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CANDIDATE SURVEY

LIFESPAN sent the following ten-question survey to each candidate for Governor, U.S. House of Representatives, State Senate, Michigan House of Representatives, County Executives, County Commissioner and various other offices in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. Statements provided by candidates are on file at LIFESPAN's Main Office. Please call for further information.

1. The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision allows for abortion for any reason, even as a method of birth control, even in the late states of pregnancy. Do you **SUPPORT** the reversal of this decision?
2. Do you **SUPPORT** a law banning partial-birth abortions?
3. Some public funds are used for abortions or abortion referrals, such as funding for Planned Parenthood. Do you **OPPOSE** the use of public funds (i.e. Planned Parenthood) for abortion or abortion referrals?
4. Human embryonic stem cells and human fetal tissue (obtained through non-therapeutic abortion) are used in some medical experimentation which has no beneficial effects for the fetus. Would you **SUPPORT** legislation that would prohibit the use of embryonic stem cells and fetal tissue research, especially when the killing of the preborn child is necessary for this type of experimentation?
5. Would you **SUPPORT** a law banning so-called "reproductive cloning" - cloning meant to result in the birth of a baby?
6. Knowing that the removal of stem cells from human embryos (obtained through non-therapeutic abortion) results in the death of those embryos, would you **SUPPORT** a law banning so-called "therapeutic cloning" (somatic cell nuclear transfer)?
7. Do you **OPPOSE** laws allowing assisted suicide (so called "aid in dying")?
8. Do you **SUPPORT** honoring the wishes of patients who want life-saving treatment (including food and water) regardless of their degree of disability, age and "quality of life"?
9. Do you **SUPPORT** legislation that would protect health care professionals from being forced to distribute medications or provide medical care that violates their moral or religious beliefs?
10. Do you **OPPOSE** any changes in the Michigan Constitution regarding reproductive rights?

*NOTE: LIFESPAN is not a political organization and **does not endorse** candidates for election. We have surveyed the candidates as a service to our members. The questionnaires are on file at LIFESPAN's Main Office for your perusal. If you need further verification on a candidate's stand on these or other issues, please contact the candidate directly.*

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GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

WAYNE COUNTY

	C	SS	SH	AC	CC	DC
Allen Park City	12	4	13	1	3	24
Bellville City	12	6	21	1	3	34
Brownstown Twp.	12	6	23	1	3	33
Canton Twp.	11	7	20,21	1	3	35
Dearborn City	12	3	9,15	1	3	19
Dearborn Heights City	12,13	5	11,13	1	3	20
Detroit City	13,14	1-4	1-30	1	3	36
Ecorse City	13	1	6	1	3	25
Flat Rock City	12	6	17	1	3	33
Garden City	13	5	11	1	3	21
Gibraltar City	12	1	23	1	3	33
Grosse Ile Twp.	12	1	23	1	3	33
Grosse Pointe City	14	2	2	1	3	M
Grosse Pointe Farms City	14	2	2	1	3	M
Grosse Pointe Park City	14	2	2	1	3	M
Grosse Pointe Woods City	14	2	1	1	3	M
Hamtramck City	14	2	4	1	3	31
Harper Woods City	14	2	1	1	3	32A
Highland Park City	13	2	7	1	3	30
Huron Twp.	12	6	23	1	3	34
Inkster City	13	5	11	1	3	22
Lincoln Park City	12	4	14	1	3	25
Livonia City	11	7	11,19	1	3	16
Melvindale City	13	3	14	1	3	24
Northville City						

(see also Oakland Co.)

Northville Twp.

Plymouth City

Plymouth Twp.

Redford Twp.

River Rouge City

Riverview City

Rockwood City

Romulus City

Southgate City

Sumpter Twp.

Taylor City

Trenton City

Van Buren Twp.

Village of Grosse

City (see also

Wayne City

Westland City

Woodhaven City

Wyandotte City

M = Municipal

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

MACOMB COUNTY

Armada Twp.						
Bruce Twp.	10	8	36	2	16	42
Center Line City	9	9	28	2	16	37
Chesedfield Twp.	10	8	32	2	16	42
Clinton Twp.	9	10	24,31	2	16	41B
Eastpointe City	9	9	18	2	16	38
Fraser City	9	9	31	2	16	39
Harrison Twp.	10	8	24	2	16	41B
Lenox Twp.	10	8	33	2	16	42
Macomb Twp.	10	10	24	2	16	41A
Memphis City						
(see also St. Clair Co.)	10	25	35	2	16	42
Mt. Clemens City	9	8	31	2	16	41B
New Baltimore City	10	8	32	2	16	42
Ray Twp.	10	8	33	2	16	42
Richmond City						
(see also St. Clair Co.)	10	8	33	2	16	42
Richmond Twp.	10	25	33	2	16	42
Roseville City	9	9	22	2	16	39
Shelby Twp.	10	8	30	2	16	41A
St. Clair Shores City	9	8	18	2	16	40
Sterling Heights City	9,10	10	25,30	2	16	41A
Utica City	10	8	30	2	16	41A
Village of Grosse Pte. Shores						
(see also Wayne Co.)	9	8	18	2	6	M
Warren City	9	9	22,25,28	2	16	37
Washington Twp.	10	8	36	2	16	42

