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**DO NOT SIGN THIS
PETITION!**



***THIS PETITION BEING CIRCULATED
HARMS WOMEN AND CHILDREN!***

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Stop the Abortion Amendment!

A committee called Reproductive Freedom for All is working to amend the Michigan Constitution. Led by Planned Parenthood and the ACLU, this committee's amendment would create a new unlimited and unregulated right to abortion in our state.

This radical proposal is not about reproductive freedom, which already exists. This poorly-worded amendment would repeal dozens of state laws, including laws unrelated to abortion. It could affect any law related to pregnancy and abortion and does not exempt minor children.

The following state laws are at risk:

- Parental consent for abortion
- Ban on school employees helping children have abortions
- Laws requiring parental consent for medical treatment related to pregnancy, including sterilizations and hormone therapy
- Late-term abortion bans
- Screening for women being coerced to have abortion
- Health and safety requirements for abortion facilities
- Requirement that only doctors perform abortion
- Conscience protections for doctors/nurses who object to abortions
- Ban on tax-funded abortions
- Michigan's original 1846 and revised 1931 abortion ban
- Bans on statutory rape and incest
- Prostitution ban
- Ban on human cloning

Want to learn more?

Scan the code or visit supportMIwomenandchildren.org to read the amendment, what it could do to our state, and for more opportunities to get involved to stop it.

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SAVE THE DATE!!

Come spend a memorable evening at our

Fundraising Dinner & Auction

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

San Marino Club in Troy, Michigan

Auction Opens at 5:30 pm • Dinner Begins at 7:15 pm

LIFESPAN is not charging for this event, but please understand that this is the most important fundraiser of the year. We hope that you can join us and help us continue our efforts to protect all human life.

Stay Tuned to future Newsletters for Updates

2022 Silent Auction & Gift Card Tree

Items Needed!

Every year at our *Celebration of Life* Dinner, we have a wonderful variety of items for the Silent Auction and Gift Card Tree. We are looking for items that will bring in large auction bids, such as:

- Accommodations at tourist destinations
- Restaurant Gift Cards (Red Lobster, Outback, etc.)
- Sporting Event Tickets
- Golf Packages
- Family-Friendly places to visit
- Specialty/Department Store Gift Cards

Monetary donations will be put to good use; donate any amount and an auction item will be created in your name. Please go to miLIFESPAN.org/donate to donate online or call the Main Office at 734-524-0162 for more information.

If They Say... You Say...

A Guide to Talking About the Reproductive Freedom for All Abortion Petition

They Say: This amendment gives people the fundamental right to birth control without interference from the government.

They Say: This amendment ensures that women will not be prosecuted for having a miscarriage/abortion.

They Say: All individuals should have the right to access reproductive care.

They Say: Michigan citizens should have the constitutional right to abortion care and reproductive freedom.

They Say: “We believe that it is imperative to enshrine in our constitution that the right to comprehensive reproductive care, including the right to an abortion, remains in the hands of patients and their doctors.”
(From Michigan Voices Executive Director)

They Say: This amendment allows reasonable health regulations and standard of care.

You Say: There are no Michigan laws against birth control. There are no plans for future Michigan laws that would interfere with women having access to birth control.

You Say: There is no history of women being prosecuted in Michigan for either of those circumstances. The court case *In re Vickers* proves this point. In 1963, the Michigan Supreme Court heard *In re Vickers*, a case involving a woman who received an abortion and the doctor who performed the abortion. The court ruled that one who performs an abortion has committed a felony and the person receiving the abortion is not guilty and cannot be charged with aiding or abetting.

You Say: This amendment takes away the rights of the parents who have the responsibility to give consent in any other medical procedure. If abortion is healthcare and it's considered a medical procedure, what makes it different from all other medical procedures that parents are informed on?

You Say: All women have the right to reproductive care in the state of Michigan. Women have access to prenatal care, postpartum care, infertility care, and birth control. Pregnancy help centers provide care for women who are not able to see a doctor. Abortion is not reproductive care as it harms women mentally and physically, and it guarantees that out of the two patients involved, one will die.

