



# LIFESPAN news

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## COMPARE THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



### Donald Trump

### Kamala Harris

#### Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

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

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

#### Unlimited Abortion Until Birth

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

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

#### Funding Abortion Providers Abroad

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

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

#### Born-Alive Abortion Survivors

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

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

#### The U.S. Supreme Court

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

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

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# CANDIDATE SURVEY

*LIFESPAN sent the following ten-question survey to each candidate for U.S. Senate, State Senate, Michigan House of Representatives, County Commissioner and various other offices in Wayne, Oakland & Macomb Counties. Statements provided by candidates are on file at LIFESPAN's Main Office. (A separate Judicial Candidate Survey was also emailed or mailed to candidates for Appeals, Circuit, District & Probate Courts. See pages 19-22.)*

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. In 2022, *Roe* was overturned by the Supreme Court. Do you SUPPORT their 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 SUPPORT the Michigan statute that prohibits 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 SUPPORT changes in the Michigan Constitution which will protect the preborn from being destroyed by abortion?

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# District Finder for Metro Detroit

Community	US House District	MI Senate District	MI House District
Addison Twp.	9	24	66
Allen Park	13	1/2	2
Armada Twp.	9	25	65
Auburn Hills	11	7	53/54
Belleville	6	4	31
Berkley	11	8	6
Birmingham	11	8	5/19/56
Bloomfield Hills	11	7	54
Bloomfield Twp.	11	7	6/19/20/ 54/56
Brandon Twp.	9	24	66
Brownstown Twp.	6	4	28
Bruce Twp.	9	24	66
Canton Twp.	6	5	24/25
Centerline	10	10	14
Clarkston	9	23	52
Clawson	11	3/8	56
Clinton Twp.	10	11/12	60/61/62
Commerce Twp.	11	13/23	20/49/51
Dearborn	12	2	3/15
Dearborn Heights	12/13	2	15/25
Detroit	12/13	1/2/3/6/7/8/ 10/11	1/3/4/5/7/ 12/16/17
Eastpointe	10	11	12
Ecorse	13	1	1
Farmington	11	6	18/21
Farmington Hills	11	6/13	18/19/21
Ferndale	11	8	8
Flat Rock	5/6	4/16	28
Fraser	10	11	62
Garden City	12	5	26
Gibraltar	6	4	27
Grosse Ile	6	4	27
Grosse Pointe	13	12	10
G.P. Farms	13	12	10
G.P. Park	13	12	10
G.P. Shores	9/13	12	10/12
G.P. Woods	13	12	10
Groveland Twp.	9	24	68
Hamtramck	13	3	7
Harper Woods	13	12	10
Harrison Twp.	10	12	62
Hazel Park	11	3	14
Highland Park	13	3	7
Highland Twp.	9	23	51
Holly Twp.	9	22	72
Huntington Woods	11	8	6
Huron Twp.	6	4	29
Independence Twp.	9	23/24	52
Inkster	12	5	26
Keego Harbor	11	13	20
Lake Angelus	11	7	52
Lathrup Village	12	7	18
Lenox Twp.	9	25	65
Lincoln Park	13	1	2
Livonia	12	5/6	16/17/22
Lyon Twp.	7	23	21/23/49
Macomb Twp.	9/10	11/24	59/60
Madison Heights	11	3	14/57
Melvindale	13	1	2