Michigan Legislative Index

Michigan Congressional
State Senate - State House of Representative
Court of Appeals - Circuit Court - District Court

Codes for District Numbers:

C = Congressional District No.
SS = State Senate District No.
SH = State House of Representatives District No.
AC = Appeals Court District No.
CC = Circuit Court District No.
DC = District Court No.
M = Municipal Court

To locate your Congressperson, State Senator, State Representative or appropriate court, use the lists on this page. If your city is in more than one district, call your county or city clerk or the Elections Bureau of the Michigan Department of State at 517-373-2540 or see the website at: www.michigan.gov/sos

Source: A Citizen's Guide to State Government Michigan Legislature 2022

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

	C	SS	SH	AC	CC	DC
Northville City						
(see also Wayne Co.)	11	15	38	2	6	35
Novi City	11	15	38	2	6	52
Novi Twp.	11	15	38	2	6	52
Oakland Twp.	8	12	45,46	2	6	52
Oak Park City	14	11	27	2	6	45
Orchard Lake Village City	14	15	29	2	6	48
Orion Twp.	8	12	46	2	6	52
Oxford Twp.	8	12	46	2	6	52
Pleasant Ridge City	9	11	27	2	6	45
Pontiac City	14	12	29	2	6	50
Rochester City	8	13	45	2	6	52
Rochester Hills City	8,11	13	45	2	6	52
Rose Twp.	8	14	51	2	6	52
Royal Oak City	9	13	26	2	6	44
Royal Oak Twp.	14	11	27	2	6	45
Southfield City	14	11	35	2	6	46
Southfield Twp.	9	12	40	2	6	46
South Lyon City	11	15	38	2	6	52
Springfield Twp.	8	14	44	2	6	52
Sylvan Lake City	14	12	29	2	6	48
Troy City	11	13	41	2	6	52
Village of Clarkston City	8	12	43	2	6	52
Walled Lake City	11	15	38	2	6	52
Waterford Twp.	11	14	43,44	2	6	51
West Bloomfield Twp.	11,14	15	39,40	2	6	48
White Lake Twp.	11	15	44	2	6	52
Wixom City	11	15	39	2	6	52

WAYNE COUNTY




Candidate Questionnaire Responses

KEY: Y = YES N = NO q = with qualifications/comments (call LIFESPAN 734.524.0162)

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CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10									
<u>GOVERNOR</u>											<u>8th District State Senate</u>																			
Ralph Rebandt (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	<u>10th District State Senate</u>																		
Kevin Rinke (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Paul M. Smith (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	- ^q									
<u>U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>											<u>11th District State Senate</u>																			
<u>6th Congressional District</u>											*																			
<u>12th Congressional District</u>											<u>12th District State Senate</u>																			
James Hooper (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pamela Hornberger (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
<u>13th Congressional District</u>											<u>13th District State Senate</u>																			
*											Jason Rhines (R)											Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>STATE SENATE</u>											<u>STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>																			
<u>1st District State Senate</u>											<u>1st District State Representative</u>																			
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<u>2nd District State Senate</u>											<u>2nd District State Representative</u>																			
*											Ronald Kokinda (R)											Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>3rd District State Senate</u>											<u>3rd District State Representative</u>																			
*											*																			
<u>4th District State Senate</u>											<u>4th District State Representative</u>																			
Michael Frazier (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Tonya Renay Wells (R)	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N									
Beth Socia (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<u>5th District State Representative</u>																			
<u>5th District State Senate</u>											*																			
Emily Bauman (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<u>6th District State Representative</u>																			
Leonard Scott, Jr. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- ^q	*																			
<u>6th District State Senate</u>																														
Ken Crider (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y																				
<u>7th District State Senate</u>																														
Ryan Foster (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y																				

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* No response was received by Candidates

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*Every election is determined by
the people who show up.*

~ Larry J. Sabato ~

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7th District State Representative

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8th District State Representative

Robert Noble (R) N Y Y Y Y Y N Y Y Y

9th District State Representative

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10th District State Representative

Mark Corcoran (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y -

11th District State Representative

Mark T. Foster (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y N Y Y Y

12th District State Representative

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13th District State Representative

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14th District State Representative

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15th District State Representative

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16th District State Representative

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17th District State Representative

Penny L. Crider (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

22nd District State Representative

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23rd District State Representative

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* No response was received by Candidates

24th District State Representative

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25th District State Representative

Scott T. Barlow (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

26th District State Representative

James C. Townsend (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

27th District State Representative

Kevin Counts (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

28th District State Representative

Virgie M. Ammerman (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

Jamie Thompson (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

29th District State Representative

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31st District State Representative

Dale Biniacki (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

Holli Vallade (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y -

WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1st District County Commissioner

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2nd District County Commissioner

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3rd District County Commissioner

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4th District County Commissioner

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5th District County Commissioner

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CANDIDATE 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6th District County Commissioner

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7th District County Commissioner

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8th District County Commissioner

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9th District County Commissioner

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10th District County Commissioner

Michael Brackney (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

11th District County Commissioner

Corey James Blue (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y N

12th District County Commissioner

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13th District County Commissioner

Abdullatif S. Al-Jahmi (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

Ann F. Clark (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y^q Y

14th District County Commissioner

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15th District County Commissioner