You Say: With this amendment, non-physicians will be able to perform abortions, completely taking doctors out of the small picture they were already in. This new amendment will allow for doctors to not be involved whatsoever. Most abortions happening in the U.S. are done by the abortion pill, or a medical abortion. These pills can be bought online and shipped to your house without any consultation with a doctor to assess for ectopic pregnancies. Abortionists are also encouraged by abortion facilities to not connect with their patients as they are trying to fit as many women in the workday as possible. There have been countless stories of women going in for an abortion and reporting that the doctor didn't even make eye contact with them, ask them how they are feeling, or answer their questions when they had doubts.

You Say: The amendment specifically says any health regulation must “not infringe on that individual’s autonomous decision-making.” In other words, if someone wants to do anything related to abortion, sex, or anything related to pregnancy, they can do it. If a woman wants to have an untrained person provide them an abortion with rusty tools from a cheap abortion business, there’s nothing health regulators could do about it—they couldn’t even investigate it.

They Say: This amendment allows for restricting late-term abortions unless there is a health concern.

They Say: This amendment stops the government from prosecuting women who experience miscarriages.

They Say: This amendment allows the state to restrict/regulate abortion after viability.

They Say: This amendment removes restrictions placed on abortion providers that are medically unnecessary and not based on best clinical medicine.

They Say: This amendment protects the rights of the LGBTQ community by allowing them to get the care that they need.

They Say: Signing our petition gives Michiganders the chance to have their voice heard and vote on the future of their reproductive freedom.

You Say: The amendment creates broad exceptions to any late-term abortion bans, specifically mental health. Any person could claim not having a late-term abortion would impact their mental health, so no abortion would ever be restricted. In addition, there is no definition for what health means.

You Say: Millions of Michigan women had miscarriages when abortion was illegal in the state before *Roe v. Wade*, and they were not investigated for having miscarriages. This amendment is written so poorly that it would forbid even investigating infanticides or situations where babies were left to die following botched abortions.

You Say: This amendment changes the definition of fetal viability to no longer mean when the baby can survive outside the womb. The language within the amendment states that viability is when a baby can survive outside of the womb without "extraordinary medical measures." This means that an infant in the NICU who is only there for a few days could be considered not viable, allowing infanticide at the discretion of the mother and doctor.

You Say: Abortion is currently the only "healthcare" procedure that has constitutional protection. People do not have a constitutional right to get knee surgery. Abortion facilities receive one or more additional waivers to safety regulations and were exempt from regulations for years until 2012 when policies changed. The state puts safety regulations and restrictions on all medical facilities and most medical procedures. Physicians are required by the doctrine of informed consent to tell their patients all information relating to the procedure or diagnosis to ensure that the patient can make an informed decision. Michigan requires that abortionists provide written material that lists alternatives to abortion because they relate to pregnancy.

You Say: This radical abortion, anti-Michigan amendment harms children along with their parents by allowing unregulated clinics and schools to handout steroids and hormones to minors without consent from parents. These hormone treatments have permanent consequences that the parents should know about—including sterilization. This amendment eliminates parent's fundamental rights to care for the safety and wellbeing of their children.

You Say: It would be a mistake to sign this petition. Whether you believe in the petition as a whole or just parts, signing the petition would bring the reality of unlimited, unrestricted abortions one step closer. This petition seeks to change our state constitution and should be a decision that is not taken lightly.



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LINKS FOR LIFE 2022

Monday, August 1



LIFESPAN'S 2nd Annual Charity Golf Outing

Right to Life— LIFESPAN

**Invites you to join us on Monday, August 1, 2022 for a
9am Shotgun Start @ Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton**

*Golf Scramble Featuring Hot Dog Lunch, Steak Dinner, Beat the Professional,
Longest Drive & Closest to the Pin Contests, 50/50 raffle, prize raffles, & more!*

Register for ONLY \$100 per golfer (\$400/Foursome)

Hole Sponsorships are available for \$100 or Gold Event Sponsorships for \$500

Call 734-422-6230 or e-mail tpruse@miLIFESPAN.org today!

Noonan: Abortion has released a kind of poison into the air

By Dave Andrusko

Peggy Noonan's "The End of *Roe v. Wade* Will Be Good for America" preliminarily assumes that the leaked first draft of Justice Samuel Alito's opinion on Mississippi's abortion law is what the final version will essentially look like" *Roe* (and *Casey*) are overturned! As many have pointed out, that may or may not be true, although pro-lifers fervently pray that it is.

