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CANDIDATE SURVEY

LIFESPAN sent the following ten-question survey to each candidate for Governor, 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.

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 stages of pregnancy. In 2022, *Roe* was overturned by the Supreme Court. Do you **SUPPORT** that 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?

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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District Finder for Metro Detroit

Community	US House District	MI Senate District	MI House District
Addison Twp.	9	23	66
Allen Park	13	2	2
Amada Twp.	9	25	64
Auburn Hills	11	7	53
Belleville	6	4	31
Berkley	11	10	6
Birmingham	11	7	5
Bloomfield Hills	11	7	5
Bloomfield Twp.	11	7	56
Brandon Twp.	9	23	66
Brownstown Twp.	6	1	27/29
Bruce Twp.	9	24	64
Canton Twp.	6	4	24
Centerline	10	10	14
Clarkston	11	23	52
Clawson	11	10	57
Clinton Twp.	10	11/24	60/61
Commerce Twp.	11	13	20/51
Dearborn	12	2	3/15
Dearborn Heights	12	2	3/15
Detroit	12/13	1/2/3/6/8/10	1-14
Eastpointe	10	11	12
Ecorse	13	1	1
Farmington	11	5	19
Farmington Hills	11	8	18/19
Ferdale	11	10	6
Flat Rock	6	1	29
Fraser	10	11	61
Garden City	6	4	25
Gibraltar	6	1	27
Grosse Ile	6	1	27
Grosse Pointe	13	12	10
G.P. Farms	13	12	10
G.P. Park	13	12	10
G.P. Shores	13	12	10
G.P. Woods	13	12	10
Groveland Twp.	9	23	68
Hamtramck	13	3	9
Harper Woods	13	12	10
Harrison Twp.	10	12	62
Hazel Park	11	10	8
Highland Park	13	3	7
Highland Twp.	11	23	51
Holly Twp.	8	24	51
Huntington Woods	11	10	6
Huron Twp.	6	4	29
Independence Twp.	9	23	52
Inkster	12	2	25
Keego Harbor	11	13	20
Lake Angelus	9	23	52
Lathrup Village	11	7	18
Lenox Twp.	10	25	65
Lincoln Park	13	1	28
Livonia	11	5	21/22
Lyon Twp.	11	13	49
Macomb Twp.	10	24	59/60
Madison Heights	11	10	14
Melvindale	13	1	28

Community	US House District	MI Senate District	MI House District
Memphis	10	25	65
Milford Twp.	11	13	51
Mt. Clemens	10	11	61
New Baltimore	10	12	63
Northville	11	5/13	21
Northville Twp.	11	5	21
Novi	11	13	49/50
Novi Twp.	11	13	49
Oak Park	11	7	6
Oakland Twp.	9	24	66
Orchard Lake	11	13	20
Orion Twp.	9	24	54
Oxford Twp.	9	24	66
Pleasant Ridge	11	10	8
Plymouth	6	6	23
Plymouth Twp.	6	6	23
Pontiac	11	11	53
Ray Twp.	10	24	65
Redford Twp.	12	5	16/22
Richmond	10	25	65
Richmond Twp.	10	25	65
River Rouge	13	1	28
Riverview	13	1	27
Rochester	9	24	66
Rochester Hills	9	24	55/66
Rockwood	6	4	29
Rose Twp.	8	23	51
Roseville	10	11	62
Romulus	6	4	29
Royal Oak	11	10	6/56
Royal Oak Twp.	11	7	5
St. Clair Shores	10	12	62
Shelby Twp.	10	24	59
South Lyon	11	13	49
Southfield	11	7	18
Southfield Twp.	11	7	18
Southgate	13	1	27/31
Springfield Twp.	9	23	52
Sterling Heights	10	11/24	57/58/61
Sumpter Twp.	6	4	31
Sylvan Lake	11	13	20
Taylor	6	4/6	29/31
Trenton	13	1	27
Troy	11	9	56/57
Utica	10	24	58
Van Buren Twp.	6	4	31
Walled Lake	11	13	49
Warren	10	10/11	9/13/14/58
Washington Twp.	10	24	64
Waterford Twp.	11	11/13	52/53
Wayne	12	2	25
West Bloomfield Twp.	11	11/13	20/53
Westland	12	2/4/6	24/25/26
White Lake	11	13	51
Wixom	11	13	50
Woodhaven	6	4	29
Wyandotte	13	1	27

Wayne County



Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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

Please Note: If you do not see a particular Candidate's name, they did not respond to our survey by publication deadline (6/17/2026). Only Candidates that responded by publication deadline are listed below.