Craig Bielecki (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y N



* No response was received by Candidates

LIFESPAN Candidate Survey

Right to Life - LIFESPAN is a non-profit educational and legislative organization. The first informs and motivates people to do something. The second speaks to changing laws. *LIFESPAN* can take sides and urge passage of legislation which is called lobbying. *LIFESPAN* is not "political." *LIFESPAN* does not have a political action committee (PAC) to elect or to defeat candidates. However, we can publish candidate surveys. This has been clearly permitted on a number of occasions by the U.S. Supreme Court. We can also list office holders and tell you how they have voted on various issues. Such reporting, as we do it, is not "political." Because this comes under Freedom of the Press, such information can be passed out through churches, without jeopardizing their tax status (again by a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court). According to legal terminology, this corporation can engage in "issue advocacy." The responses to the survey questions are dependent on the honesty and integrity of the individual candidates. *LIFESPAN* is not responsible for any candidate's response that differ from his or her public stance of the issues. Any questions or discrepancies should be directed to the candidate. ❖



Election Calendar

JULY 18 - Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the August Primary Election

AUGUST 2 (by 8 pm) - Last day for in-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency.

AUGUST 2 (TUESDAY) - STATE PRIMARY

OCTOBER 24 - Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the November General Election.

NOVEMBER 8 (by 8 pm) - Last day for in-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency.

NOVEMBER 8 (TUESDAY) - GENERAL ELECTION

OAKLAND COUNTY



Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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<u>GOVERNOR</u>												<u>13th District State Senate</u>									
Ralph Rebandt (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Jason Rhines (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kevin Rinke (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N											
<u>U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>												<u>22nd District State Senate</u>									
<u>6th Congressional District</u>												<u>23rd District State Senate</u>									
*												<u>24th District State Senate</u>									
<u>7th Congressional District</u>												<u>STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>									
Jake Hagg (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<u>5th District State Representative</u>									
<u>9th Congressional District</u>												*									
Michelle R. E. Donovan (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<u>6th District State Representative</u>									
<u>10th Congressional District</u>												*									
*												<u>7th District State Representative</u>									
<u>11th Congressional District</u>												*									
Mark Ambrose (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<u>8th District State Representative</u>									
<u>12th Congressional District</u>												Robert Noble (R)									
James Hooper (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N									
<u>STATE SENATE</u>												<u>18th District State Representative</u>									
<u>3rd District State Senate</u>												Wendy Webster Jackson (R)									
*												Y									
<u>6th District State Senate</u>												<u>19th District State Representative</u>									
Ken Crider (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Anthony Paesano (R)									
<u>7th District State Senate</u>												Y									
Ryan Foster (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<u>20th District State Representative</u>									
<u>8th District State Senate</u>												Diana Theresa Mohyi (R)									
*												Y									
<u>9th District State Senate</u>												<u>21st District State Representative</u>									
*												David Staudt (R)									
*												Y									
* No response was received by Candidates												<u>23rd District State Representative</u>									
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												<u>49th District State Representative</u>									
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51st District State Representative

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52nd District State Representative

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53rd District State Representative

Anthony Bartolotta (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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54th District State Representative

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55th District State Representative

Mark Tisdell (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y ^q	Y	Y	Y	Y ^q	Y
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56th District State Representative

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57th District State Representative

Thomas E. Kuhn (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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66th District State Representative

Andrew Arendoski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mary Berlingieri (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Josh Schriver (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

68th District State Representative

Vern E. Miller (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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72nd District State Representative

Dylan J. Pescarolo (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
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OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE

OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1st District County Commissioner

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2nd District County Commissioner

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* No response was received by Candidates

Register to Vote!

Never underestimate the power of the ballot.

One of the greatest strengths of America is that all citizens are provided a voice through the voting booth. And every vote does count! Many an election has been won by a handful of votes or even just one vote.

But before you can vote in an election, you must be registered. You can register to vote through Election Day. Some clerk's offices have opened satellite offices for voter registration. You must show proof of where you live. Documents must have your name and current address. You can show a digital copy of any document. Acceptable documents include:

- Michigan Driver's License or State ID Card
- Current Utility Bill
- Bank Statement
- Paycheck or Government Check
- Other Government Document

After registering, you can vote an absent voter ballot at the clerk's office or you can vote at your polling place on Election Day.

Military and overseas civilian voters have additional options to register. For more information, visit this page: https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716-511653--00.html.

To be eligible to register to vote, you must be:

- A Michigan resident (at the time you register)
- A resident of your City/Township
- A United States Citizen
- At least 18 years of age (when you vote)
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail/prison

Check to see if you are registered at: <https://mivc.sos.state.mi.us>. If you are already registered, your voting record has links to:

- Your Sample Ballot
- Your Polling Place address for voting
- Tracking the status of your absentee ballot
- How to contact your clerk

As you can see, there are several options for you to choose from when registering to vote. But no matter where or how your register, you will vote in your assigned precinct in your hometown.

