-1953 assist.choices@gmail.com choiceswomenscenter. mailchimpsites.com

Compass Women's Center

283 Don Knotts Blvd. Morgantown, WV 26501 304-212-2131 (Hotline) www.support4women.org

Cross Roads Pregnancy Care Center

1598 Washington Street Charleston, WV 25311 304-344-4511 Text us at: 304-508-2911 contactus@crossroadspcc.com www.crossroadspcc.com

Fayette Center of Hope

338 West Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 724-438-6070 1.800.395.HELP (after hours) info@FayetteCenterofHope.org www.fayettecenterofhope.org

1st Way Pregnancy Support Center of Cumberland, MD

310 Race Street Cumberland, MD 21501 https://www.facebook.com/ firstway.pregnancy

Gabriel Project

PO Box 4663 1207 Jefferson Road South Charleston, WV 25364 304-205-5865 info@gabrielwv.org www.gabrielwv.org

Hagerstown Area Pregnancy Clinic

109 W Baltimore Street Hagerstown, MD 21740 301-739-8717 www.hapconline.com

Mary's Cradle

401 College Avenue Bluefield WV 24701 304-327-7757 maryscradle@frontiernet.net www.maryscradle.com

Mary's Refuge

336 S. Queen Street Martinsburg, WV 25401 marysrefuge.org

The James Isaac House, Inc.

97 N Davis Street Keyser, WV 26726 304-788-0707 www.tjihouse.org

The James Isaac House, Inc.

312 E. Main Street Kingwood, WV 26537 304-329-1132 www.tjihouse.org

The James Isaac House, Inc.

314 S. Second Street Oakland, MD 21550 301-334-1058 www.tjihouse.org

The James Isaac House, Inc.

7 S. Grove Street
Petersburg, WV 26847
304-257-2402
www.tjihouse.org
(Mailing address for all James
Isaac Houses is P.O. Box 2441,
Mtn. Lake Park, MD 21550)

A New Beginning Pregnancy Resource Center

925 8th Street Huntington, WV 25701 304-697-0411 newbeginningcpc@gmail.com www.newbeginningcpc.com

Pregnancy Resource Center of Marion County

36 Mountain Park Drive Fairmont, WV 26554 304-363-0003 marioncountyprc@yahoo.com www.prcmc.org

TLC Pregnancy Center of Ritchie County

PO Box 7 Ellenboro, WV 26346 866-616-8228/304-643-2171 tlcpcrc@gmail.com

Union Mission

PO Box 112 Charleston, WV 25321 304-925-0366 www.wefeedpeople.com

Wellspring Pregnancy Center

P.O. Box 1015
1315 Center Street
Moundsville, WV 26041
304-810-0292/Toll
Free 877-942-9735
ellspringpregnancycenter@
yahoo.com
www.wellspringpregnancycenter.com

Wellspring Pregnancy Center

P.O. Box 311 621 E. Market Street Cadiz, OH 43907 740-942-9735/Toll Free 877-942-9735 (see above for email & website)

Woman's Choice, Inc

504 Washington Street West Charleston, WV 25339 304-346-9779 womchc4life@aol.com www.choicesmakeyou.com

Women's Care Center

3007 Dudley Avenue (physical address)
PO Box 4765
Parkersburg, WV 26104
800-595-7113/304-485-7113
info@wccmov.org
www.yourpregnancychoices.com

Call (304) 594-9845 to keep our list of alternative centers updated.



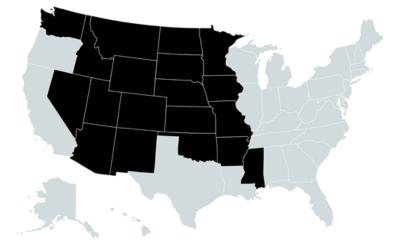
West Virginians for Life has developed a website that responds to the lies of the pro-abortion opposition regarding their claim that abortion is "reproductive healthcare." Our educational campaign is Abortion is NOT...Healthcare and the website is AbortionlsNot.com.

Pro-abortion advocates claim that abortions are done for ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage and stillbirth, but no one goes to abortion clinics for such medical needs. Instead, they go to their doctors for such care. Our website quotes from the American Association for Pro-Life Obsteticians and Gynecologists, where practicing physicians explain the standard medical practice for caring for patients with these medical needs.

"Reproductive healthcare" is a cover for the word "abortion," because our opposition can't face the truth that "abortion is not healthcare," even though it is done by doctors. It is, instead, the direct killing of innocent, very young human beings — their babies.

AbortionIsNot.com

To give you an idea of how many lives have been lost since *Roe v. Wade*, the blacked out states on this map represent a population of 64,323,828—less than the number of babies who died due to *Roe v. Wade*.







The WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care, a subcommittee of West Virginians for Life, deals specifically with issues at the other end of the spectrum of life, i.e. hastened death at the end of life due to a "poor quality of life" perception, discrimination in access to medical care, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia.

HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT IS LAW

What Needs to Come Next?

by Mary H. Tillman, J.D. WVAFEHC Legislative Coordinator

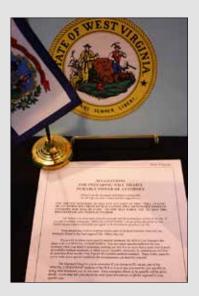
In 2022, SB 470, the Health Care Decisions Act Amendments, amended that part of the WV Code that provides "advance directives," documents where you may express your wishes for health care when you are unable to express them yourself. The Living Will document has been updated in a way that protects persons with the serious disorder of consciousness formerly known as the vegetative state, but more recently renamed the "unresponsive wakefulness syndrome" (UWS). Persons in this condition have sleep and awake cycles, are usually able to breathe on their own, appear to be unaware of their surroundings, and are fed by a feeding tube. Formerly deemed by many to be in a "hopeless" or "irreversible" condition, they are often warehoused in nursing homes, or, worse, the feeding tube is removed and they dehydrate to death. Recent advances in medicine indicate that these patients, in fact, may regain some level of consciousness if given time and rehabilitation.

Along with these advances, other changes brought about by the legislation, include the addition of language that explains terms more precisely so that people have informed consent should they choose to sign the Living Will. Also, food and fluids that can be safely given to someone by spoon or straw are required to be offered as desired.

The bill passed unanimously in the Senate on February 23, 2022.

On March 9, the bill passed 90-6 with Delegates Tom Fast, Pat McGeehan, and Heather Tully defending it on the floor.

All West Virginians can breathe a little easier knowing this bill took effect on June 7 that year.



The Will to Live starts with the presumption that one wants to live. Visit wvforlife.org/blog/portfolioitems/west-virginia-will-to-live to print your copy.

Be sure to read about Amendment 1, and why West Virginia doctors should not be participating in assisted suicides, on the following pages.

LEGAL STATUS OF ASSISTED SUICIDE IN THE UNITED STATES

July 2024

10 States plus the District of Columbia, currently allow Assisted Suicide:

- California
- Colorado
- Hawaii
- Maine
- Montana
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- Oregon
- Vermont
- Washington
- District of Columbia

Vote FOR Amendment 1 in November to Protect Vulnerable Lives



by Mary H. Tillman, J.D. WVAFEHC Legislative Coordinator

This amendment, which originated with the Speaker of the House, Mr. Roger Hanshaw, would add language to the WV State Constitution to protect all West Virginians from assisted suicide and euthanasia. This is especially important to protect the lives of elderly and disabled persons, who already struggle to get access to health care, and often feel their lives are not respected and valued. Assisted suicide is indirect killing, when medical personnel provide the means of death (usually by a prescription for a lethal dose of drugs) to the patient, and the patient dies by his or her own hand. Euthanasia is direct killing of the patient (usually by a lethal injection) at the hand of medical personnel.