While Noonan covers numerous aspects of *Roe*'s awful impact on our culture, what I find most inspiring is her explanation for why she is pro-life:

I am pro-life for the most essential reason: That's a baby in there, a human child. We cannot accept as a society - we really can't bear the weight of this fact, which is why we keep fighting - that we have decided that we can extinguish the lives of our young. Another reason, and maybe it veers on mysticism, is that I believe the fact of abortion, that it exists throughout the country, that we endlessly talk about it, that the children grow up hearing this and absorbing it and thinking, "We end the life within the mother here," "It's just some cells" - that all of this has released a kind of poison into the air, that we breathed it in for 50 years and it damaged everything.

Yes, *Roe* changed everything. *Roe* undermined the moral obligation mothers - and fathers! - have to their unborn children. Like acid, *Roe* ate away at the foundations of our culture making abortion seem to be an acceptable "solution."

Yet, in season and out of season, pro-lifers are the eternal optimists. Why? Because we believe the better angels of our nature will not - cannot be - forever silenced. As a nation, we are better than turning a blind eye to almost 900,000 abortions a year would have you believe. Reminding our fellow citizens of this tragedy is among the most important tasks you do, day in and day out.

Noonan's conclusion is immensely powerful:

*And if *Roe* is indeed overturned, God bless our country that can make such a terrible, coldhearted mistake and yet, half a century later, redress it, right it, turn it around. Only a thinking nation could do that. Only a feeling nation could do that. We're not dead yet, there are still big things going on here.*

- NRL News, May 6, 2022

2022 Pro-Life LIFESPAN Events

Bowling for Life

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Father's Day Fundraiser

Sunday, June 19, 2022

2nd Annual Links for Life Golf Outing

Monday, August 1, 2022

Youth Bus Trip Registration

September - October, 2022

National Day of Remembrance

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Life Chain

Sunday, October 1, 2022

Annual Dinner & Auction

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Autumn Sidewalk Chalk Day

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Where do the candidates stand on pro-life issues? Watch for LIFESPAN's July newsletter.



Attention Kroger Shoppers!

Want to help LIFESPAN while you shop? Please choose "**Right to Life - LIFESPAN Ed. Fund**" - organization #UC352 - as your selection to set-up your Kroger Community Rewards.

Last year, Kroger donated more than **\$1,000 to LIFESPAN** because of **You!**



Right to Life - LIFESPAN's RESOURCE BOOK 2022

Advertising Contract

This book will contain pro-life informational material that will be used throughout the year.

Your ad represents support for LIFESPAN's educational efforts.

Please fill out the Contact below and send it to us with your remittance included.

I wish to publish a _____ page ad for the

sum of \$ _____

Please run:

_____ last year's ad

_____ enclosed NEW ad

_____ EMAILED ad

Full Page (7 x 10) - B/W
\$325

Inside Front Cover - Color
\$375

Inside Back Cover - Color
\$375

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\$500

1/4 Page
(3½ x 5) B/W
\$125

1/8 Page
(3½ x 2½) B/W
\$75

1/2 Page
(5 x 7) B/W
\$175

Deadline for submission is Friday, July 15th.

- Submit copy of your ad either as a hard copy, camera-ready ad or email ad to: mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org.
- If you are not able to submit camera-ready work, we will help you with your ad, just contact us!
- **Payment must accompany Contract.**
- Advertisers will be sent a copy of the LIFESPAN Resource Book **upon request only**.
- LIFESPAN reserves the right to refuse any advertisement that it deems unsuitable.

Contact Person _____ Phone (_____) _____

Name of Advertiser/Business _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Ad Seller's Signature _____ Phone (_____) _____

_____ YES, please send me a copy of the 2022 LIFESPAN Resource Book.

Call the Main Office to use a Credit Card or mail checks payable to:

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Ed Fund

32540 Schoolcraft Road, Suite 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305

For further information, call: 734.524.0162 or email: mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org

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Put your special photo in LIFESPAN's Resource Book



Purchase a special ad to recognize the accomplishments of someone special! It's a great way to acknowledge a graduate, retirement, anniversary, 1st Communicant, scout troop, special teacher, etc.! Purchase a 1/8-page ad to feature your children, grandchildren or other special someone in *Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Resource Book 2022*. Fill out the form for photo ads below and send **\$45** with a non-professional photo, along with the names of those pictured, or other desired caption, to: ***Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305***. All picture ads must be received by **July 15, 2022**. If you would like your pictures returned, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you prefer to e-mail your photo, you may send them in JPEG format to mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org (with "LIFESPAN Photo" in the subject line) and mail your check to the above LIFESPAN

address. For more information, call *Right to Life - LIFESPAN's* Main Office at 734.524.0162.