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<u>3rd District County Commissioner</u>												<u>15th District County Commissioner</u>									
Ronald Dwyer (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Roswell Barranco (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>4th District County Commissioner</u>												<u>16th District County Commissioner</u>									
*												*									
<u>5th District County Commissioner</u>												<u>17th District County Commissioner</u>									
Michael Spisz (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		*									
<u>6th District County Commissioner</u>												<u>18th District County Commissioner</u>									
Michael J. Gingell (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Kat Phillips (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	- ^q
Heather Smiley (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y		<u>19th District County Commissioner</u>									
<u>7th District County Commissioner</u>												Joseph C. Pucci (R)									
Bob Hoffman (R)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y									
Eileen Kowall (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y									
<u>8th District County Commissioner</u>												<u>CITY/TOWNSHIP RACES</u>									
*												<u>Addison Twp. Trustee</u>									
<u>9th District County Commissioner</u>												*									
Mark E. Holland (D)	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N		<u>Independence Twp. Supervisor</u>									
<u>10th District County Commissioner</u>												Jose F. Aliaga (R)									
*												Y									
<u>11th District County Commissioner</u>												<u>Oxford Twp. Trustee</u>									
*												*									
<u>12th District County Commissioner</u>												<u>Royal Oak Twp. Treasurer</u>									
Christine A. Long (R)	Y	Y	Y ^q	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		*									
Monica Yatooma (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		<u>Southfield Twp. Clerk</u>									
<u>13th District County Commissioner</u>												*									
Phil Weipert (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		<u>Springfield Twp. Trustee</u>									
<u>14th District County Commissioner</u>												*									
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*You can either vote by voting or vote
by not voting. If you don't vote,
someone else's vote counts more.*

IT'S MATH!

* No response was received by Candidates

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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GOVERNOR

Ralph Rebandt (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Kevin Rinke (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9th Congressional District

Michelle R. E. Donovan (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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10th Congressional District

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STATE SENATE

3rd District State Senate

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9th District State Senate

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10th District State Senate

Paul M. Smith (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	- ^q
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11th District State Senate

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12th District State Senate

Pamela Hornberger (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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24th District State Senate

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25th District State Senate

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STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10th District State Representative

Mark Corcoran (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-
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11th District State Representative

Mark T. Foster (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
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12th District State Representative

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13th District State Representative

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14th District State Representative

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57th District State Representative

Thomas E. Kuhn (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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58th District State Representative

Michelle R. E. Smith (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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59th District State Representative

Frank Cusumano (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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60th District State Representative

Joseph Aragona (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y ^q
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61st District State Representative

Mike Aiello (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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62nd District State Representative

Joe Marino (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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63rd District State Representative

Jay DeBoyer (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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65th District State Representative

Robert Majchrzak (D)	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
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Jaime Greene (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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66th District State Representative

Andrew Arendoski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Mary Berlingieri (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Josh Schriver (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Nicholyn Brandenburg (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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*												<u>CITY/TOWNSHIP RACES</u>									
<u>2nd District County Commissioner</u>												<u>Armada Twp. Treasurer</u>									
Walter Sierengowski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N ^q	*									
<u>3rd District County Commissioner</u>												<u>Armada Twp. Trustee</u>									
Grant G. Golasa (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Gail Hicks (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y									
<u>4th District County Commissioner</u>												<u>Chesterfield Twp. Supervisor</u>									
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<u>5th District County Commissioner</u>												<u>Washington Twp. Trustee</u>									
Pashko Ujkic (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Dennis W. Stevenson (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y									
Jackie Ryan (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Don VanSyckel (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y										
<u>6th District County Commissioner</u>												★ ★ ★ ★									
Eric Briskey (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y										
<u>7th District County Commissioner</u>																					
James M. Perna (R)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y										
<u>8th District County Commissioner</u>																					
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<u>9th District County Commissioner</u>																					
Linda Burns Torp (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Barbara Zinner (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y										
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<u>11th District County Commissioner</u>																					
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<u>12th District County Commissioner</u>																					
Bill Clift (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y										

Remember something, if you will, about voting: Voting is not a horse race, you're not going there thinking, "Gee, I gotta pick the winner so I can brag to my friends. Oh, I picked so-and-so and he or she won." Voting is voting your heart and voting your conscience and when you've done that, don't ever, EVER let a Democrat or Republican tell you that you've wasted your vote because the fact is, if you DON'T vote your heart and conscience, then you HAVE wasted your vote.

~ Jesse Ventura ~

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Could pro-life medical students be forced to commit abortions?

By Cassy Fiano-Chesser

For years now, it's been clear that only a small minority of people in the medical community are interested in participating in abortion. Whether it's already-practicing OB/GYNs or medical students, the abortion industry has frequently complained about the lack of people willing to work as abortionists. Does that mean the answer is to force medical students to commit them whether they like it or not? Judging by NPR's coverage on the issue, it seems this is a possibility.

On a recent episode of "All Things Considered," NPR weighed how OB/GYNs factor abortion into their career plans and whether or not they're willing to learn about it in medical school. NPR host Sacha Pfeiffer spoke with Emma Green of The New Yorker, expressing surprise at how few OB/GYNs are willing to commit abortions, even if they otherwise express support for legal abortion.

"You know, I think it's a correct assumption that in general, the field of obstetrics is pretty supportive of abortion rights," Green said. "But what surprised me as I started reporting this story is that there's a lot of variation when it comes to how those doctors and doctors-in-training want abortion to play into their practice."

Jody Steinauer, an OB/GYN professor at the University of California San Francisco, which has an abortion training program, had a supposed solution for this problem: simply force all medical students to commit abortions.