Community	US House District	MI Senate District	MI House District
Memphis	9	25	65
Milford Twp.	7/9	23	51
Mt. Clemens	10	12	61
New Baltimore	9	12	63
Northville	6	13	21/22
Northville Twp.	6	13	22/23
Novi	6/11	13/23	21/49
Novi Twp.	6	13	21
Oak Park	11	8	5/18
Oakland Twp.	9	7/24	54/55/66
Orchard Lake	11	13	20
Orion Twp.	9	24	54
Oxford Twp.	9	24	66
Pleasant Ridge	11	8	8
Plymouth	6	13	22
Plymouth Twp.	6	13	22/23
Pontiac	11	7	53
Ray Twp.	9	24	65
Redford Twp.	12	6	16/17
Richmond	9	25	65
Richmond Twp.	9	25	65
River Rouge	13	1	1
Riverview	6	4	27
Rochester	10	9	55
Rochester Hills	10	9	55
Rockwood	6	4	28
Rose Twp.	9	23	72
Roseville	10	11	13/62
Romulus	13	4	26/29/31
Royal Oak	11	3/8	6/56
Royal Oak Twp.	11	8	5
St. Clair Shores	10	12	12/13/62
Shelby Twp.	10	9/24	58/59
South Lyon	7	23	23
Southfield	12	7	6/18/19
Southfield Twp.	12	7/8	6/19
Southgate	13	4	2/27
Springfield Twp.	9	23	51/52
Sterling Heights	10	3/9/10	57/58/61
Sumpter Twp.	6	4	31
Sylvan Lake	11	13	20
Taylor	13	1/4	28/29
Trenton	6	4	27
Troy	11	3/9	56/57
Utica	10	9	58
Van Buren Twp.	6	4	31
Walled Lake	11	13	49
Warren	10	3/10	11/14/58
Washington Twp.	9	24	66
Waterford Twp.	11	7/23	52/53
Wayne	13	4	25
West Bloomfield Twp.	11	13	20
Westland	12	5	25/26
White Lake	9/11	23	51
Wixom	11	23	49
Woodhaven	6	4	28
Wyandotte	13	4	27

# 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

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### U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### 6th Congressional District

Heather Smiley (R) Y Y Y -<sup>q</sup> Y -<sup>q</sup> -<sup>q</sup> Y Y -<sup>q</sup>

### WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### 9th Congressional District

Heather Smiley (R) Y Y Y -<sup>q</sup> Y -<sup>q</sup> -<sup>q</sup> Y Y -<sup>q</sup>

### STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### 2nd District State Representative

Ronald Kokinda (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

#### 5th District State Representative

Will Sears (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

#### 10th District State Representative

Griffin Wojtowicz (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

#### 23rd District State Representative

David Stamp (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

#### 24th District State Representative

Leonard C. Scott (R) Y Y Y - Y Y N Y - -

#### 26th District State Representative

Jeffrey Gorman (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

#### 31st District State Representative

Dale J. Biniecki (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

### CITY & TOWNSHIP RACES

#### Northville Twp. Trustee

Chris Roosen (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

#### Plymouth Twp. Supervisor

Charles J. Curmi (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

## 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](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://mvic.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 you register, you will vote in your assigned precinct in your hometown.

# SAVE THE DATE!



"Fox & Friends Weekend": Will Cane - Rachel Campos-Duffy - Pete Hegseth

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## Rachel Campos-Duffy

Guest speaker at our  
**Celebration of Life Dinner**

**May 6, 2025**

Co-host of America's #1 Rated Cable News  
Morning Show: "Fox & Friends Weekend"

**Reservations will be taken soon!**

# OAKLAND COUNTY



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### U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### 6th Congressional District

Heather Smiley (R)            Y   Y   Y   -<sup>q</sup>   Y   -<sup>q</sup>   -<sup>q</sup>   Y   Y   -<sup>q</sup>

### STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### 5th District State Representative

Will Sears (R)                    Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 20th District State Representative

Hermon Barbe (R)                Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 21st District State Representative

Thomas Konesky (R)            Y   Y   Y   -   -   -   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 23rd District State Representative

David Stamp (R)                    Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 49th District State Representative

Ann Bollin (R)                    -<sup>q</sup>   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 51st District State Representative

Matt Maddock (R)                Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 66th District State Representative

Josh Schriver (R)                Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 68th District State Representative

David W. Martin (R)            Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

### OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER

Donna Blake (R)                Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

### OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### 5th District County Commissioner

Michael Spisz (R)                Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 12th District County Commissioner

Christine A. Long (R)            Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 13th District County Commissioner

Phil Weipert (R)                N   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 16th District County Commissioner