Amendment 1 will be on the 2024 general election ballot for a vote by the people of West Virginia. It need only pass by a simple majority. It will be critical to get out the vote in November so that all West Virginians are protected from this very dangerous national trend of encouraged suicide. For more information, or to invite a speaker to educate your church or civic group, please contact the state office at info@WVforLife.org. You may also call 304-594-9845.

BEFORE YOU VOTE ON NOV. 5

Know THE TRUTH
About Amendment





From Medically Assisted Suicide, Mercy Killing & Euthanasia

Now is the Time to Protect Your Family & Your Future Generations from Harm

There are efforts by the death peddlers to bring medically assisted suicide to West Virginia. "Medically Prescribed Killing" laws have been adopted in ten states and in the District of Columbia. Organizations such as the misnamed Compassion & Choices – the premier assisted suicide advocacy group – work tirelessly to gain public acceptance of their agenda. They insist that what they support is not "suicide" and prefer using softer terms – "death with dignity," "end-of-life option," "medical assistance in dving."

WEST VIRGINIANS MUST VOTE FOR AMENDMENT 1 to prevent these out-of-state groups from attempting to change our laws to legalize medical killing under the name "assisted suicide." A simple majority vote FOR AMENDMENT 1 will be needed to make it part of our State Constitution.

"Medically Assisted Suicide" (frequently called "physician assisted suicide") is a process where patients, diagnosed with a terminal illness and having six months or less to live, can make a request of a physician to help them end their lives. Usually this is done with a lethal overdose of drugs prescribed by the doctor and taken by the patient.

"Euthanasia" (also called "mercy killing") is similar to medically assisted suicide, except the drugs that will kill the patient are administered to the patient by someone else, usually the doctor who prescribed them.



For more information visit **CaringNotKilling.com**





25 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508 • 304-594-9845

Assisted suicide (AS) is NOT real care.

There are very real and dreadful consequences of legalizing assisted suicide.

Legalizing assisted suicide is an easy "fix" for a healthcare system plagued with money problems.

When insurance benefits vanish or patients are denied costly life-extending treatment, they will be steered toward assisted suicide. Insurance will pay for people to die, but not to live.

Life expectancy is never more than an estimate.

Doctors make mistakes. A Mayo Clinic study found that more than one out of five patients, referred for a second opinion, may be incorrectly diagnosed. Furthermore, many patients outlive doctors' predictions of life expectancy.¹

Do not be misled by the claim that assisted suicide is painless, quick, and dignified. A review of AS methods used in some U.S. states and European countries found "a relatively high incidence of vomiting (up to 10%), prolongation of death (up to 7 days), and re-awakening from coma (up to 4%)." ²

"Unbearable pain" IS NOT the main reason people request assisted suicide (AS). The most common reasons are decreasing ability to participate in activities that make life enjoyable, loss of autonomy, and loss of dignity.

So-called "safeguards" in assisted suicide bills are merely there to win legislators' approval. Once legalized, the proponents of AS proclaim safeguards are barriers to access and work to remove them.

Assisted suicide laws provide cover for murder.

Once the lethal drugs are picked up at the pharmacy, there is no oversight, and no witnesses are required at the death. Death certificates will report a natural death.

Suicide is contagious.

The Suicide & Crisis Lifeline warns that knowing others who have died by suicide makes it more likely a person will attempt or die by suicide. In Oregon, which legalized assisted suicide in 1997, the suicide rate of healthy individuals was more than 40% higher than the national average between the years 2003 and 2012.³

Credit: Halo Voice, "Assisted Suicide: You Can Live Without It", HaloVoice.org Sources:

- 1. https://newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org/discussion/mayo-clinic-minute-why-second-opinions-are-good-for-patients/
- 2. https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/last-rights-assisted-suicide-is-neither-painless-nor-dignified/
- , 3. https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/diseasesconditons/injuryfatalitydata/ Documents/NVDRS/Suicide%20in%20Oregon%202015%20report.pdf, 9



Studies have shown that pro-life legislation saves lives. Hundreds of thousands of children are alive today because of the numerous pro-life laws passed by state legislatures across the country. In addition, this is the most effective way to educate the public about the abortion issue.

West Virginians for Life (WVFL) has been instrumental in passing a Partial-Birth Abortion Ban (1997), Women's Right to Know Act (2003), Unborn Victims of Violence Act (2005), an Ultrasound Option Requirement (2010), Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (2015), Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act (2016), Parent's Right to Know Act (2017), Ban on Using Telemedicine for Abortion (2017), Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (2019), Second Chances at Life Act --an abortion pill reversal bill (2021), and Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection Act (2022).

On June 24, 2022, nearly 50 years after *Roe v. Wade* made abortion a Constitutional right, it was reversed. Justice Alito did a beautiful job of making the case that the Constitution should never have included such a ludicrous proposition. The right to life of each of us has been validated, because, when the right to life of any human person is threatened, we are all threatened.

The debate about abortion has been returned to the voters through their elected representatives, and the work of the pro-life movement has been changed. For 50 years, we have been unable to actually ban abortions, so we have worked to protect women, families and children to the best of our ability. Now we have the opportunity to stop the killing in the State.

West Virginia has had a law in the State Code outlawing abortion, with up to 10 years in prison, if the law were violated. This law specifically exempts women from liability. It was originally put into effect in 1848 when West Virginia was part of the Virginia Commonwealth. It was moved into the West Virginia code during the Civil War when West Virginia seceded from Virginia. After 1973, there were efforts made to eliminate the law from the Code. Every effort failed because the legislators were unwilling to put their names on a pro-abortion piece of legislation. However, due to Court action in 1975, the law was declared unconstitutional.

After the United States Supreme Court's reversal in *Dobbs*, the Attorney General of West Virginia wrote an opinion declaring that the law was free to spring back into effect. The abortion clinic in Charleston closed temporarily and abortion advocates immediately filed a suit on behalf of the Women's Health Center of West Virginia. The Office of the Attorney General sought to ensure that the law would remain in effect while the case was adjudicated. But, on July 18, Kanawha County Circuit Court Judge Salango granted an injuction to the abortion-minded plaintiffs in the Women's Health Center case. The result was that the state's single abortion clinic in Charleston reopened.

In the days that followed, Governor Justice added abortion to a special session he had called to consider elimination of the state's income tax. HB 302 began a rapid progression through committees and onto the House Floor for a vote on July 27. The WV House of Delegates voted to protect babies and their mothers in West

Virginia with limited exceptions. The vote on HB 302 in the House was 69-23. HB 302 then went to the Senate where an entirely new bill replaced the House bill using the "strike and insert" method. The final vote on July 29 was 22 to 9.

Karen Cross, WVFL Political Liaison, was present in Charleston during the entire Special Session, which lasted a week. With assistance from the lawyers at National Right to Life Committee, she worked to include language in the bill that would save as many lives as possible.

The final version of the bill, which came to be entitled The Unborn Child Protection Act, outlawed most abortions from implantation. It includes exceptions for rape and incest (which account for 1-2% of abortions) -- but only when reported to public authorities. The reporting requirement is crucial, because it helps ensure that the victims of these crimes will not be harmed by the criminals' ability to cover up their repeated abuse of women and girls. Even so, WVFL's position holds that these exceptions do not help the victims in the best way possible. Robin Atkins, a certified Mental Health Specialist who has spent her nearly 20-year career helping the victims of rape and incest, explains: "Abortion is not a treatment for trauma, including rape and incest." "Abortion is another form of violence that may also create trauma," writes developmental psychologist Dr. Wanda Franz.

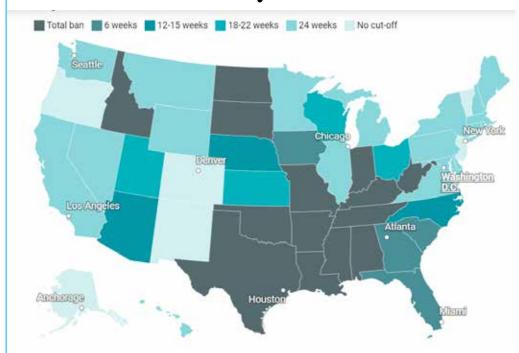
In September of 2022, Governor Justice signed The Unborn Child Protection Act into law.