"All medical students need to learn about abortion," Steinauer said. "They will take care of patients who have had or will have an abortion. It's part of the medical experience, the reproductive health experience of our patients. So we have to be able to provide care for them."

Pfeiffer cited an article of Green's, which claimed that just 12% of OB/GYN residency programs included abortion training. "And when it comes to the number of doctors actually performing abortions out in the field as a regular part of their practice, that's far lower than I was expecting it to be," Green added. "It's something like a quarter of obstetricians are regularly performing abortions."

But if a program does include abortion training, what happens when a student refuses? NPR interviewed Ashley Womack, a Catholic pro-life student who would not participate. She felt she was punished for opting out. "I just didn't want to be involved with that. But everyone knew that I wasn't going to do that," she said, explaining, "You know, they had me basically in the recovery room, cleaning chairs, giving patients crackers. Like, what? I



don't want to do this. This is not educational."

The abortion industry has become increasingly desperate to get more medical students to commit abortions. California is offering financial incentives, including student loan forgiveness if a medical student will agree to become an abortionist. And despite efforts from pro-abortion organizations, abortionists are getting older. There are simply not many people who are willing to make abortion part of their medical practice. It's so much of a problem that the American Medical Association (AMA) has even discussed eliminating conscience protections, effectively forcing pro-life students to either commit abortions or quit.

It's clear that the abortion industry feels threatened, and for good reason — but nothing gives anyone the right to force someone to take another human being's life in the name of medicine.

- NRLC News Today, June 20, 2022

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To vote by mail, fill out the simple application you received from the State, print and sign it, and then mail or email it to your local clerk at: <https://mivic.sos.state.mi.us/clerk>. When filling out the application, if you check the box to be added to the permanent absent voters list, you'll get an application mailed to you before every election. But there is no commitment. Even if you apply to vote by mail, you can change your mind and vote in person.

All registered voters are eligible to vote by mail

Due to the passage of the statewide ballot propels 18-3, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.

Check your voter registration at the Michigan Voter Information Center at <http://michigan.gov/vote>.

Requesting an absent voter ballot

Your request for an absent voter ballot must be in writing and can be submitted to your city or township clerk. (For assistance in obtaining the address of your city or township clerk, see Michigan.gov/Vote) You must request an absent voter ballot by submitting the **application, large print application**, a letter, a postcard, or a pre-printed application form obtained from your local clerk's office. Requests may be returned by hand, via postal mail, fax, or email, as long as a signature is visible.

Requests to have an absent voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the election. If you're already registered at your current address, you can request an absent voter ballot in person at your clerk's office anytime up to 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election. If you're registering to vote or updating your address by appearing at your clerk's office on Election Day, you can request an absent voter ballot at the same time you register. If you request your AV ballot the day before the election or on Election Day, you must vote the ballot in the clerk's office.

Once your request is received by the local clerk, your signature on the request will be checked against your voter registration record before a ballot is issued. You must be a **registered voter** to receive an absent voter ballot, but you can register and apply for an absent voter ballot at

the same time. Requests for absent voter ballots are processed immediately. Absent voter ballots may be issued to you at your home address or any address outside of your city or township of residence.

After receiving your absent voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file. If you received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absent voter ballot to your clerk's office.

If an emergency, such as a sudden illness or family death prevents you from reaching the polls on Election Day, you may request an emergency absent voter ballot. Requests for an emergency ballot must be submitted after the deadline for regular absent voter ballots has passed but before 4 p.m. on Election Day. The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible for you to apply for a regular absent voter ballot. **Please contact your local clerk** for more information about emergency absent voter ballots.

Spoiling an absent voter ballot

If a voter has already voted absentee and wishes to change their vote (because the candidate has dropped out of the race, or for any other reason), a voter can spoil their ballot by submitting a written request to their city or township clerk. The voter must sign the request and state if they would like a new absentee ballot mailed to them or if they will vote at the polls. This request must be received by 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election if received by mail. An absentee ballot may be spoiled in person at the clerk's office until 4 p.m. the Monday prior to the election. The voter can obtain a new absentee ballot there or vote at the polls. There is no option on Election Day to spoil an absentee ballot that has been received by the clerk. ❖



*Those who stay away from the election think
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~ Ralph Waldo Emerson ~

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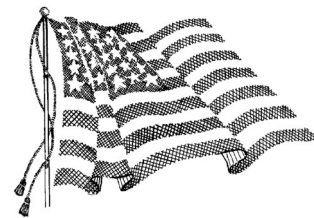
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University of Michigan Regents
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If They Say... You Say...

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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~ Matthew Habiger, OSB ~

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After seven miscarriages, this woman was inspired to start her own adoption agency

By Lisa Bast

Pro-life advocacy was Mardie Caldwell's calling since she was a junior in high school when she borrowed models to show her classmates what fully-formed, 20-week twin fetuses looked like in the womb. Later, after suffering seven miscarriages and undergoing failed fertility treatments, Caldwell and her husband explored adoption. Little did she know that her adoption journey would eventually lead her to launch Christian-based Lifetime Adoption. Now, Caldwell is saving babies by offering single, pregnant women a life-saving alternative through open adoption.

