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COUNTDOWN TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

THREE MORE MONTHS OF MEDICAID ABORTIONS VOTE "YES" FOR LIFE

Lifespan does not normally publish a newsletter during the summer. This special August edition is being written because the Medicaid abortion referendum requires untiring vigilance, even during the hot, lazy months.

Readers will find inserted another copy of the flier we're using to promote a full-page ad (hopefully) in the Detroit News on November 6th. The names are coming in, but we have a long way to go if we are to get 4,000 names and the needed \$16,000.00. I have some suggestions members can follow in order to reach this goal.

1. Send in your name TODAY, if you haven't done so.
2. Ask your spouse, children, mother, father, aunt, uncle and cousins by the dozens to join you in sponsoring the ad.
3. Ask your neighbors while chatting over the back fence or sharing a barbeque.
4. Take forms to church and ask members of your congregation to support the ad.
5. Ask your church pastor if he will announce our project after services or print the flier in his church bulletin. Members of Word of Faith Fellowship Church in Dearborn donated \$668; the Church donated matching funds for a total donation of \$1336!
6. Take copies of the flier to your local Christian book store. We know of several that are inserting the flier with every purchase. (Extra copies are available at all our offices.)

A word of caution concerning the existing Channel 7/Free Press poll reported on Page two. OVER-CONFIDENCE CAN BE FATAL FOR THE UNBORN. While this poll is very encouraging, remember that in order to end Medicaid abortions on Tuesday, November 8, we will need to get that 58% to go to the polls and vote "YES." It is much easier to be against funding when you are asked on the phone; much more difficult to get out in the cold and go to the polls. To insure victory, your help is needed right up until ELECTION DAY.

--Alice Radwick, President

THE "YES" VOTE IS THE PROLIFE VOTE!

**VOTE "YES"
TO STOP TAX FUNDED ABORTIONS**

POLL SHOWS VOTERS FAVOR BAN ON MEDICAID ABORTIONS

58% WANT TO RESTRICT ABORTION FUNDING

By a 2-1 margin, Michigan voters want to end Medicaid subsidies for abortions according to a Free Press/WXYZ-TV survey published in the Free Press July 18, 1988. "Fifty-eight percent of likely voters want to restrict the use of Medicaid-paid abortions for women who receive public assistance; 30 percent want to maintain Medicaid-paid abortions and 12 percent were undecided."

"Interviews with voters after they participated in the survey suggest that opposition to taxes may outweigh whatever feelings women may have about the right to choose abortions," according to the article written by Karen Schneider, Free Press staff writer.

"Women are somewhat more likely than men, by a 61 percent to 55 percent margin, to want to end abortion funding."

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR ELECTION IS OCTOBER 11.

Please remember that the last day to register for the general election is Tuesday, October 11.

To apply for an absentee ballot for the general election, call your City Clerk's office.

The general election is Tuesday, NOVEMBER 8.

FREE PRESS/WXYZ-TV POLL

In the November election, voters will be asked to vote on a law that will restrict the use of tax funds for abortions for people receiving public assistance, unless the abortion is necessary to save the life of the mother. Should this law be approved?

	Likely voters		
Yes, restrict tax-funded abortions	58		
No, don't restrict tax-funded abortions	30		
Other/undecided	12		
	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.
Yes, restrict tax-funded abortions	50	67	61
No, don't restrict tax-funded abortions	38	23	26
Other/undecided	12	10	13
	Men	Women	
Yes, restrict tax-funded abortions	55	61	
No, don't restrict tax-funded abortions	34	26	
Other/undecided	11	13	
	18-34	35-49	50-64 65+
Yes, restrict tax-funded abortions	59	57	47 67
No, don't restrict tax-funded abortions	34	31	40 17
Other/undecided	7	12	13 16
	White Collar	Blue Collar	Unemployed
Yes, restrict tax-funded abortions	53	64	37
No, don't restrict tax-funded abortions	38	31	42
Other/undecided	9	5	21
	Students	Retirees	Homemakers
Yes, restrict tax-funded abortions	65	65	55
No, don't restrict tax-funded abortions	28	20	27
Other/undecided	7	15	18
	Detroit	Tri-county area except Detroit	Outstate
Yes, restrict tax-funded abortions	50	56	61
No, don't restrict tax-funded abortions	36	32	27
Other/undecided	14	12	12

BASE: 598 interviews with likely Aug. 2 primary voters
MARGIN OF ERROR: plus or minus 4 percent
SOURCE: Charles Hakes Research of Southfield

VOTE "YES" FOR LIFE

Source: The Detroit Free Press,
Monday, July 18, 1988

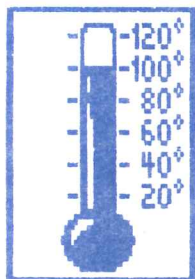
SENATE FINES WOMEN'S COMMISSION

The State Senate chastised the state's Women's Commission for running an article in its newsletter promoting the pro-abortion People's Campaign for Choice and its referendum effort to repeal P.A. 59. Pro-life senators were successful in cutting \$3,500 from the Commission's budget. The \$3,500 was the amount reserved in the Commission's budget for printing the newsletter. The senators noted that it is inappropriate for a state-funded body to promote either side of a ballot proposal. One senator requested an investigation into the entire matter.