Jacob Kovacs (R)                Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

### CITY & TOWNSHIP RACES

#### Bloomfield Twp. Trustee

Malissa Bossardet (R)            Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### Highland Twp. Trustee

Beth Lewis (R)                    Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### Oakland Twp. Trustee

Jack E. Elder (R)                Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### Oxford Twp. Treasurer

Joseph G. Ferrari (R)            Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### White Lake Twp. Trustee

Liz Fessler Smith (R)            Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   -   Y   Y   Y   Y



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

*~ Abraham Lincoln ~*

# MACOMB COUNTY



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### STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### 59th District State Representative

Jean Zott (R)                    Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 65th District State Representative

Jaime Greene (R)            YN<sup>q</sup>   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 66th District State Representative

Josh Schriver (R)            Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

### MACOMB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### 5th District County Commissioner

Don VanSyckel (R)            Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### 9th District County Commissioner

Barbara Zinner (R)            N   Y   Y   Y   Y   N   N   Y   Y   Y   Y

### CITY/TOWNSHIP RACES

#### Harrison Twp. Supervisor

Kenneth Verkest (R)            Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

#### Washington Twp. Treasurer

Mike Nicley (R)                Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y   Y

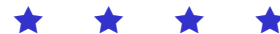


*You can either vote by voting or vote by not voting. If you don't vote, someone else's vote counts more.*

**IT'S MATH!**

## **LIFESPAN Candidate Survey**

Right to Life - LIFESPAN is a non-profit educational and legislative organization. The educational side informs and motivates people to do something. The legislative side 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. ❖



## **Important Election Dates**

**OCTOBER 6** - Early Voting starts

**NOVEMBER 5 (TUESDAY)** - GENERAL ELECTION



# Three Bills in Congress – Deceptive

Dear Concerned Citizen,

Congress is back in session, and we have our running - or marching - shoes on! As your U.S. Senators and Representatives fly into D.C. after the August recess, we expect pro-abortion members of Congress to continue to push their anti-life agenda.

This Summer, sadly, radical pro-abortion Senators attempted to hastily pass extreme anti-life legislation around the Dobbs anniversary.

The three bills listed below are deceptively named, claiming to restore freedom and provide quality health care. This legislation, however, would do the opposite and negatively impact mothers and their babies.

[Freedom to Travel for Health Care Act of 2023](#) (Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)) would block states' ability to enforce their pro-life laws on out-of-state physicians who illegally perform abortions in their state. It would also shield abusers and human traffickers who take vulnerable women and girls across state lines for abortions from liability.

[Let Doctors Provide Reproductive Health Care Act](#) (Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)) establishes grant programs totaling \$80,000,000 that would help pay for the cost of abortion providers' legal services and advice as well as pay for increased security at their facilities. Pregnancy resource centers (PRCs), who have faced increased violence and legal attacks since the overturning of *Roe*, would not be eligible for such grant funding.



[Reproductive Health Care Training Act of 2023](#) (Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)) seeks to rely on our education system as a way to advance and expand the abortion agenda by increasing abortion related training for healthcare workers.

Our taxpayer dollars should never be used to intentionally end unborn lives and harm women! Our elected officials should support life affirming programs that help support women and their babies to live a life of flourishing.

- March for Life Action

## LIFESPAN PRO-LIFE EVENTS

**National Pro-Life Cupcake Day**

October 9, 2024

**Autumn Pro-Life Sidewalk Chalking Day**

October 15, 2024

**Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity**

October 15, 2024

**Legislative Luncheon**

October 19, 2024



# JUDICIAL CANDIDATE SURVEY

LIFESPAN sent the following three-question survey to each candidate for judicial office in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties, including Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court. Statements provided by judicial candidates are on file at LIFESPAN's Main Office.

The following questions are intended to canvas your judicial philosophy. These questions are not directed at any particular case that you may have previously ruled upon, are about to rule upon or may rule upon in the future.