Caldwell told Live Action News, "It was devastating to go through so many pregnancy losses. We wanted to start a family and when we came to understand it wouldn't happen naturally, we started researching adoption agencies. But we quickly realized that closed adoption wasn't a good fit. We would want our child to know his or her circumstances surrounding the adoption, if not for medical reasons alone."

Equally concerning for Caldwell was that according to the adoption agencies, she was too old at the age of 30 to adopt an infant. She would, however, be considered for placement with an "older" child. While Caldwell briefly considered international adoption, she realized the volatility of an ever-changing global landscape could result in disappointment.

"There are too many unknowns when adopting internationally," Caldwell said. "Medical records can be falsified. I didn't want to 'buy' a baby that we might never see because of a country's political instability. We felt there were more laws in the United States protecting adoptive parents and that's the route we wanted to take, despite the initial setbacks."

Finding Ethical Adoption Organizations Proved Difficult

As Caldwell investigated adoption agencies to find a reputable one with which she could partner, she started sharing tips with other prospective adoptive couples.

Caldwell said, "I learned so much from my experience that I started fielding dozens of calls from people asking for advice and information. I wanted to help others by providing them with the right tools, so I decided to host information nights for groups of people desperate for help in navigating a very tricky process."

The Caldwells were thrilled when they finally adopted their son. Now at the end of a long and arduous journey,



Mardie Caldwell, LiveAction.org

Caldwell felt compelled to continue assisting couples by steering them away from the hidden pitfalls she uncovered. Caldwell formed a "better business bureau" of adoption agencies by identifying a list of ethical agencies she could promote.

"There were just too many adoption agencies out there that were unprincipled," Caldwell said. "I wanted to protect couples from possible extortion and other malfeasance. I know how painful the adoption process can be, especially when you're in a vulnerable state and anxious to start a family. It can be such a tough road."

Christian-Based Open Adoption Agency Forms

During this time, Caldwell was contacted by birth mothers seeking to place their babies in loving homes and her days were busy reaching out to her network. With a passion for saving babies from abortion and a desire to help others combined with her support for open adoption, it seemed natural Caldwell's initiative would evolve into a full-service adoption agency.

Caldwell said, "I was a reservoir of information about adoption and its practices and committed to connecting birth mothers with the right adoptive couples, so it seemed launching an agency provided the best avenue for me to assist couples with starting families and to offer women considering an abortion a better option."

Lifetime Adoption is headquartered in Florida, with satellite offices nationwide. The organization is structured to ensure adoptive couples and birth mothers experience a smooth adoption process, offering helpful resources and support including the 24/7 hotline which connects the caller with a live person. Caldwell's goal is that after that initial contact, birth mothers are better off than they were before.

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2022-2023 Pro-Life LIFESPAN Events

2nd Annual Links for Life Golf Outing

Monday, August 1, 2022

Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon

Saturday, August 20, 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

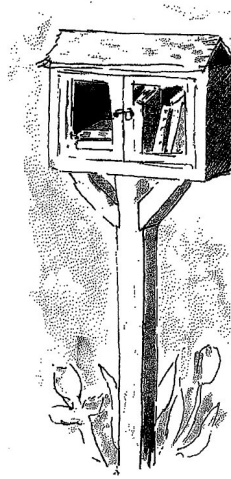
Autumn Sidewalk Chalk Day

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

"Be the Change Training" 2023

Friday/Saturday, March 3-4, 2023

LIFESPAN's **Lil' Library Project**



Share the knowledge of life through our grassroots approach by supplying your neighborhood "Lil' Libraries" with two pre-selected books appropriate for children of pre-school and primary grades - books that celebrate the joy of life.

Call (734-524-0162)

or email

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to obtain two (2)

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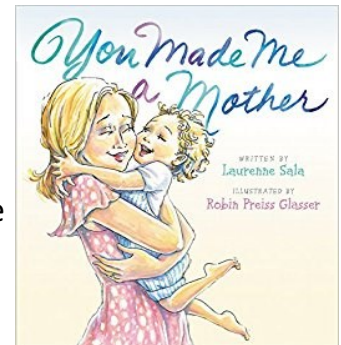
location that you

have discovered in your town. Be prepared

to report the address of the location(s). This

is an ongoing event that you can participate

in at any time.



*Elections belong to the people. It's their
decision. If they decide to turn their backs
on the fire and burn their behinds, then they
will just have to sit on their blisters.*

~ Abraham Lincoln ~

After 52 Attacks on Pro-Lifers in 46 Days, FBI Finally Opens Investigation

Editor Note: We had the FBI come to our Wayne County Chapter Office to check on us

By Dan Hart

After weeks of silence from top law enforcement officials in the Biden administration following an explosion of attacks against churches, pro-life organizations, and individuals over the last 46 days, the FBI announced [June 17th] that it is now “investigating” the incidents.

In a statement, the FBI said that it would be investigating “a series of attacks and threats targeting pregnancy resource centers and faith-based organizations across the country.”

Here is the full statement:

The FBI is investigating a series of attacks and threats targeting pregnancy resource centers and faith-based organizations across the country. The FBI takes all threats seriously and we continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners and will remain vigilant to protect our communities. We would like to remind members of the public that if they observe anything suspicious or have information about potential threats to report it to law enforcement immediately, call their local FBI field office, or submit a tip to tips.fbi.gov.

Notably, the statement does not specify whether “faith-based organizations” includes churches and places of worship, which have been the victims of at least 15 pro-abortion activist-related attacks in the same 46-day timeframe.