In 2023, The Support for Mothers and Babies Act became a reality. In 2024, Amendment 1, which originated with the Speaker of the House, Mr. Roger Hanshaw, seeks to add language to the WV State Constitution to protect all West Virginians from assisted suicide and euthanasia. This is especially important to protect the lives of elderly and disabled persons, who already struggle to get access to health care, and often feel their lives are not respected and valued. Amendment 1 will be on the 2024 general election ballot for a vote by the people of West Virginia. It need only pass by a simple majority. It will be critical to get out the vote in November so that all West Virginians are protected from this very dangerous national trend of encouraged suicide.



CrossRoads PCC Co-founder and Board Member Jenny Entsminger, Executive Director LeAnn Bandy with two granddaughters watch as Governor Justice signs HB 2002. WVFL President Wanda Franz is on the far right.

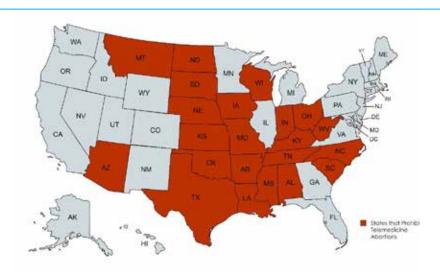
Availability of Abortion State-by-State



Most states have restricted abortion based on gestational age (map, left). Some states have also implemented restrictions with regard to waiting periods and telemedicine (see original online source map).

Source: https://fullerproject. org/story/how-majorabortion-laws-comparestate-by-state-map/ Updated 6-28-24

Telemedicine Abortion Prohibitions



Telemedicine abortions are chemical abortions done via a video conferencing system where the abortionist is in one location and talks with a woman, who is in another location, over a computer video screen. The abortionist never sees the woman in person because they are never actually in the same room.

This important pro-life legislation prevents telemedicine abortions by requiring that, when mifepristone, misoprostol, or some other drug or chemical is used to induce an abortion, the abortion doctor who is prescribing the drug must be physically present, in person, when the drug is first provided to the pregnant woman. This allows for a physical examination to be done by the doctor, both to ascertain the state of the mother's health, and to be sure an ectopic pregnancy is not involved.

Currently, 22 states prohibit these telemedicine abortions; 4 laws are not in effect: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa*, Kansas*, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana*, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio*, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

^{*}lowa, Kansas, Montana, and Ohio laws are currently enjoined.

Please Speak to Your Legislators: A good law was lost, and we need it back (See footnote beneath map)

A Woman's Right to Know: Abortion Pill Reversal Laws



Most recently, states have moved to enact a form of informed consent law that requires abortion facilities to inform a woman prior to or soon after the first step of a chemical abortion that if she changes her mind, it may be possible to reverse the intended effects of the chemical abortion, but that time is of the essence.

Currently, this protocol has saved over 5,000 babies.

For more detailed information on abortion pill reversal, visit https://lifeatrisk.org

Currently fifteen (15) states have enacted laws requiring this information to be provided: Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, and West Virginia*.

^{*}The West Virginia law was rendered ineffective by the W.V. Legislature with the passage of the Unborn Child Protection Act, W. Va. Code § 16-2R-1 et seq.

Communicating With Your Legislators

New Methods of Communication

Many legislators are urging new methods of communication. Most of us have access to email and fax machines. In addition, we can phone or meet with our representatives. Effective communication campaigns are essential to successful pro-life legislation in Congress and in the West Virginia state legislature. To be most effective, remember the following guidelines:

Be Timely

Communications are of little value if they arrive after an issue has been decided. To maximize your effectiveness, communicate with your legislators before they have committed themselves on an issue.

At any given time, on a national level there are dozens of abortion-related bills and amendments that have been introduced in Congress. Many of these may be publicized in various pro-life publications, but relatively few will actually come to a vote during any given year.

The National Right to Life Legislative Office monitors all of these measures and posts the most current information on their website: nrlc.org. The Legislative Action Center on the NRLC website includes features that will help you to:

- MONITOR how your elected representatives voted on a specific piece of legislation and if he/she sponsored a bill.
- COMMUNICATE with them about current pro-life issues with a few simple clicks via ready-made web forms.
- CHECK relevant voting records for both U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

Legislative alerts are sent out to pro-life chapters and individuals when communication is really necessary. Local pro-lifers should regard such alerts as a priority and should distribute them as widely as possible, as quickly as possible. (To receive email alerts from WVFL, send an email to: wvforlife.org marked "subscription" or simply visit the website wvforlife.org/about us/join us and click the obvious graphic.)

If you write or fax a letter on the letterhead of an organization, or identify yourself as a chapter leader, be sure that the opinions you express reflect official policy of the organization. You may submit your communications to the state office for review before transmitting them if you have any questions.

Since West Virginians for Life is an NRLC affiliate, our communications should also conform to NRLC policy. For example, you may not advocate unlawful activities under NRLC auspices.

Letters Must Be Personal

Letters to legislators can be typed or neatly handwritten, and/or sent by email or fax. You may use information and arguments from legislative alerts, *NRL News*, *Life Matters*, etc., but the letter should be in your own words. A legislator pays more attention to one personal letter than to a dozen form letters or pre-printed post cards.

Give Reasons for Your Position

Refer to your own observations and experiences and to any special expertise you may have on a specific subject. Discuss the effect that a measure would have in the legislator's own district. If you are aware of the legislator's past votes or statements on the issue, refer to them in your letter.

Be Concise

Generally, your letter should be short and to the point — one page is usually sufficient. Make your point in the first paragraph. Mention the name (and number, if applicable) of the bill or amendment you are writing about, if you have it. Avoid discussing two unrelated issues in one letter. It is sometimes helpful to include supportive material with your letter. Be sure that it comes from a reliable source. Do not send the legislative alert you received.

Be Respectful

State your views in a firm but courteous tone. Abusive language or threats ("I will vote against you") will not convert an unsympathetic legislator, but may motivate him to work against pro-life interests.

Follow Through

Expect a response to your letter. The initial response will often be a vague form letter. Often, such letters merely explain what a bill does, without expressing the congressman's position on the measure. If so, write again, referring to the earlier correspondence and asking specific questions (e.g., "Will you vote for the pro-life amendment?").

Pay Attention to Your Representative

Federal roll calls on important pro-life issues are posted within days in the congressional scorecards at the Legislative Action Center, which can be reached through www.nrlc.org and published in the online version of *NRL News*. The quarterly statewide newspaper *Life Matters* and the emailed Weekly Updates are your best bet for staying on top of pro-life legislation in West Virginia. Pay close attention to how your legislators vote. When they vote pro-life, thank them. When they vote pro-abortion, write letters/ send emails criticizing specific votes.

It is also helpful to send letters-to-the-editor to local newspapers, commenting positively or negatively on a legislator's recent vote.



On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that *Roe v Wade* was incorrectly decided, that there is no right to abortion in the U.S. Constitution. They also determined, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, that abortion-related policies (including protections for preborn children and their mothers) should be enacted by elected representatives, not dictated by the courts.

Most pro-life laws and policies are being enacted at the state level. However, the federal government, from the executive branch to the U.S. Congress, is uniquely positioned, and has both the opportunity and the responsibility, to protect the most vulnerable members of the human family.

Given the current composition of Congress, a national law protecting preborn children and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion is not likely to happen in the foreseeable future. But there are still many life-affirming policies that can be enacted at the federal level that will reduce the number of abortions, help mothers, and save lives.