Yes! Please include my photo in LIFESPAN's Resource Book 2022!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Name(s) of people in photo (or other caption) _____

_____ My photo and check are enclosed _____ My photo will be sent by e-mail; enclosed is my check.

Ad Seller's Name (if name is other than above) _____ Phone _____

Be a LIFESPAN Patron!

Resource Book 2022 Patron Ads:

☐ Gold Patron \$100 ☐ Silver Patron \$50 ☐ Bronze Patron \$10 ☐ Memorial Patron \$10

Please PRINT name(s) exactly as you wish them to appear. Names of patrons in each of these categories will be listed on separate pages in the Resource Book 2022. **Patron Ads are tax-deductible; make checks payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.** Deadline for submission is **July 15, 2022**.

Patron Name(s) - Gold, Silver or Bronze _____

Memorial Patron Name(s) (deceased): _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Ad Seller's Name (if name is other than above) _____ Phone _____



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LIFESPAN Chapter News

Thank You!

Thanks to all of you who spent some of your Mother's Day offering carnations to the mom and grandmothers in your faith community. You will never know how many smiles you were responsible for that day. Thank you so much.

Petition Drive

We have been sending information to you regarding the abortion petition drive via email. Sadly, many of them were returned because the email address was no longer valid. Many folks don't like to share their email addresses but let me assure you we NEVER give your addresses out to anyone. For something like this, email is the most efficient way to get critical information into your hands. If we don't already have your email address, or if you are unsure, please email us your email address - oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org so we can send the information on or answer any questions you might have. Below is some information for you.

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

- 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

of MI, Save The 1, and others. For a full list go to: www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org

- The RFFA 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.

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Diane Trombley, Director
Lynn Gura, Office Staff/Youth Director

Summer 2022 Updates

We invite all of you to bring your friends and family and join us on Monday, August 1 for the **2nd Annual Links for Life Charity Golf Outing** at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton. There will be a 9am Shotgun Start with lunch, dinner, raffles, and prizes included. If you support LIFESPAN's pro-life mission, but you're not a golfer, we invite you to consider supporting us as an event sponsor or by donating an item or experience to our raffle/silent auction to take place at Links for Life. Please call 734-422-6230 or e-mail tpuse@milifespan.org to register or generously support Links for Life.

Keep an eye out for our annual **Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon** at a date TBD this Fall. We moved it to the Fall to be closer to General Election Day, especially if it is necessary to use as an educational event to oppose the Anything Goes Abortion Amendment if it ends up on the ballot for November 8.

LIFESPAN continues to search for a dynamic individual to be our new **Wayne Chapter Youth Director**. The Wayne Chapter Youth Director will lead LIFESPAN's Generation Truth youth program within the Chapter. The Wayne Chapter Youth Director will collaborate with the Wayne Chapter Director and Oakland/Macomb Youth Director to increase youth

membership and programs within the Chapter. It is a part-time position averaging 10 hours/week with salary negotiable depending on experience and skills. If interested, please contact Wayne County Chapter at 734-422-6230 for more information and/or send your resume to tpuse@milifespan.org.

Finally, if LIFESPAN members or supporters would like to donate to the **Citizens to Support MI Women and Children Coalition** to fight the Anything Goes Abortion Amendment please write any checks out to Right to Life-LIFESPAN and include "Coalition" in the Memo line. Because of IRS regulations, Coalition donations are political donations which are not tax-exempt as opposed to your other donations LIFESPAN chapters. Including "Coalition" in the Memo line will allow our office to differentiate between donations intended for Coalition efforts and donations intended to support the Chapter. Both forms of support are essential to our pro-life efforts and we thank you ahead of time!