In response to The Washington Stand’s request for clarification on whether the investigation would include attacks directed at churches, the FBI responded, “We don’t have additional details to provide.”

Pressure has been steadily building over the last week on the Biden administration to take action after a seemingly non-stop rash of vandalism and property destruction. A coalition of nine conservative leaders recently sent a letter to the Department of Justice demanding action. This was followed by a strongly-worded letter from Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), the ranking member for the subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism, demanding the resignation of Attorney General Merrick Garland over the DOJ’s inaction. In a Friday tweet, GOP members of the House Homeland Security Committee expressed frustration, noting that the FBI’s investigation was “well overdue.”

“This extremist behavior threatens our homeland security which is why Homeland GOP is demanding answers from [the Department of Homeland Security] on its response efforts,” the Republican members stated. The pro-abortion extremist group known as “Jane’s Revenge,” which has already claimed responsibility for multiple arson and vandalism attacks on pro-life organizations, published a letter on Tuesday declaring that “the leash is off” as it vowed to continue attacks.

The latest incident occurred on [June 14th], when the Minneapolis office of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life was smeared with graffiti and had windows smashed in.

- LifeNews.com, June 17, 2022



*No law can give me the right
to do what is wrong.*

~ Abraham Lincoln ~

LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

Thank You for the Smiles

We could see the smiles from the parking lots. Those were the smiles on the faces of the moms and dads enjoying their beautiful carnations and delicious candy bars. Too paraphrase a quote, "being a parent is the hardest job you will ever love." Thanks to all who gave of their time to make sure this event could take place.

We Will Keep On Keeping On

The United States Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v Mississippi* was probably one of the most eagerly awaited decisions in decades. Regardless of protests, threats to the justices, religious service disruption and some of the most unbecoming and violent language shouted at people, this decision, and the outcome of the ballot proposal, will not change anything for pro-life people. We will continue to promote a respect for all human life, from conception to natural death. We will continue to support women facing a difficult pregnancy and offer material assistance and referral to pregnancy care centers. We will continue to remind

people that a woman does not "carry a pregnancy, but rather a living, breathing, human child. We will speak up and speak out about the need for laws that offer protection to the most vulnerable in our society. Our work will continue until women and their preborn babies are protected by law and welcomed in life.

Looking Ahead

We are sending a number of young adults to Protect Life Michigan's **Life Advocate Intensive** in Grand Rapids this summer. This program teaches pro-lifers to DISCUSS the life issues with those who support abortion. Don't forget the **National Day of Remembrance** on September 10th at White Chapel Cemetery and our **Celebrate Life Dinner** in October. We always have something happening and can always use volunteer help to make them happen.

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Links for Life Golf Outing

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 tpruse@milifespan.org to register or generously support Links for Life.

Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon

The annual **Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon** will take place on Saturday, August 20 at the AOH Hall in Redford. Doors open at 10:30am and the program will run from 11am -1:30pm. We are awaiting confirmation from a couple exciting speakers, but speakers will include Rev. Dr. Richard Zeile of St. John's Lutheran Church in Taylor, a local Catholic pastor, and a keynote address from prominent voices within the Citizens to Support MI Women and Children coalition. This event will educate and motivate on how best to oppose the "Anything Goes" Abortion Amendment and/or promote pro-life laws and policies in Michigan. Call 734-422-6230 or e-mail wcdrrtl@rtl-lifespan.org to register while seats remain.

Looking for a Youth Director

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 or send your resume to tpruse@milifespan.org.

Reminder to Donate

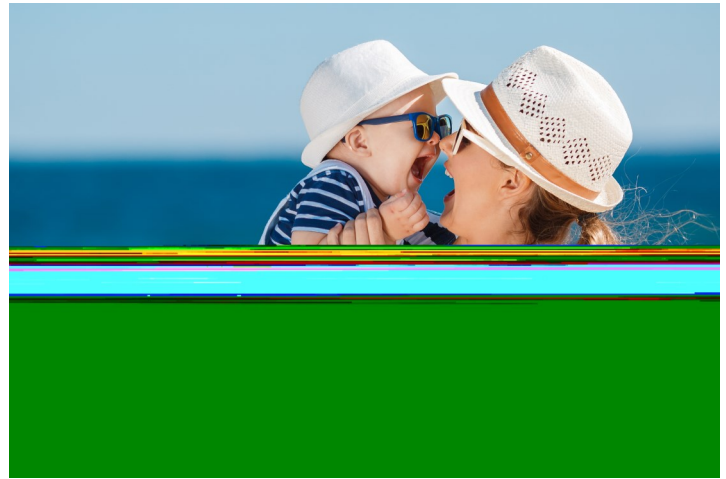
Another reminder if you would like to donate to the Citizens to Support MI Women and Children Coalition to fight the Anything Goes Abortion Amendment please write any checks out to **Right to Life- LIFESPAN** and be sure to include "**Coalition**" in the Memo line.

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Wayne County



Wee Care



Dear friends,

The Lazy Days of Summer - not so much at Wee Care! When other offices go on summer hours - Wee Care continues to get call after call for help.

I can't thank you enough for everything you have provided for our little ones - it will certainly help get us through the summer months!