Therefore, we urge all lawmakers, as well as candidates for U.S. House, Senate, and President, to embrace the unique and transformative role the federal government has in advancing life-affirming policies in the United States. This includes:

- Ensuring that no taxpayer dollars are used to pay for abortion or subsidize health plans that cover or promote abortion, either in the U.S. or in other countries, and eliminating, to the extent possible, taxpayer funding of abortion providers.
- Recognizing the role of parents to be involved before their minor daughter could get an abortion.
- Connecting mothers of newborn and preborn children to resources.
- Protecting the lives of babies born alive following an attempted abortion.
- Seeking protective protocols on chemical abortions to reduce the risk of death and injury to the mother.
- Promoting educational initiatives (and existing right-to-know laws) to provide vital information about fetal development and the physical, mental, and emotional dangers of elective abortion.
- Requiring the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to collect meaningful data and publish reports on abortion in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, (e.g., the number of abortions performed, the age of the mother and preborn child, complications and deaths arising from such procedures.)
- Protecting the conscience rights of health care personnel and entities who do not wish to perform or participate in any part of the abortion process.
- Nominating/confirming only federal judges and justices who will interpret the Constitution fairly and honestly according to its text and history.

Presidential candidates should also recognize the ability and responsibility of the chief executive to institute a whole-of-government approach (through the use of life-affirming executive orders and statements of administration policy, as well as personnel appointments, among other tools) to ensure that all Executive Branch departments promote the intrinsic value and dignity of innocent human life.

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U.S. Senate Voting Records: 2023-2024

118th Congress

1 S.J.Res.10, CRA to overturn the Biden Administration rule related to VA abortion funding (4/19/2023)

S.J.Res. 10, sponsored by Sen. Tuberville (R-Al), employs the Congressional Review Act to nullify the September 9, 2022 Biden Administration Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) rule that provides abortion services through the taxpayer-funded VA health care system by providing for unlimited abortions for undefined "health reasons." On this roll call vote, no. 90, on April 19, 2023, the vote failed 48 -51. All Democrats voted no except for Sen. Manchin (D-Wv.).

2 S.J.Res. 4 "Equal Rights Amendment" to U.S. Constitution (4/27/2023)

S.J. Res. 4, sponsored by Senators Ben Cardin (D-Md.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Ak.), purports to make the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) submitted by Congress to the states in March, 1972, part of the U.S. Constitution, even though the 1972 ERA Resolution contained a seven-year ratification deadline that expired in March, 1979, and even though four state legislatures rescinded their ratifications prior to the deadline. Pro-ERA lawmakers and groups now openly proclaim that they believe the 1972 ERA language should be construed to establish a federal constitutional "abortion right" more sweeping than even the now-nullified Roe v. Wade. National Right to Life strongly opposed S.J.Res. 4, both on pro-life policy grounds and on constitutional process grounds. On this roll call, no. 99, conducted on April 27, 2023, 51 senators voted to advance the measure ("invoke cloture"), and 47 senators voted to block it (the pro-life vote). Because 60 votes were required to "invoke cloture," the pro-abortion motion failed. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), although a supporter of S.J.Res. 4, switched his vote to "nay" in order to give him the right, under Senate rules, to force a repeat vote at a time of his choosing. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Ca.), a supporter of the ERA, and Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah), an opponent of the ERA, were absent. Therefore, if all senators had been present and voting, the tally would have been 53-47, or 7 votes short of the 60 votes required to advance the measure. The measure is supported by all Democratic and independent senators, and by Republican Senators Murkowski and Susan Collins (Maine). The companion measure in the U.S. House of Representatives is H.J. Res. 25 (Pressley).

3 HR 2670 Ernst Motion to Commit on NDAA -- Funding for Abortion Travel in Military (12/12/2023)

Federal law (10 U.S.C. § 1093) has long prevented the Department of Defense (DOD) from using funds to perform elective abortions and prevented the DOD from using its facilities to provide abortions. On October 20, 2022, the Biden Administration's DOD published a memorandum directing the DOD to pay the travel and transportation costs for military members and dependents to travel to obtain elective abortions. The federal prohibition against DOD funding elective abortion clearly extends to funding for any item related to abortion, such as travel and transportation. The Senate considered a motion to table from Sen. Ernst (R-IA) for the purpose of making in order a vote on a motion to recommit the Conference Report to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to elective abortion. On December 12, 2023 (Roll Call No. 339) 47 Republicans voted in favor of the motion. 51 Democrats and 2 Republicans voted against the resolution.

4 S.4381, So-Called "Right to Contraception Act" - abortion provider funding and abortion drug expansion (06/05/2024)

S. 4381, the so-called "Right to Contraception Act" sponsored by Sen. Markey (D-MA), goes far beyond contraception (NRLC takes no position on contraception), and includes provisions related to the funding of abortion providers, and contains language that could expand the use of drugs to induce an abortion weeks or months into a pregnancy. If an abortion provider were to also provide contraception, as is the case at Planned Parenthood facilities, S.4381 would override any attempt to reduce or remove their funding. Further, laws that exclude or minimize the involvement of an abortion provider (who also provides contraception) in state or federal programs could be viewed as "singling out" an organization and therefore overridden by this legislation. The term "contraceptive" is so broadly defined that it can mean anything that COULD be used to prevent pregnancy. The chemical abortion drug, mifepristone, is used overseas as an emergency contraceptive. If something is considered a contraceptive, it could then be used not merely for contraception, but for undefined "other health needs." The sweeping clause, "other health needs" could include drugs that cause an abortion in a pregnant woman if a provider determines that a woman has a "health need" for an elective abortion weeks or months into a pregnancy. Under these definitions, state laws that protect life or regulate chemical abortion (in-person visits to date pregnancy, physician-only requirements, and so on) could be viewed as impeding access to the drug. On this roll call, no. 190, conducted on June 5, 2024, 51 senators voted to advance the measure ("invoke cloture"), and 39 senators voted

to block it (the pro-life vote). Because 60 votes were required to "invoke cloture," the pro-abortion motion failed. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), although a supporter of S.4381, switched his vote to "nay" in order to give him the right, under Senate rules, to force a repeat vote at a time of his choosing. The measure is supported by all Democratic and independent senators, and by Republican Senators Murkowski (Alaska) and Susan Collins (Maine).

5 S.4445, So-Called "Right to IVF Act" - embryo destruction and human cloning (06/13/2024)

S. 4445, the so-called "Right to IVF Act" sponsored by Sen. Duckworth (D-IL), has been drafted to extend far past merely guaranteeing in vitro fertilization (IVF) as the title suggests. Fertility treatments, including IVF, are widely available and legal in every state. S.4445 includes a definition of "assisted reproductive technology" that is so expansive, it can be reasonably interpreted to impose a new right to human cloning, among other objectionable items. S.4445 would overwrite any state law which deals with the destruction of embryos, and includes provisions which run roughshod over conscience rights. The legislation creates a nationwide right to not only human cloning, but also the genetic engineering of embryos including human-animal hybrids, or chimeras. On this roll call, no. 197, conducted on June 13, 2024, 48 senators voted to advance the measure ("invoke cloture"), and 47 senators voted to block it (the pro-life vote). Sixty (60) votes were required to "invoke cloture" and the pro-abortion motion failed. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), although a supporter of S.4445, switched his vote to "nay" in order to give him the right, under Senate rules, to force a repeat vote at a time of his choosing. The measure is supported by all Democratic and independent senators, and by Republican Senators Murkowski (Alaska) and Susan Collins (Maine).

6 S. 4554 -- Reproductive Freedom for Women Act (7/10/2024)

S. 4554 expresses support for Roe, which essentially held that there were no limits on abortion AND states that Roe ought to be "built upon." This statement can be reasonably interpreted to signal support for even broader abortion-related measures such as the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA), or even elimination of bi-partisan limits on taxpayer-funded abortion. The WHPA would enshrine into law abortion-on-demand and would overturn existing pro-life laws and prevent new protective laws from being enacted at the state and federal levels. The WHPA also seeks to strip away from elected lawmakers the ability to provide even the most minimal protections for unborn children at any stage of their pre-natal development. On this roll call, no. 211, conducted on July 10, 2024, 4 senators voted to advance the measure ("invoke cloture"), and 44 senators voted to block it (the pro-life vote). Sixty (60) votes were required to "invoke cloture" and the pro-abortion motion failed. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), although a supporter of S.4554, switched his vote to "nay" in order to give him the right, under Senate rules, to force a repeat vote at a time of his choosing. The measure is supported by all Democratic and independent senators, and by Republican Senators Murkowski (Alaska) and Susan Collins (Maine).