1. Which of the following groups of United States Supreme Court Justices possess a judicial philosophy that is closest to your own?
  - A. Former Late Justice Antonin Scalia & Justice Clarence Thomas
  - B. Justice Elena Kagan & Chief Justice John Roberts, Jr.
  - C. Justice Sonia Sotomayor & Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson
  - D. Former Late Ruth Bader Ginsberg & Former Justice Stephen Breyer
2. Which book most closely captures your judicial philosophy?
  - A. *A Matter of Interpretation*, by Antonin Scalia
  - B. *Rights from Wrongs*, by Alan Dershowitz
  - C. *Active Liberty*, by Stephen Breyer
  - D. *Feminist Legal Theory: Readings in Law and Gender*, edited by Katharine T. Bartlett & Roseanne Kennedy
3. Which statement most closely captures your judicial philosophy as it relates to matters of Constitutional interpretation?
  - A. Our State and Federal Constitutions should be interpreted by ascertaining the original meaning of the words that make up these documents.
  - B. Our State and Federal Constitutions should be interpreted by ascertaining the current meaning of the words that make up these documents.
  - C. Our State and Federal Constitutions provide general outlines of societal goals. The interpretation of our Constitutions can change over time to reflect the changing views of society. Constitutional interpretation should not be so stringent as to preclude the flexibility needed in a changing society.
  - D. A judge ought not commit to methods of constitutional interpretation before a case is heard. A judge should consider the arguments of the litigants and select a method of constitutional interpretation that produces a fair and equitable result in each case before the court.
4. Additional comments on the reverse side of this questionnaire (not required).

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# JUDICIAL WAYNE

# JUDICIAL OAKLAND



## Judicial Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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JUDICIAL CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	JUDICIAL CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4
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**Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024**

PRO **LIFE** DAY

of **SILENT SOLIDARITY**

**CAN YOU LOSE YOUR VOICE FOR A DAY FOR THOSE WHO WILL NEVER HAVE ONE?**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
LYNN AT OAKMAC@RTL-LIFESPAN.ORG OR  
JULIA AT YOUTH@MILIFESPAN.ORG  
<https://www.bound4life.com/our-story>

# JUDICIAL MACOMB



## Judicial Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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JUDICIAL CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4
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### PROBATE COURT

Sandra A. Harrison	A	A	A	-
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*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 ~



\* No response was received by Candidates

# National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024  
1:00 pm at White Chapel Cemetery



On Saturday, September 14th, LIFESPAN gathered in Troy at the gravesite of our 5 babies at White Chapel Cemetery. We joined other pro-life Americans across the country to honor the memory of the more than 65,000,000 pre-born victims of abortion. Our President, Diane Fagelman, lead us in our memorial. Pastor Steve



Husvana started with a prayer and reflection. Diane Trombley gave the history of our unborn babies. Colleen Beaton lead us in singing. Christina Hansen shared a reflection about the future and Tony Hansen lead us in our final prayer.



**Join us next year:**  
**Saturday, September 13, 2025**



Right to Life- LIFESPAN Presents



# Be the Change 2025

Dolce Fil: Protect Life Michigan, Livonia



Haili Gusa: Protect Life Michigan, Auburn Hills



Learn to be EFFECTIVE Advocates for the unborn at Michigan's best youth Pro-life training!

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025  
IN AUBURN HILLS: 9:30-1:30 P.M. AND IN  
LIVONIA: 12:30-4:30 P.M.

Emily and Nathan Berning, Tacara  
McKay: Let Them Live (both locations)



This FREE event is for 7th grade and up.  
Pizza, snacks, and beverage included.

Questions: Contact Lynn Gura [248-816-1546](tel:248-816-1546)/[oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org)  
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<https://righttolifelifespan.regfox.com/2025-be-the-change>



# *Right to Life - LIFESPAN* *Legislative Luncheon 2024*

**Saturday, October 19**

**10:30am-1:30pm @Laurel Manor in Livonia**

*Advanced Directive? Living Will? Do Not Resuscitate? Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care? Organ Donor Registry? Confused? You're Not Alone!!!*

**Come to the Legislative Luncheon to learn how to best protect yourself from strangers making life or death decisions on your behalf and ward off the threat of legalized Euthanasia in Michigan!**



**Keynote Speaker: Jason Negri, PLLC**

Jason is an attorney & the Interim Director of the Patients Rights Council. He speaks nationally on end-of-life issues and doctor-prescribed suicide.