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Timothy Pruse, Director
Pam Jankowski, Office Staff



Wee Care

What a busy Spring this has been!

Yesterday, a representative from a local church's St. Vincent de Paul group called. They were helping a mom who was homeless and had a little girl who is autistic. The sweet little preschooler is trying so hard to be potty-trained, but mom desperately needed pull-ups.

The second call came from a very worried grandma whose daughter gave birth to a beautiful (so far healthy) baby girl and then went directly to rehab for her drug problem. Grandma is struggling herself and had nothing for the baby – so, because of YOU – we were able to give her a ton of supplies and she was grateful beyond words.

The next call came from a lady whose niece and daughter-in-law were both living with her with their newborn babies. They had no place to go and needed everything for their precious little ones.

And finally, a wonderful call came in. A mom who had suffered four miscarriages finally gave birth to a cherished daughter. Amidst the indescribable joy was the reality that she had lost her job and needed some temporary help until she got back on her feet.

BECAUSE OF YOU, we were able to help these moms and their sweet babies! There are no words to thank you!

God bless you!

Love, Karen

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Karen Patrosso, Director

All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.



Youth Report

Greetings to all of you who receive this Newsletter... students of all ages, young adults, parents, teachers, principals, vice principals, campus ministers, religious ed directors, youth directors, deacons, pastors, priests and all others included!

The end of the school year is here! Hurray! Congratulations and best wishes to all high school and college graduates as you move into the next phase of your adult life!

Who was able to participate in the Pro-life Sidewalk Chalking Day on April 26th? We would really enjoy hearing from you about your experience and see pictures of what you drew/wrote on the sidewalk for others to see/read! If we can publish your comments and pictures, please let us know in the email! Send to oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org and put in the subject line: SIDEWALK CHALKING. See some pictures in this Newsletter from Chesterton Academy. The next Sidewalk Chalking Day will be on October 25, 2022. Stay tuned for more information!

For all of you 18 years and older, the **Reproductive Freedom for All** petition drive is well underway in Michigan. In order to be informed about this petition, please see

the **Stop the Abortion Amendment** and **If They Say You Say** fliers in this Newsletter. If you want to learn more about LIFESPAN's involvement to stop this petition from being successful and how you can help, contact one of our offices, or if you want to order printed materials you can pass along to others, go to the website listed on the attachments.

Here are two news article links to help keep you in the "pro-life news loop"! Please share with others!

Social media – Tik Tok censorship of pro-lifers:

https://www.lifenews.com/2022/04/27/students-for-life-slams-tik-tok-for-banning-its-account-censoring-pro-life-free-speech/#.YmqdHkwAj_8.mailto

Amazon will assist women in killing their babies:

<https://www.lifenews.com/2022/05/02/amazon-will-pay-for-employees-to-kill-their-babies-in-abortions/>

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Pro-Life FDA? Agency Says Prenatal Tests ‘Often False’

By Tierin-Rose Mandelburg

On April 19, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration released a statement regarding non-invasive prenatal screening tests (NIPS) — news flash, they don’t work.

NIPS tests are used to check if babies in utero have genetic abnormalities. Typically, the tests use a sample of blood from the pregnant mother and the results indicate a possibility that a child will be born with a health condition. These results are non-conclusive but women are trusting them and terminating perfectly viable pregnancies.

The FDA’s Center for Devices and Radiological Health director, Jeff Shuren said, “While genetic non-invasive prenatal screening tests are widely used today, these tests have not been reviewed by the FDA and may be making claims about their performance and use that are not based on sound science.”

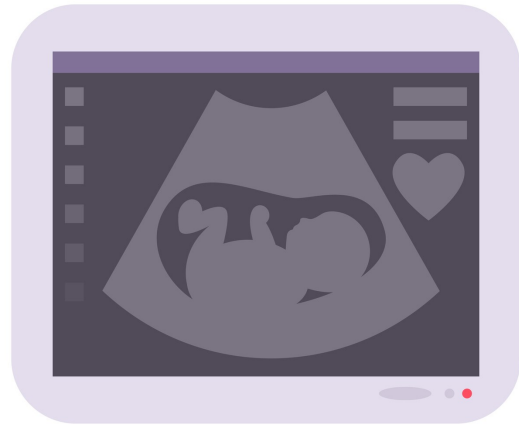
Shuren noted that NIPS tests are often false and it’s likely that parents may make inaccurate decisions about the future of their preborn baby. The NIPS tests are regularly marketed as “‘reliable’ and ‘highly accurate,’ offering ‘peace of mind’ for patients,” according to the FDA’s statement. In reality, they just screen for potentials and possibilities. They are not conclusive.