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West Virginia							
Capito, Shelley Moore (R-WV)	Χ	X	X	X	X	X	100%
Manchin, Joe, III (D-WV)	Χ	0	0	0	0	0	17%

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U.S. House Voting Records: 2023-2024

118th Congress

1 H.R. 26 Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (Roll no. 29) (1/11/2023)

The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 26), sponsored by Congresswoman Ann Wagner (R-Mo.), would enact an explicit requirement that a baby born alive during an abortion must be afforded "the same degree" of care that would apply "to any other child born alive at the same gestational age," including transportation to a hospital. In addition, the bill applies the existing penalties of 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1111 (the federal murder statute) to anyone who performs "an overt act that kills a child born alive." The bill also empowers women with a right to sue their abortionists and others for harm caused by violations of the act. On January 11, 2023 (Roll Call no. 29), 219 Republicans and one Democrat voted in favor of the legislation, and 210 Democrats voted against. Three Republicans were absent.

2 H.Con. Res. 3 Resolution condemning attacks on pro-life facilities, groups, and churches (Roll no. 30) (1/11/2023)

The Biden Administration has systematically failed to respond to numerous attacks on pregnancy care centers, pro-life groups, and churches that occurred in reaction to the Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court decision. There have been over 100 documented incidents in the time after the leaked Dobbs decision until today. The resolution condemns "recent attacks of vandalism, violence, and destruction against pro-life facilities, groups, and churches," and calls on the Biden Administration to use its authority to protect the rights of such organizations. In addition, the resolution "recognizes the sanctity of life and the important role pro-life facilities, groups, and churches play in supporting pregnant women, infants, and families." This resolution recognizes that pregnancy care centers, pro-life groups, and churches should continue to be able to serve the needs of women in their communities without fear of violence. On January 11, 2023 (Roll Call No. 30) 219 Republicans and 3 Democrats voted in favor of the resolution. 209 Democrats voted against the resolution. Three Republicans were absent.

3 H.R. 2670 Jackson Amendment (#5) to NDAA -- Funding for Abortion Travel in Military (Roll no. 300) (7/13/2023)

Federal law (10 U.S.C. § 1093) has long prevented the Department of Defense (DOD) from using funds to perform elective abortions and prevented the DOD from using its facilities to provide abortions. On October 20, 2022, the Biden Administration's DOD published a memorandum directing the DOD to pay the travel and transportation costs for military members and dependents to travel to obtain elective abortions. The federal prohibition against DOD funding elective abortion clearly extends to funding for any item related to the abortion, such as travel and transportation. An amendment from Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-Texas) to prohibit the DOD from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to elective abortion was added to the final National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) package. On July 11, 2023 (Roll Call No. 300) 221 Republicans and 1 Democrat voted in favor of the amendment. 213 Democrats voted against the amendment. Six members did not vote.
*Note: these totals include voting delegates.

4 H.R. 2670 Final Passage NDAA -- Funding for Abortion Travel in Military (Roll no. 328) (7/14/2023)

An amendment from Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-Texas) to prohibit the DOD from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to elective abortion was added to the final NDAA package. On July 14, 2023 (Roll Call No. 328) 219 Republicans and 4 Democrats voted in favor of the legislation. 206 Democrats and four (4) Republicans voted against the legislation. Five members did not vote.

5 H.R. 6918 Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act (Roll no. 17)(1/18/2024)

H.R. 6918 ensures that pregnancy centers are eligible for state-directed federal funds through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The Biden Administration has proposed a rule to restrict federal funds from going to pregnancy centers in several states that direct funds to them through the TANF program. H.R. 6918 would prohibit HHS from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing this or any similar rulemaking that would restrict the use of TANF for pregnancy centers. This is funding that is currently being used to support and compassionately help millions of women and their unborn babies annually. On January 18, 2024 (Roll Call No. 17) 214 Republicans voted in favor of the legislation and 208 Democrats voted against the measure.

U.S. House Voting Records: 2023-2024

118th Congress

6 H.R. 6914 Pregnant Students' Rights Act (Roll no. 19) (1/18/2024)

The Pregnant Students' Rights Act would inform pregnant students that they have rights to accommodations and that there are prohibitions against discrimination due to pregnancy under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. In addition, H.R. 6914 would ensure that pregnant students, as well as students who are caring for a baby after birth, receive information on resources that exist to help them. Students would also be given information on how to file a complaint with the Department of Education based on Title IX and file a discrimination complaint with the institution of higher education. On January 18, 2024 (Roll Call No. 19) 212 Republicans voted in favor of the legislation and 207 Democrats voted against.

7 H.R. 8070 Van Duyne Amendment (#55) to NDAA -- Funding for Abortion Travel in Military (Roll no. 263) (6/13/2024)

Federal law (10 U.S.C. § 1093) has long prevented the Department of Defense (DOD) from using funds to perform elective abortions and prevented the DOD from using its facilities to provide abortions. On October 20, 2022, the Biden Administration's DOD published a memorandum directing the DOD to pay the travel and transportation costs for military members and dependents to travel to obtain elective abortions. The federal prohibition against DOD funding elective abortion clearly extends to funding for any item related to the abortion, such as travel and transportation. An amendment from Rep. Beth Van Duyne (R-Texas) to prohibit the DOD from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to elective abortion was added to the final National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) package. On June 13, 2024 (Roll Call No. 263) 214 Republicans and 1 Democrat voted in favor of the amendment. 205 Democrats and 2 Republicans voted against the amendment. Sixteen members did not vote. *Note: these totals include voting delegates.

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1 Miller, Carol D.	X	X	X	X	X	X	100%
2 Mooney, Alexander X.	Χ	Χ	X	X	X	X	100%

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COMPARE THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



Donald Trump

Kamala Harris

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

Donald Trump opposes using tax dollars to pay for abortions. He pledged to sign the *No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act* which would limit federal funding for abortion on a government-wide basis. President Trump's Administration issued a rule to ensure Title X funding did not go to facilities that perform or refer for abortions.

Kamala Harris supports using tax dollars to pay for abortions. As a Senator, Harris voted against the *No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act* which would limit federal funding for abortion on a government-wide basis. The Biden-Harris Administration directed Title X funding to facilities that perform or refer for abortions.

Unlimited Abortion Until Birth

Donald Trump opposes the *Women's Health Protection Act*, a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and policies and eliminate existing state-level protections for unborn children and their mothers such as parental involvement measures for minors.

Kamala Harris voted for the *Women's Health Protection Act*, a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and policies and eliminate existing state-level protections for unborn children and their mothers such as parental involvement measures for minors.

Funding Abortion Providers Abroad

Donald Trump issued the "Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance" policy which limited federal funding for organizations that provide or promote elective abortions in other countries.

Kamala Harris supports President Biden's reversal of the "Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance" policy which limited federal funding for organizations that provide or promote elective abortions in other countries.

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors

Donald Trump supports the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act*, which would ensure that infants born alive during attempted abortions are afforded the same degree of medical care as any other newborn of the same gestational age.

Kamala Harris voted against the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act*, which would ensure that infants born alive during attempted abortions are afforded the same degree of medical care as any other newborn of the same gestational age.

The U.S. Supreme Court

Donald Trump pledges to nominate qualified individuals to the Supreme Court who will interpret the U.S. Constitution as written and not legislate from the bench. He appointed Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett.

Kamala Harris pledges to nominate only individuals who share her view that unlimited abortion should be a constitutionally protected right. She applauded the appointment of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson and voted against the confirmations of Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett.