**Legislative Speaker: State Rep. James DeSana**

Rep. DeSana represents the 29th State House District & will update us on the current threats to the elderly & vulnerable in Lansing.

**Register at <https://rtlifespanspan.regfox.com/pro-life-legislative-luncheon> or call (734) 422-6230  
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# Protect Life Michigan Life Advocate Intensive (LAI) training in August 2024

## Reflections by Luis Mata-Aguilar, College Student

*Each year, I make it a priority to plan my summer around LAI because I recognize how crucial it is for us young people to be actively involved in something so important. Reflecting on my first experience at LAI three years ago, I'm amazed at the personal growth I've experienced, both as an individual and as a man of God. Despite attending for three years now, I'm still blown away by how much I continue to learn with each new conference.*

*I owe a huge thanks to Lynn Gura from Right to Life - LIFESPAN for that simple invitation all those years ago, which opened my eyes to the harsh reality of abortion. Since then, I've come a long way—from being terrified to speak out about abortion during outreach to now ensuring I don't let a single person pass by without sharing the truth. Thanks to Protect Life Michigan and the LAI conferences, I've become much more involved in the pro-life movement, and I continue to spread the message to my friends and people I encounter.*

*What truly inspires me is seeing so many teenagers and college students with such passion for this movement. It's vital because we truly are the Pro-Life Generation.*



## Reflections by Marianne Mata-Aguilar, High School Student



*My whole life people have told me that each person has been given an important purpose and mission on this earth that all leads to God's further glorification. That always struck me very deeply and ever since I can remember, I've been desperate to try and figure out what God is calling me to do in my life. I've heard many testimonies of people hearing the voice of God in their lives and His calling for them to a certain vocation. Being at peace knowing I am doing God's Will is a state of mind I've always wanted to experience.*

*This year as my faith and sincere love has grown for Jesus and Mary, they've helped me to understand more deeply that we are all called to accomplish God's Will, but only some are chosen to hold the great responsibility of leading many souls straight to God with the example of their life. As God holds them close to His heart, He chooses some to undergo extreme suffering for His greater glory and as a testimony of light in the dark for others.*

*However, we are all here for a reason. I've always had the desire in my heart to do something. To help God's people in some way. God may have greater responsibilities for some, but first and foremost we are all called to love.*

*So when I signed up for the Protect Life Michigan Life Advocate Intensive training this summer, I was thankful for the opportunity to help in the fight against abortion even if what I did was small. The opportunity to meet teens that have that same desire to make a difference in our broken world is beautiful and inspiring to me. Seeing minds change about abortion using the God-given tools of logic, compassion, and understanding is a blessing that motivates me to keep going in this fight against evil. It's easy to get stressed about not knowing what God desires for us in the future; but by the Grace of God and my experience in LAI, I've come to learn that in the present moment, He only wants us to fight for what is right and to do it with love. He will take care of the rest.*

*Thank you Right to Life – LIFESPAN for the sponsorship so I could be a part of this opportunity!*

## RTL – LIFESPAN

# 2025 Movement in Motion Youth Bus Trip

*Post-Roe America*



### Why Do We Still March?

Our most important work is changing hearts and minds. The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable. We will continue to march every January at the national level until a culture of life is restored in the United States.

