

Right to Life- LIFESPAN Special Notes for May 2022

Reproductive Freedom for All (RFA) constitutional amendment petition in Michigan

- The timing of this Planned Parenthood/ACLU petition drive has begun and will last through July 11th.
- The number of signatures they need to get it on the ballot in November is 425,059.
- Canvassers and circulators of the petition are being paid – *canvassers \$20-25 an hour, promotional ad indicates a circulator could earn up to \$1,385 per week plus bonuses.*
- As of April 7th, Governor Whitmer, using executive authority, filed a lawsuit in Oakland County seeking to overturn longstanding state law that prohibits abortion in MI other than to save the life of the mother.
- The Coalition of Citizens to Support MI Women and Children is comprised of *Right to Life – LIFESPAN, Michigan Catholic Conference, Michigan K of C, Lutherans for Life, Protect Life Michigan, Right to Life MI, Save The 1, and others.* For a full list go to: www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org
- The RFA amendment would:
 1. Remove parental consent for abortions and other medical treatments on minor children.
 2. Remove protection for women being coerced into an abortion.
 3. Remove Partial-Birth Abortion ban.
 4. Remove Born-Alive Infant Protection Act which requires medical treatment for infants who survive abortion.
 5. Remove informed consent requirement for women seeking abortion.
 6. Remove the 24-hour waiting period for abortion.
 7. Remove conscience protection for medical professionals.
 8. Remove ultrasound requirement.
 9. Remove reporting requirements.
 10. Allow tax funded abortion.
 11. Remove MI's original abortion ban, passed in 1846 and updated in 1931
- If the RFA is successful, MI would join the ranks of Alaska, CO, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, and VT, along with Washington, DC that have no gestational limits on abortion. An act with strikingly similar language is also currently under consideration by the California State Legislature.

For updates, educational resources, and ways to volunteer, contact Right to Life – LIFESPAN's Wayne Chapter at 734-422-6230 and/or email at wcdm@rtl-lifespan.org

For ordering printed materials and resources and for updates, go to Citizens to Support MI Women and Children, www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org