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Election Day: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE IMPACT

BY THE NUMBERS: THE 2022 ELECTIONS

29%

percentage of voters across the nation who recalled being contacted by National Right to Life during the 2022 election campaign

Do you recall hearing or seeing any advertising, seeing a digital ad or social media post, receiving any information in the mail or an email, receiving any literature or receiving a telephone call from National Right to Life?

November 10, 2022, McLaughlin & Associates (n=1,000, margin of error +/- 3.1%)

YES - 29% recalled being contacted by

National Right to Life

51%

percentage of voters nationally who said that the abortion issue affected the way they voted in the 2022 elections As a result of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Dobbs v. Jackson* ruling in June 2022, greater media attention, and other factors, the abortion issue rose in importance for voters in 2022.

The abortion issue cannot be ignored. In 2024 and beyond, pro-life candidates must be prepared to effectively articulate their positions.

Nov. 10, 2022, McLaughlin & Associates (n=1,000, margin of error +/-3.1%)

76%

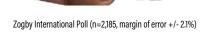
percentage of voters who recognize National Right to Life

Recognition of National Right to Life tops any other local, state, or national pro-life group.

This recognition as the leading voice for the pro-life movement means voters may be more likely to pay attention and trust our messaging campaigns.

When asked about single-issue pro-life organizations which work on policies relating to the issues of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia,

76% had heard of National Right to Life.



PUBLIC OPINION ON ABORTION

When asked "Would you support or oppose allowing abortion only under these four circumstances: 1) when it is necessary to save the life of the mother, 2) when there is a medical emergency posing serious risk of substantial irreversible physical harm to the mother, 3) in case of rape, or 4) in cases of incest?"

72.1% Supported [Strongly (51.2%) or Somewhat (20.9%)] while only 22% Opposed [Somewhat (9.7%) or Strongly (12.3%)]

March 3-6, 2023, McLaughlin & Associates (n=1,000, margin of error +/- 3.1%)

Abortion Attitudes by Political Party

Support Limits on Abortion

Democrats 49% Republicans 93% Independents 70%

Oppose Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

Democrats 38%
Republicans 92%
Independents 59%

Only 21% of respondents agree with the Democratic Party platform position on abortion for any reason

60% of Americans oppose the use of tax dollars to pay for abortions, including many Democrats and Independents.

January 2023, Marist Poll-Knights of Columbus (n=1,025, margin of error +/- 3.5%)



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"I owe the person I am now after the Academy to National Right to Life and the people there. It's an experience I'll never forget." Lauren Lapinski class of 2022



July 28, 2024 - August 3, 2024 To apply, go to nrlc.org/Academy



The National Right to Life Oratory Contest





(Left to right): The 2023 1st place winner Clare C. (PA) with the 2nd through 4th place finishers: 2nd place Mariam P. (OR), 3rd place Katherine R. (VA), and 4th place Kinsey C. (IN). All 2023 Contestants. The Contest is open to high school students. Contact your National Right to Life state affiliate for information on your state oratory contest.



National First Place Prize: \$1.000

Second Place: \$750

Third Place: \$500

Fourth Place: \$250





National Right to Life Pro-Life Essay Contest

By Elizabeth B. ... Easy access to abortion can lead to a devaluation of human life, where people see life as disposable. Without the recognition of the sanctity of life, we as a society will lose our moral compass and

become indifferent to the

dignity of all humans.

Senior Division grades 10-12 Elizabeth B. 1st Place

Joshua K. - 2nd Sarah F. - 3rd

Junior Division grades 7-9 Laela J. 1st Place

Roy J. - 2nd Ashton A. - 3rd By Laela J. ...I have heard people say that ignorance is bliss. A part of me wishes for the ignorance of childhood once again. But now I know I can never go back, ever. I am completely willing to face the hard truths of reality as long as one life is saved....

National Right to Life Essay Contest First Place Prize: \$400 • Second Place Prize: \$300 • Third Place Prize: \$200

To read all of the winning essays, visit NRL News Today and search for Essay Contest.

For more information, visit nrlc.org/Get Involved/Student Center

Save the Dates CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

November 5
Election Day

November 16
WVFL Board Meeting, Clarksburg

2025

January 10

VIP Luncheon for Rose Dinner Speaker

January 19

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)

January 24

March for Life, Washington, D.C.

February 12

WV Legislative Session Begins

March

WVFL Board Meeting, Clarksburg

March 14

Pro-Life Rally Day
State Capitol, lower rotunda, Charleston

April 12

WV Legislative Session Ends

April 25

27th Annual Rose Dinner

April - June

Annual Mother's and Father's Day Walks-for-Life

June

WVFL Board Meeting, Clarksburg

June

NRL Convention

July 12

13th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament Preston Country Club, Kingwood

September

WVFL Board Meeting, Clarksburg

October 6

Respect Life Sunday

November

WVFL Board Meeting, Clarksburg

Visit the events section of wvforlife.org to stay abreast of the details for specific events.







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Pro-Life Rally Day

Capitol Lower Rotunda, Charleston March 14, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Noon Rally)

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(by appointments you are responsible for making)

Rally at Noon in the lower rotunda followed by Cross Processional*

*The crosses represent unborn babies aborted in the United States.

The day will be filled with fellowship, music, exciting speakers, and a special prayer walk through the Capitol on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.

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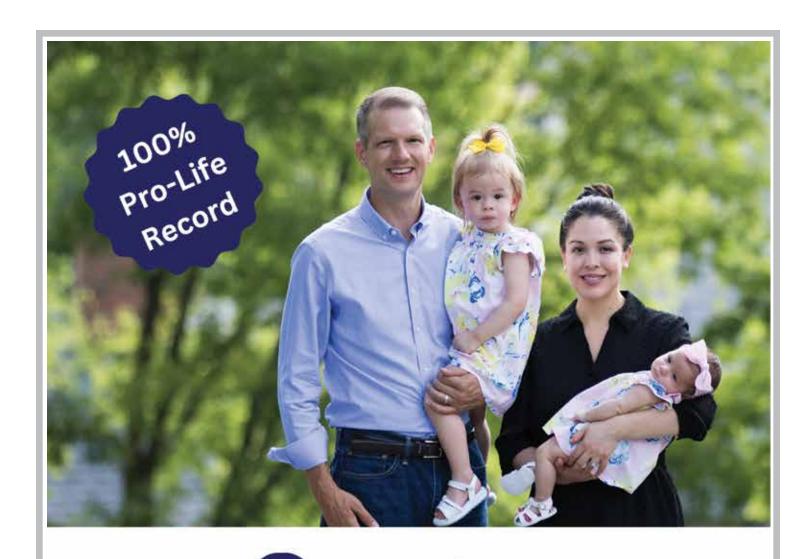
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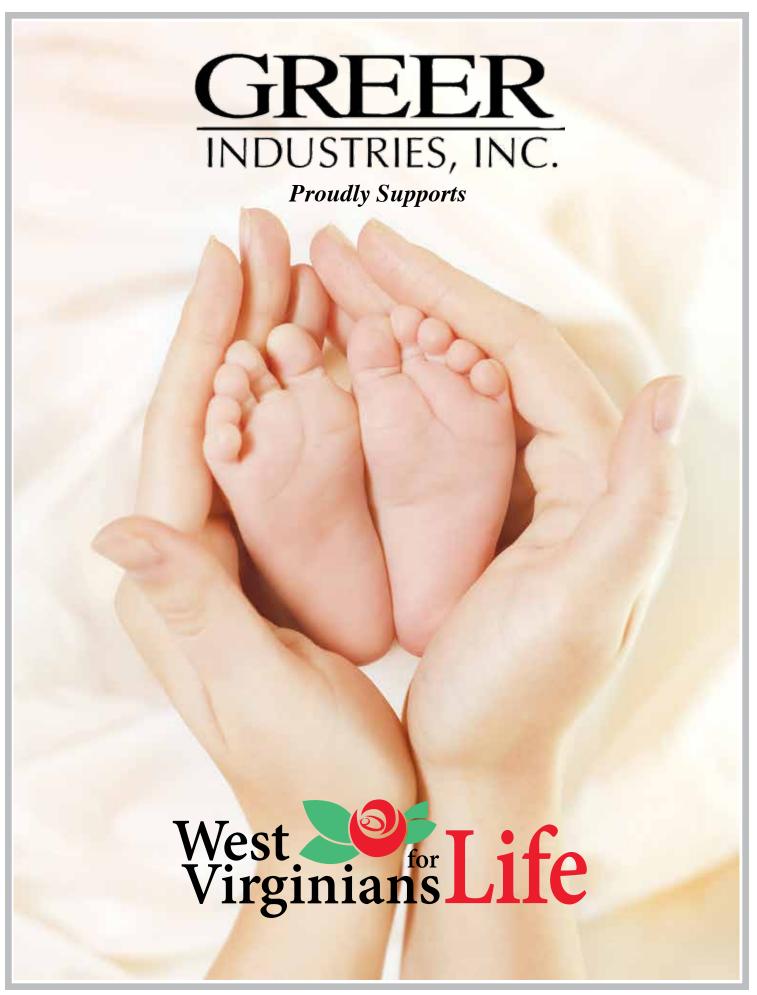