*From the National March for Life website*



#### Dates:

Thursday morning, January 23-  
Saturday evening, January 25

#### Pick Up:

*Locations in Wayne County,  
Oakland County and Macomb  
County*

**Cost Per Person**  
**Buses 1-3 for**  
**students & chaperones:**

**\$195.00**

Includes bus cost, LIFESPAN hat, and a continental breakfast

*Accommodations for two nights  
at two different host churches  
(Bring sleeping bags,  
mats, and pillows).*

**Cost Per Person**  
**Bus 4 for**  
**Adults only (18+)**

**\$185.00**

*They will stay at a hotel  
not covered in the bus trip cost.*

#### Registration Period

September 1-  
November 15, 2024

<https://righttolifelifespans.org/2025-movement-in-motion-youth-bus-trip-to-dc>

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# LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

## Movement in Motion Bus Trip to Washington DC

Registration for the 2025 Movement in Motion bus trip is underway. We are using an online registration this year and so far, it seems to be going well. If you are interested in going on the March (we have an adult bus this year!), please follow the link below. <https://righttolifelifespan.regfox.com/2025-movement-in-motion-youth-bus-trip-to-dc>

If you have questions, please call Lynn at the Oakland/Macomb office: 248-816-1546.

## Christmas Cards

Our Christmas cards are here! It is pretty clear that not as many people send Christmas cards to friends and family as in previous years, but it is such a beautiful tradition, we are continuing to offer them. A LIFESPAN card is professionally produced, reflects a pro-life message, and it not only sends a greeting to the recipients but also provides a small gift to LIFESPAN. Many area churches offer the cards but if yours does not, please call the office—248-816-1546—and we can help you.

## The Right to Choose

We all have a very important choice to make in the coming days. Right to Life - LIFESPAN is a 501(c)3 organization and as such cannot and does not endorse or recommend candidates for partisan political office. That does not mean we cannot encourage each of you to carefully examine the positions of those running for office—local, state and national—and vote for that individual who is most closely aligned with your values. Selections such as these cannot be determined by listening to or seeing sound bites for or against a candidate. It takes some research, from a variety of sources, to be able to make an informed decision. There are so many issues before us this year that will impact us all now, and in the future. Our right to vote is both a privilege and an obligation - consider carefully.

Wayne County

## Autumn Events

September's Chapter Update in the newsletter discussed the threat of legal Euthanasia coming to Michigan sooner rather later. We again invite you to educate yourself about euthanasia and end-of-life issues at LIFESPAN's annual Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon on Saturday, October 19 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Doors open at 10:30am and the program begins at 11. The keynote speaker is Jason Negri and Rep. James DeSana provides legislative updates from Lansing. Order tickets today online at <https://rtlifespan.regfox.com/pro-life-legislative-luncheon> or contact the Chapter office at 734-422-6230 or [wcdrrtl-lifespan.org](mailto:wcdrrtl-lifespan.org).

Save the date for the 2024 Bowling for Life event on Saturday, November 16 from 1-4pm at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. Donations will be in the form of pledges per pin, strike, or game. Cider and doughnuts for the 2024 CIDER Walk at St. Aidan Catholic Church on September 28 were donated by Yates Cider Mill in Rochester. Please consider giving Yates your patronage this autumn.

## Euthanasia IS on the Ballot in 2024

Abortion is not on the ballot for Michigan statewide and local elections this November, but

legal Euthanasia absolutely is on the ballot! Michigan Senate Bill (SB) 681, which would legalize Euthanasia, remains alive in the 2023-24 session of the Michigan Legislature. It is extremely unlikely to be brought for vote in the State Senate, let alone the State House of Representatives, but that may change depending on the results of the election this November. All the sponsors of SB 681 are Democrats, although it is certainly possible that some Republicans would vote for it as well. **The big picture is that Euthanasia is almost certain to be legalized in Michigan during the 2025-26 legislative session if a pro-euthanasia majority is elected in November.** Before casting a ballot for State Senate, State House of Representatives, State Supreme Court, or any other statewide office, be sure to find out their position on legalizing Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide!

As for the Federal election, it is well documented that Harris-Walz is the most pro-abortion Presidential Ticket in American history. This is in their own words, for in-

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# Wee Care

The kids are back in school, leaves are beginning to fall, weekends are filled with football and oh my gosh!--Christmas decorations have taken over Hobby Lobby & Michaels! Seriously? Christmas?