Surprisingly, the FDA’s release affirmed the sanctity of life (other than using the word “fetus” to describe an unborn baby). “The FDA is aware of reports that patients and health care providers have made critical health care decisions based on results from these screening tests alone and without additional confirmatory testing. Specifically, pregnant people have ended pregnancies based only on the results of NIPS tests,” the report concluded.

The Blaze News reported on the FDA’s statement, writing on April 20 that “The New York Times reported in January that more than a third of pregnant women in America have sought the services of NIPS providers. The report revealed that as many as 80% of the screening results for rare genetic conditions were false positives, which led some women to consider seeking abortions when they had healthy babies.”

Thanks to NIPS tests, women are killing their babies because they may have something like Down syndrome or DiGeorge syndrome (an abnormality that can cause developmental delays and defects) without even confirming their child has said conditions. God Forbid they have a child that isn’t perfect.

Pregnant mothers have used the results of the NIPS



tests to aid their decision to terminate their baby’s life “without understanding the limitations of the screening tests” and that their child may not actually have anything wrong with it.

NIPS tests promote the idea that babies with potential health issues have less value than those with normal results. The left has a tendency to diminish the life of the unborn and end said life when it’s inconvenient. NIPS testing, and the media who promote them, want you to believe that aborting your perfectly healthy child, or even minorly “defect[ed]” child is perfectly acceptable.

These tests are a disaster. They do nothing except provide women with an “excuse” to abort their babies. Luckily, as The Blaze reported, Congress is working to give the FDA reigning jurisdiction over these tests to provide more transparency on the tests’ efficacy. Let’s pray that more people stop killing their babies when they don’t want them. Kudos to the FDA for actually affirming all life.

- NRL News, April 22, 2022

Oakland/Macomb Chapter

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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 RFFA is successful, MI would join the ranks of AK, CO, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, and VT, along with Washington, DC that have no gestational limits on abortion.

For updates and ways to volunteer, contact Right to Life – LIFESPAN’s Oakland/Macomb Chapter at 248-816-1546 and/or email at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org

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

Returning to the States the Issue of Abortion

By now everyone has heard about the leak of the possible Supreme Court decision on *Roe v Wade*.

We have also heard all the threats, vitriol, protesting and even vandalism at pregnancy help centers coming from those who oppose the probable outcome of *Dobbs v Jackson*.

There are a couple of things to understand here. If the probable decision had not been leaked but announced, as is customary, in June, the protests and vandalism would have been the same. Those protesting, who in 1973, cheered and praised the members of the court that found for abortion then, are now saying the Supreme Court needs to be changed, we need 12 or 15 or 17 justices (in other words “packing the court” with justices of their choosing). The difference is clear. The current court has recognized that *Roe v Wade* was erroneously rendered, there is no constitutional right to abortion, and the issue must be returned to the various states so the residents of those states can vote for what they want their abortion laws to be. That is how a democracy should function. The people decide how they will be governed and not a court that finds provisions in our constitution that are not there.

Members of our US House of Representatives and US Senate will offer impassioned speeches (trying to impress their constituents) and try to “codify” or make permanent laws, which permit unlimited abortion. They will focus on “reproductive rights”, women’s autonomy, the hard cases of rape, incest, genetic defect, poverty, etc., never once mentioning that a baby is killed in an abortion. The speeches will be entered in the Congressional Record, but it is not likely that any laws will be passed. In their efforts to achieve their goals, they claim that this decision will impact birth control, transgender education, same sex marriage, prison terms for women who miscarry, and on and on. **These “red herrings” are LIES! NONE OF IT IS TRUE AND THE LEAKED DECISION SAYS, THREE TIMES, THAT THE DECISION DOES ONLY ONE THING AND THAT IS RETURNS THE ISSUE TO THE STATES.**