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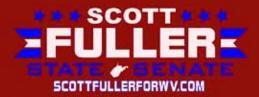
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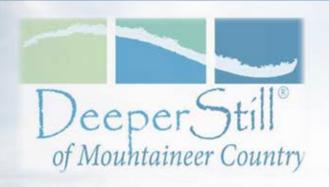
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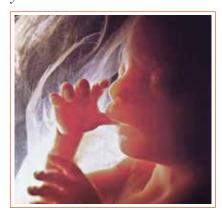
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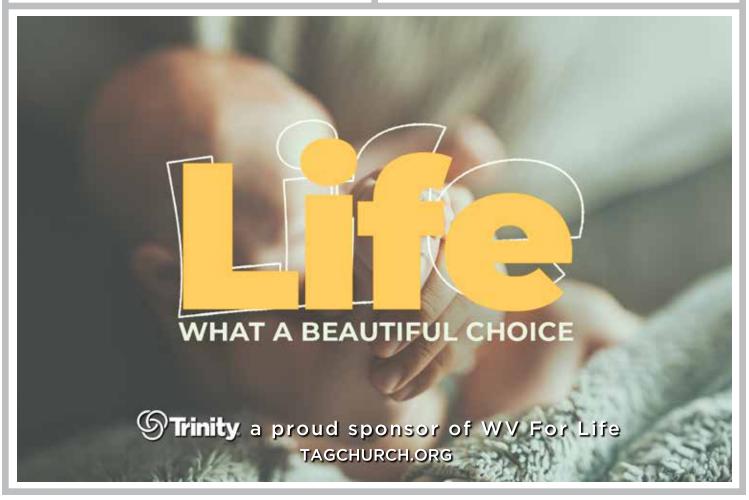
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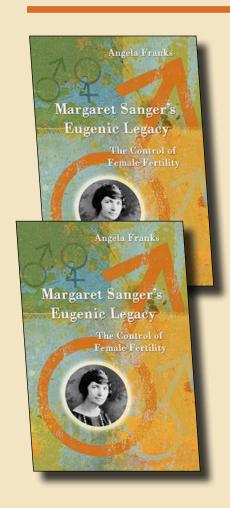
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3) But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

4) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

5) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that

God hath raised Him from the dead, though shalt be saved. Romans 10:9

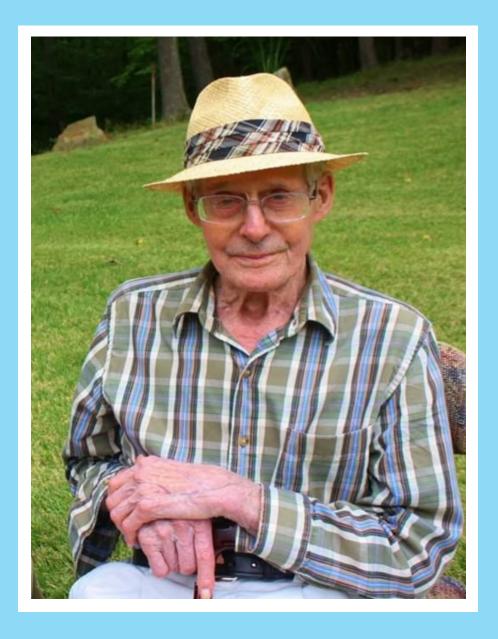
6) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13