I guess, as much as we don't want to think about the holidays--this is the time of year when plans are being made. Churches are choosing which charities they want to support and teachers are planning projects for their students. (We are always so grateful whenever we are included in their plans!)

Fall is definitely the busiest time of the year at Wee Care. Social workers are asked to give us all the names of their moms who are due in November, December and January and that is a lot of babies! We want to make sure that every mom has warm blankets, tiny clothing, diapers and everything she needs for her precious baby

during the cold, winter months. I can't imagine being alone and not being able to provide the most basic necessities for your newborn -- anytime -- but, especially at Christmas, when it seems as if the rest of the world is filled with so much love and joy. But, because of you, our moms will know that someone does care about them. They are not alone. They not only receive much needed supplies for their baby, but they receive the gift of hope and the gift of love -- the greatest gift ever. You will never know how many lives you have touched.



God bless you!

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.*

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# YOUTH REPORT

**Youth Update for all students, young adults, parents, school administrators and teachers, campus ministers and youth ministers, religious education directors, family ministry leaders, directors of engagement, parish staff, deacons, pastors, priests, and all others who work with young people:**

We are happy to report that our **2025 LIFESPAN Movement in Motion Bus Trip to DC** in January for the third annual Post-Roe March for Life is continuing to gain interest from students, parents, and adults. Online registration time frame is now through November 15th (please note there will be NO Michigan March for Life until November 2025, LIFESPAN will send some buses to this March, stay tuned for more details in 2025). All the forms to register are online for the student/chaperone buses and for the adult only bus. Here is the exact link to use: <https://righttolifelifespan.regfox.com/2025-movement-in-motion-youth-bus-trip-to-dc>. See the flier on page 16 in this news-

letter for some more details.

If you need chalk for the **Autumn Pro-Life Sidewalk Chalking Day** on Tuesday, October 15th, please let Julia or Lynn know and we can provide you with some chalk! Our phone numbers and email addresses are below.

Just a reminder, our **LIFESPAN Legislative Luncheon** will be on Saturday, October 19th from 10:30-1:30 p.m. at Laurel Manor in Livonia. See the flier included in this newsletter! We are happy to announce that you can register online now for this luncheon!

We wanted to share these emergency help numbers taken from the Standing with You information brochure (it is part of Students for Life of America)...first off, for free and confidential Pregnancy Care, young women who need help can call 1-877-910-0096. Other numbers of importance are:

Forced Abortions 210-614-7157

Abortion Pill Reversal 877-558-0333

National Council for Adoption 703-299-6633

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## From the President's Desk



Dear Friends,

Saturday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, found many of us standing, praying, and singing at the burial site of Anthony, John, Joseph, Grace, & Mary. These little ones died by the abortionist knife in 1980. LIFESPAN was able to procure their little decomposed bodies and gave them a proper burial. We heard about these babies in

the press, so our Board discussed the need to treat them with respect and a proper burial. I went to Oakland County and spoke with Brooks Paterson, Oakland County Executive, and he released their little bodies to us. Desmond Funeral Home donated their time to pick up their little bodies and place them in one small casket. White Chapel donated the land and marker which would be their final resting place.

National Day of Remembrance (always held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of September) is the day set aside to nationally remember these little ones that never will be able to see the sunlight or look into their mothers' eyes and smile. We must also take time to pray for these mothers and all those involved in an abortion. Often, they are so stressed out that they seek advice from those agencies that make money on abortion. Too many of our institutions and organizations like Planned Parenthood steer emotionally unstable women toward "getting rid of the problem" by abortion. The mothers are then left to deal with the aftermath of their decision, alone.

As I was driving to this event there was an ad from a political candidate expressing another lie. To paraphrase: if we did not vote for her, the other candidate would take away their rights for medical reproductive care-abortion. As usual, it's all a lie!