Lifespan Newsletter readers may remember the front page article in the June issue in which Alice Radwick exposed the article in the Women's Commission's Newsletter.

BILL KNAPP'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM CONTINUES

It's just too hot to cook! Why not let Bill Knapp's do the cooking! In the past two months we have received 6,452 Community Support Coupons for a total of 36,024 which will be redeemed for a new copy machine for our Main Office. We are aiming for a goal of 72,000 points by March 31, 1989.



The past two months' contributors are: Gavlinski, Reuter, LaJoie, Szabo, Casey, Trudeau, Radzialowski, Kalesavich, Quinn, Ervin, Kacher, Albert, Kleinbrook, Radwick, Martin (Margaret), Martin (Mary Anne), Kaza, Paladino, O'Reilly, Bosley, Paczkowski, Kubik, Aiton, Crawley, Poepppe, Barrett, Kwiatkowski, Weber, Murtagh, Bowker, McLaughlin, Bryson, Schommer, Schoenherr, O'Connell, Dionne, Mosquera, O'Connor, Nash, Gorny, Sulak, Carrico, RTL-Macomb, Ciupek, Kovacs, Dwyer, Grix, Duncanson, Romano, Beyer, Donovan, Kunst, Seefeld, Needham, Fitzgerald, Sinclair, Miller, Pouliot, Lohrengel, Blache, Wilhelm, Langan, Dunlevy, Word of Faith Fellowship, Martinuzzi, Klatz, Plank,

Wagener, Bettega, Gray, Repasky, Raguse, Tippmann, Howes, Ledwidge, Assenmacher, Lesausky and others whose names we do not have.

When you present your check to the cashier at any Bill Knapp's, ask for a Community Support Coupon. The cashier will indicate on the coupon how many points are awarded. Points are awarded based on this formula: 1 pt. equals \$1.00 computed on the total amount received by the cashier for meals, bakery items, take-out orders or purchased gift certificates.

Send the coupons to our Main Office, Right to Life - Lifespan, Inc., 27578 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Thank you so very much!

THE MAIN OFFICE HAS AVAILABLE:

1. A very informative pamphlet entitled: "6 Reasons Why Michigan Should Vote "YES" to End Tax-Funded Abortions," which is available in unlimited quantities to RTL-Lifespan members to distribute to groups of voters, i.e., teacher's meetings, union meetings, church picnics, etc. Please call the Office at 261-2757 to arrange to pick them up.
2. A video tape of the Kay James' talk on Medicaid Funding and the Poor which she gave at the General Membership meeting in May. The tape is VHS. Please call the Office at 261-2757 to arrange to borrow it.

YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES

RLM STATE CONFERENCE IN TROY

The 15th Annual Right to Life of Michigan Conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Troy on September 23-24, 1988. The theme for this year's Conference, which takes place just six weeks before the November 8 ballot proposal on tax-funded abortions, is "Return Life to a Cherished Tradition, Vote YES."

Registrations on or before September 16 are \$60.00 per person which includes Friday night's Banquet, Saturday's Continental Prayer Breakfast, Saturday's PAC Luncheon, and the Saturday All-Day Sessions. Full-time students may register for \$40.00. Please send checks with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to RLM Conference '88, Marge Moleck, 20816 Eleven Mile Rd., Suite 111, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-1564. For more information, please call Fran 616-451-0601.

Kay James will be opening night keynote speaker at the Friday Banquet. Mrs. James is co-founder and President of Black Americans for Life (BAL) and Public Affairs Director for the National Right to Life Committee in Washington.

CRAFT/GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT REFERENDUM

There will be a combination Craft Sale-Garage Sale with the proceeds going to the Referendum on Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10 at 26781 Timber Trail, Dearborn Heights. This address is off Inkster between Cherry Hill and Ford Rd. Cindy Gauvin is organizing this sale. Call her at 565-2246 to arrange to donate things. Pick-up is available.

CALENDAR UPDATE

August 14, Sunday	<u>Annual Bowling for Life</u> , Woodland Lanes, 2-5 p.m. Call Detroit 874-0432 or 350-1277; Downriver 285-6776; Wayne/West 422-6230 for information.
August 22, Monday	Day of <u>Prayer and Fasting for the Unborn</u>
Aug. 26, Friday to Sept. 5, Monday	Right to Life - Lifespan, Inc. Booth at <u>State Fair</u>
Sept. 9, Friday and Sept. 10, Saturday	<u>Craft Sale-Garage Sale</u> See article above
Sept. 22, Thursday	Day of <u>Prayer and Fasting for the Unborn</u>
Sept. 23, Friday and Sept. 24, Saturday	<u>Right to Life of Michigan Conference</u> Troy, Hilton - See article above

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