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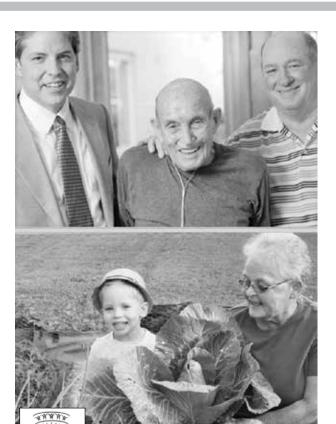
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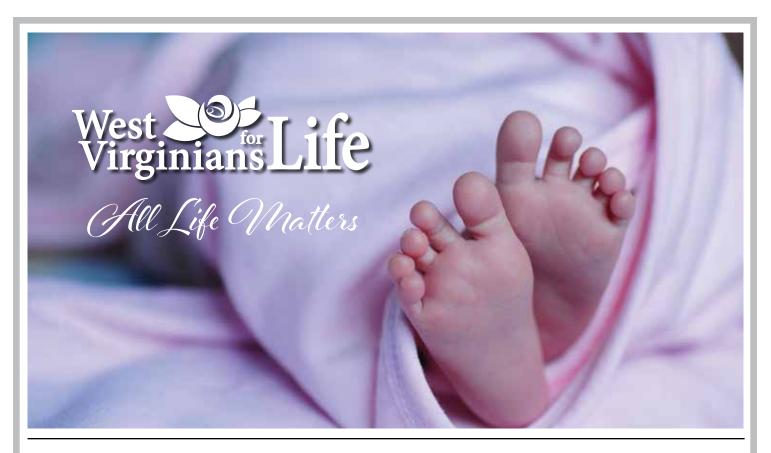
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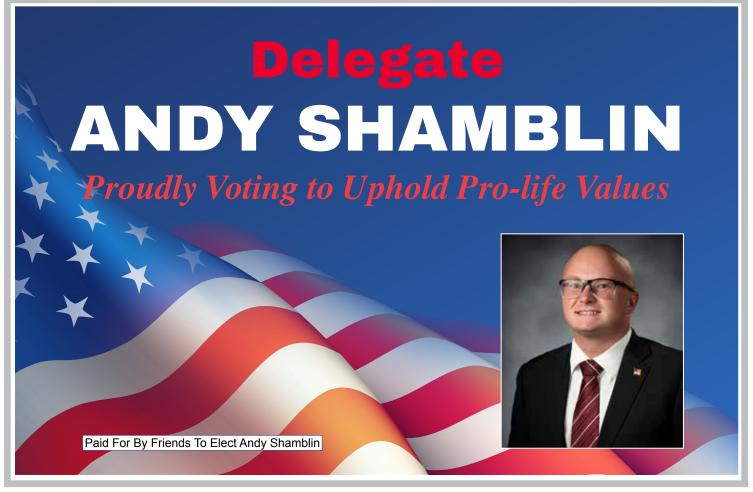
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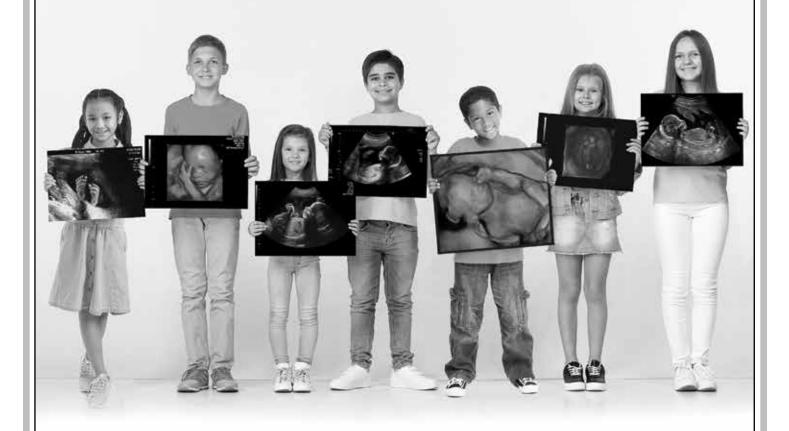
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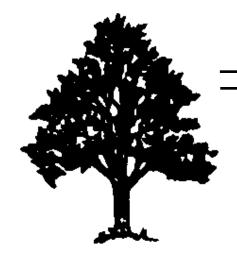
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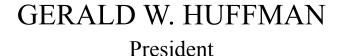
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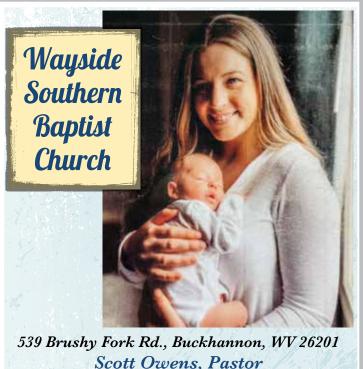
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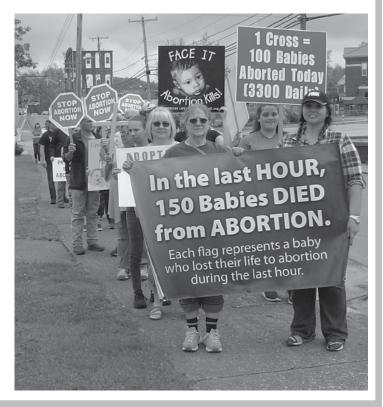
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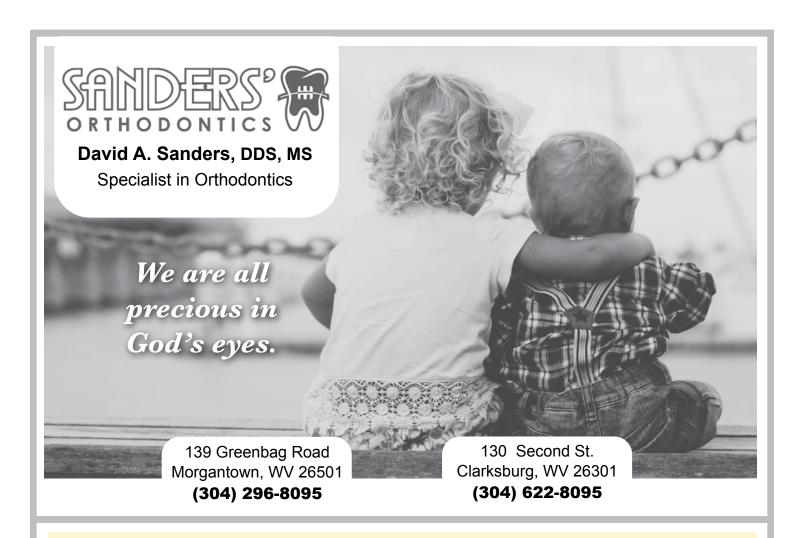


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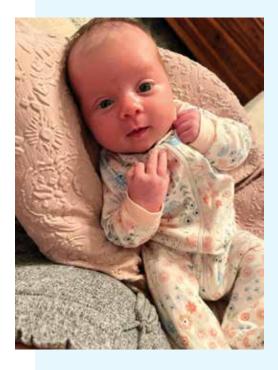
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In accordance with its stand against abortion, WVFL opposes the use of fetal material which has been procured through abortions.

Cloning

In accordance with its pro-life stand, WVFL believes that no human being who is created through cloning should be subject to harmful or lethal experiments; that any human being created through cloning should be protected. WVFL supports a ban on all human cloning.

Chapter Branding

Branding is important for any organization. West Virginians for Life is made up of several county chapters. If all chapters in the state are using the same logo, fonts, colors and layout, then they are easily and quickly identified as being part of the state organization. This also promotes unity.

Below are branding specs and layout examples.

If there are questions, contact Graphic Designer Cheryl Carr at 304-376-3440 or cheryl@chixdesigns.com so she can provide digital files as needed.

For free images visit pixabay.com and unsplash.com

COLOR:

1 - Three color version

Red - flower and word "Life"

- Spot color: pms 185

- Process color: C-.91 M-100 Y-92.14 K-0.02

- RGB: R-235 G-28 B-45

Green - leaves

- Spot color: pms 7479

- Process color : C-70 M-0 Y-72.33 K-0

- RGB: R-70 G-185 B-120

Black - type except the word "Life"

2 - Black (grayscale)

80% black - flower and word "Life"

40% black - leaves

100% black - type except the word "Life"

FONTS:

Adobe Devanagri regular

Arial regular for body copy (or similar)

LAYOUT:

- 1 WVFL logo top centered
- 2 Line approx. 1 point centered
- 3 Chapter name centered and all caps









Many Ways You Can Help

BECOME A MEMBER

• \$35 Basic or a \$50 Gold membership contribution

JOIN WVFL SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook (West Virginians for Life fan page)
- Twitter (wv4life)
- YouTube (WVforLife)
- Instagram (wvforlife2018)
- Truth Social (WV4Life23)
- SIGN UP TO SHOP ONLINE and a percentage of your purchases is donated to WVFL
 - GOODSEARCH.COM designate West Virginians for Life

VOLUNTEER

- · At your WVFL local chapter's office
- · Fund raising events
- · Help pro-life candidates
- · Become your church's pro-life liaison
- ATTEND ANNUAL PRO-LIFE RALLY DAY
- ATTEND ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
- ATTEND THE ANNUAL ROSE DINNER
- JOIN THE ROSE SOCIETY to make monthly contributions, our most stable source of funding
- SHOP AT KROGER and a percentage of your purchases is donated to WVFL
 Register your Kroger Reward Card with West Virginians for Life Educational Trust Fund or use the code
- ATTEND THE ANNUAL GOLF FORE LIFE TOURNAMENT

LU569. You can register online at krogercommunityrewards.com

- RECEIVE WEEKLY UPDATES of important and timely information
- SPEAK OUT
 - Defend the unborn They don't have a voice.
 - Contact your legislative representatives (recommend you be informed by WVFL first)
 - · Write letters-to-the-editor
 - · Speak out on talk radio
 - · Vote for pro-life candidates



DONATIONS

Complete this coupon and send with donation or donate online at wvforlife.org/donate.

YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion. Enclosed is my BASIC state membership contribution of \$35 () or a GOLD membership contribution of \$50 (). GOLD membership includes one free t-shirt (see page 96). () YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion with this donation. \$
() I wish to join the Rose Society with a monthly pledge of: (Rose Society members receive a monthly update from the President and do not receive other fundraising mailings or calls other than fundraising for the political action committee.) () \$10 () \$15 () \$50 () \$100 () \$500 () \$1,000 () \$
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Because in addition to educating, we are involved in trying to change the law, contributions to West Virginians for Life, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. "West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement." *A maximum donation of \$5,000 per person per election cycle is allowed to the State PAC. A maximum donation of \$5,000 per person per year is allowed to the Federal PAC

"I extend my best wishes to West Virginians for Life for a successful 2024 State Convention. Thank you for all you do to protect life and strengthen families. I look forward to working with you."



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