I am, and I'm sure you are as well, sick of the never-ending political ads portraying abortion as health care. The public hears from our media that any person who is against abortion is insensitive, radical, and guilty of hate speech. It is so puzzling how the pro-abortion crowd, who are truly insensitive and radical on abortion, have so many followers. But then, why not? There is little truth from the press, medicine, academia on the subject. No one cries out for, or seeks the truth, on the humanity of pre-born human life growing in the womb. I have not heard any question or discussion on the health of the baby by our modern press. The health of the mother is used as the trigger term to evoke emotions. Have you ever heard of a discussion on the health of a baby growing in the womb? Of course, any caring person, with compassion and heart, cares about pregnant mothers. The difference between a pro-life and a pro-abortion person is that the pro-life person loves them both. We care about both the mother and baby.

November will be a pivotal time in our country. We will again vote. How will that turn out? No one knows. What I

do know, it is not the time to debate whose personality is better. It is time to ask what persons will have the courage and strength to stand up, and vote against abortion, euthanasia, assistant suicide and all the evil associated with them?

When you hear a family member, a friend, a candidate, or the media criticize you for voting for life, STAND UP STRAIGHT AND BE PROUD. I heard a very disturbing statistic: 40 million of Evangelical Christians do not vote. If we could get those 40 million to vote and improve the Catholics vote which has been voting Democratic (abortion is part of their platform), then the life issues on the ballot, along with pro-life candidates, would win.

It's time to challenge all those we know who are pro-choice. What about the "choice" of the child; should they have a choice before being destroyed? If the child in the womb could vote, how do you think he/she would vote? Is one life more valuable than another? Can we love and save them both?

Pray, Pray, Pray

May God give us the courage to continue our work no matter the challenges.

—Diane Fagelman,  
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN



## Youth Report

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Victims of Abuse 800-799-7233

Forced Sex 888-373-7888

National Suicide Hotline 800-273-8255

Hope After Abortion 1-888-456-HOPE

Rachel's Vineyard (after Abortion) 1-877-467-3463

With your support of LIFESPAN and our work with young people, together we will be a Light in the darkness! And we will:

## Be the Change!

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stance Vice President Harris stated in the Presidential Debate, "That is immoral," to put any limitations on abortion. Much less well-known is Vice President Harris' full support of Euthanasia. As California Attorney General in 2016, Harris authored a legal brief in court to defend the End of Life Option Act, which legalized euthanasia in her home state of California\*. Before casting a ballot for President, US Senate, or US House of Representatives, be sure to find out their position on Euthanasia and late-term Abortion.

\*Siripurapu, Anshu. "Capital Alert." *The Sacramento Bee*, 26 Aug. 2016, <https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article97971272.html>. Accessed 16 September 2024.

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### NOTICE:

**The deadline for Publication for this Newsletter was September 24, 2024. 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](http://miLIFESPAN.org), in October 2024.**

## 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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_____ Student/Senior Member	\$20.00	_____ Gold	\$250.00
_____ Monthly Pledge	\$_____	_____ Silver	\$100.00
_____ Other	\$_____	_____ Bronze	\$50.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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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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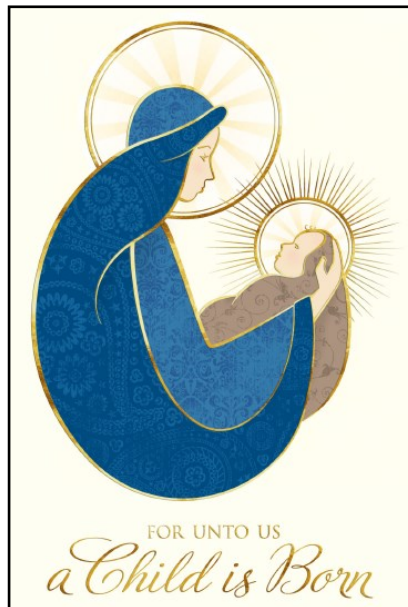


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*Bless you this Christmas  
and Always*

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So holy HIS moment of birth  
So wonderful this Gift of Life  
When LOVE was born on earth  
May the Lord of Life bless you

*this Christmas and  
through the coming year*

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