The next consideration hits close to home. If *Roe* is overturned, the issue will return to each individual state. That is why, in anticipation of this, the abortion supporters in Michigan have launched a petition drive to amend the Constitution of the State of Michigan to allow for unlimited and unrestricted abortion in our state. It would undo all provisions pertaining to parental rights, waiting periods, conscience protection for health care workers—every common sense, protective laws enacted since 1973. They want to have a new law in place so that they can “get the jump” on a reversal of *Roe v Wade*. The leak of the decision may well give them an extra “boost” in trying to collect enough signatures to get the issue on the November 2022 ballot. **THIS IS WHY YOU MUST NOT SIGN THE ABORTION PETITION, NAMED THE REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM FOR ALL.** The wording on the petition is vague and does not even say the word abortion, but that is its focus.

Please share this information with everyone you know. Show it to your pastors, people in your book club, your friends and family. It will be much easier to prevent this measure from getting on the ballot than having to defeat it in November.

The “leaker” may have given abortion supporters a gift—but those who support Life received a gift too....the knowledge that after 50 years, *Roe* will go!



From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I feel like I found a time capsule, opened it and time stood still. I'm back in the seventies. The pro-abortion crowd is at it again. Same words, same anger, same money backing, same radical movement, out to destroy life, and tear down our values - only different players. When many of us in *LIFESPAN* organized it in 1970 it was to fight the pro-abortion radicals that wanted to change the laws in Michigan (which is the same, as it today - abortion is allowed in Michigan only to save the life of the mother), they wanted abortion in Michigan up to 12 weeks gestation. We beat them in the ballot box in November of 1972, and we are called today, to possibly beat them again this November of 2022.

As always, the opposition's planning starts long before they strike. Today, with the anticipation of an overturning of *Roe v Wade* by the Supreme Court in July (I'm aware of the leak from the Supreme Court, but until it is presented to us officially from the Court, we must not anticipate anything), they have been cunningly planning what states and their laws need to be changed, if that happened: Michigan is one of those states. As I stated, the players today are different, behind this fight is Planned Parenthood and the ACLU, they call themselves, "*Reproductive Freedom for All*." Their cause is funded with high-tech money, Hollywood money, tax money we have given to Planned Parenthood (this money finds its way indirectly to the organization's political work).

Petitions are being circulated to put on the ballot this November a referendum which would be far more reaching than changing Michigan law - it will change the **Michigan Constitution!** It would not only change abortion laws but also parental rights laws, conscious clause laws, and many more laws which directly affect our pro-life, pro-family cause. It will hurt women and children. There is too much to put in this newsletter column, but all the information you will need may be obtained at the Coalition website: supportMIwomenandchildren.org.

LIFESPAN has joined the coalition "Support MI Women and Children," along with many other Pro-life groups from around the State to stop, once again, the anti-life movement in Michigan from passing laws that allow legalized killing of our pre-born citizens. There are two Phases of this fight. Phase I is to get the word out and encourage all our family and friends **not** to sign the *Reproductive Freedom for All* petition being circulated in the state. If they **do not** get 425,059 signatures by July, it **will not** be on the ballot in November. Phase II will be fighting this referendum if we fail with Phase I.

Please do your part in stopping this evil. If you need

any additional information, call the *LIFESPAN* offices. We have information you can use to plead your case and explain this to family members and friends. Go to our Web page miLIFESPAN.org. for additional information. We need pro-life people getting the word out about this petition. The next Phase will cost us dearly in time and money. Time and money we could be using to build up the culture of life - unlike the pro-abortion movement that wants to tear down the culture of life.

May God give us the courage and fortitude to stop this referendum in Phase I.

Yours in Life, Diane

— Diane Fagelman, President
Right to Life - LIFESPAN

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Spring Sidewalk Chalking Day:

April 26th

Chesterton Academy of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
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"Chalking really helped me to remember just how horrific killing babies is. One of the chalkings was a light switch attached to a baby with the words "Please, don't turn off the switch". How many switches have been turned off? Far too many!"

- Grace, Freshmen



"Our chalking was a way to show love and support for all women and babies and helping the world understand just how beautiful God's creation is!"

- Keira, Senior

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to *Right to Life - LIFESPAN* will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Have questions? Please contact Charles Kleinbrook at 248-352-9569 or MrChip1234@aol.com

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Happy Father's Day!