A teen pregnancy, an unexpected pregnancy, a twin pregnancy and an emergency c-section due to a life saving kidney transplant - these are the calls that came in this morning!

Sixty layettes are waiting to be picked up tomorrow! That is 420 sleepers, 480 onesies, 120 pkgs. of diapers, 300 receiving blankets, 60 crib sheets, towels, bottles, wipes and so much more - all possible because of YOU! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

May your summer be filled with much laughter, relaxation, fun trips, bear hugs and air-conditioning!!!!

Love, Karen

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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

Dear students of all ages, young adults, parents, teachers, principals, vice principals, campus ministers, religious ed directors, faith formation directors, youth directors and youth ministers, deacons, pastors, priests and all others who work with young people!

SUMMER IS HERE and the pro-life movement won't be on "summer break" that's for sure! There is way too much happening! See this newsletter for upcoming events/activities that you can get on your calendar now and participate in when they are taking place. Your family and friends can be a part of these events/activities with you as well as church youth groups, school clubs, young adult groups, women's groups, men's groups, and faith communities. August, September and October are busy with pro-life activities!

Resource Book Ad Contract Due- July 15

Links for Life - August 1

Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon - August 20

National Day of Remembrance - September 10

National Life Chain - October 2

Annual Celebrate Life Fundraiser Dinner - October 11

Movement in Motion Youth Bus Trip - Registration from September through October

Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity - October 18

Autumn Pro-Life Sidewalk Chalking Day - October 25

Take part in all or some of the activities and help us to BE THE CHANGE for Life!

Lynn Gura, Youth Director

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

—Diane Fagelman,
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

Donations have been made - In Memory of:

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Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by *LIFESPAN* in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because... Send donations to your local *LIFESPAN* office.

NOTICE:

The deadline for Publication for this Newsletter was June 15, 2022. Any survey received after this date will not be listed in the races above.

To see up-to-date listings of all surveys received, we will be posting them on our website, miLIFESPAN.org, in July 2022.

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Adoption

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"We are very selective when identifying the right Christian adoptive couples, usually accepting just one couple out of the 10 who apply," Caldwell said. "We want to ensure the best match possible. We give the birth mother all the facts so she can make an informed decision. She must feel comfortable with the couple before she chooses them to raise her child. We even have many couples who will happily adopt special needs children and babies who are medically fragile. There should never be a reason why a baby cannot be adoptable."

Caldwell recalls a woman who had multiple abortions – so many that her womb was thin. Doctors cautioned her against having another abortion and instead referred her to Lifetime Adoption to place her baby for adoption.

"It's rewarding to help women birth their babies," Caldwell said. "Many post-abortive women said they'd never again have another abortion after being introduced to open adoption."

Through Lifetime Adoption Foundation, birth mothers can get maternity clothes, counseling, and financial support, when available. The foundation also offers scholarships to birth mothers which they can apply for each semester. Adoptive families have the option to funnel a part of their adoption fee to the foundation.

Innovative Resources Help Promote Adoption

In addition to writing six books about adoption, Caldwell has created many innovative materials like the Pregnancy Wheel Due Date Calculator now sold on

Amazon for OB/GYN doctors and pregnant women to calculate their due date. The calculator has been used to help convince abortion-minded women to consider placing their babies for adoption by providing a personalized date of when their baby will arrive.

Caldwell said, "It solidifies for these women the date their baby will be born, which helps them view their baby as a living being growing in their womb."

Caldwell recently devised a small pocket-sized book, "So I Was Thinking About Adoption." It's a quick read and has been distributed to pregnancy support centers, street ministries, and adoption agencies – places where abortion-minded women are likely to be reached. "I'm always thinking of new ways to save babies," Caldwell said. "We need to educate the youth about the sanctity of life. People can make a difference and it's vital that the younger generation take up the mantle. I pray every day for the Holy Spirit to guide me in this life-saving mission."

- LiveAction.org, June 18, 2022



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

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form

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Right to Life - LIFESPAN believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves - the preborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the LIFESPAN News as well as educational materials and special mailings.

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Name _____ Phone _____

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Please complete this form & return with your donation to: *Right to Life - LIFESPAN*, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305. For more information, call 734-524-0162.

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Right to Life - LIFESPAN *Legislative Luncheon*

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Why attend?

TO STAY INFORMED. 2022 may be the most consequential year for the Right to Life in 50 Years. You are pro-life. You are hopeful for an imminent U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down Roe and Casey, but want to learn more about what that means for Michigan. You are aware and concerned or unaware and seeking more information about the Planned Parenthood/ACLU funded petition drive that would enshrine abortion as a right and prevent ANY & ALL current or future abortion restrictions of regulations in the Michigan State Constitution!

CALL TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT!

Keynote Speaker: Rebecca J. Mastee, J.D; Rebecca is Policy Advocate for the Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) with a focus on life issues. The MCC is a leader within the Citizens to Support MI Women and Children coalition opposing the Reproductive Freedom for All petition drive.

Clergy Invocations: Rev. Dr. Richard Zeile of St. John Lutheran Church (Taylor) & a local Catholic pastor TBD

Doors Open 10:30 AM

Program runs 11 AM –1:30 PM

Located at

Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Hall

25300 Five Mile Rd.

Redford, MI 48239

Call 734.422.6230 for more information!

See Page 19 for Registration Form