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U.S. SENATOR											22nd District State Senator										
*											*										
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES											23rd District State Senator										
6th Congressional District											*										
Heather Smiley (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
12th Congressional District											24th District State Senator										
*											*										
13th Congressional District											25th District State Senator										
*											*										
MICHIGAN SENATE											MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES										
1st District State Senator											1st District State House										
Patrick O'Connell (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	*										
2nd District State Senator											2nd District State House										
Harry Sawicki (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ron Kokinda (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3rd District State Senator																					
Mohammad Alam (D)	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N											
4th District State Senator																					
*																					
5th District State Senator																					
*																					
6th District State Senator																					
Joi Pokerwinski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
12th District State Senator																					
Joseph A. Backus (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
Eileen Tesch (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
Shelley Wright (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
15th District State Senator																					
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16th District State Senator																					
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1976 Bicentennial Parade

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. ❖

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3rd District State House *											23rd District State House *										
4th District State House *											24th District State House *										
5th District State House Soummer Moore-Crawford (D)	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	25th District State House *										
7th District State House Oliver Gantt (D)	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	26th District State House Chris Dobis (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8th District State House Tonya Renay Wells (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
9th District State House *																					
10th District State House *																					
11th District State House Eddie Kabacinski (R) Matthew Stafford (R)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
12th District State House *																					
13th District State House *																					
15th District State House Hassan H. Nehme (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											
16th District State House *																					
17th District State House *																					
22nd District State House Casey J. Noce (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											

Register to Vote in Michigan: 3 Ways!

Register in person at a clerk or satellite office

*Within 14 days of an election, voters must register to vote in person at their clerk's office or satellite office and present proof of residency documentation.

Requirements:

- If you're registering within 14 days of an election, you must provide proof of residency.
- If you register to vote in person, you will be asked for a photo ID. If you don't have one, you can sign a simple form called an affidavit and then register to vote.

How to register:

A voter registration application may be requested in person at a local clerk's office or a satellite clerk's office location. The application may be completed on-site and submitted or taken home and submitted later.

Deadline:

Applications must be received by, or postmarked as sent to your local clerk's office at least 15 days before Election Day in order to be processed in time for the next election. Within 14 days of an election, voters must submit a voter registration application in person and present proof of residency at their local clerk's office. Learn more about proof of residency.

Voters in line by 8 p.m. on Election Day have the right to register to vote in person at their local clerk's office.

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/register-to-vote>

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From the President

Dear Pro-Life friends,

How many times and in how many ways can one say, “elections have consequences”? For years I have been trying to pass this message to family, friends, and strangers. The knowledge of who you vote for can change the history of the country. This is why LIFESPAN does a candidate questionnaire. It is to inform and educate our members on those put before them on a ballot. I encourage you to use the candidate questionnaire in this month’s Newsletter. Learn about August 4, 2026, electoral candidates and their views on LIFE issues. It takes time and funds to get a questionnaire out to the candidates, compile their responses, and put out a Newsletter with the direct information from the candidate. Every year it gets harder to get this questionnaire back from the candidates. We sent out the questionnaire multiple times and then tried to make phone calls. Often candidates just ignore us because they are pro-abortion and pro-euthanasia. If we do not have anyone running for office with an answer, that is because they never responded. It is unfortunate, but we have done our best. It is up to you: if you do not see those in your district, to try and contact them and ask why they never responded to our questionnaire. Ask them their views on pro-life issues.

More than ever, we need to bring our Judeo-Christian ethics back into the public square and stop the madness of Marxism that has permeated our society and all its great institutions. Knowing the candidates’ views on issues gives a good indication on how they will vote on issues. For pro-life people, this means a solid respect for human life, from conception till natural death. It is more important than ever to know your candidates. If you do not have LIFE, no other issues matter! You need LIFE to work and care about other issues.

As a pro-life advocate for over 56 years, many elections have come and gone but the ramifications of these elections have been responsible for over sixty million, plus, pre-born children’s lives. How many seniors have been abused or given passive or active euthanasia is only known by God. We have a society that kills without conscience.

Every weekend in our big cities people die just because they are in the way during a gang fight. We

have mass killings of school children often done by those under 25 years of age. This country has seen a frightening increase in violence against Jewish people simply because they are Jewish. We have a fentanyl epidemic that is killing our young. People are getting their throats cut on the subway without provocation. I could go on and on. What is the common denominator with all these actions? A disrespect for human life. If the human person was respected, as a child of God, and not as an object, this would not be happening.

How did we get to this? Of course, there is more than one factor that has contributed to the decline of Judeo-Christian ethics upon which this country was founded. But, to me a dominant factor is the legalization of ABORTION. Back in 1973 the Supreme Court came down with their infamous, inaccurate decision, on Abortion. The Court never dealt with the pre-born child only the privacy rights of the women. Women are allowed to kill their pre-born child if they do not want it (if a baby gets in the way of your happiness and freedoms you can kill him or her)!! Many in our society refuse to accept the truth that the child in the womb is human and is a citizen of this great country. I ask you why they can be killed if unwanted, but protected if wanted? The subliminal message within the Roe v Wade decision is that the human person can be killed if unwanted.

Even though that decision has been overturned the damage of that decision has changed the mindset of our Nation and changed the moral fibers within our country for many years to come. We have three generations who grew up with this message. If someone gets in the way of my freedom it is justified to kill her. So now we have constant reporting on the violence against our citizens. Why is the press so surprised by this violence? Their reporting on and promoting the pro-choice movement encourages violence in the womb.

Until we have peace in the womb, we will not see any peace outside the womb. Killing of pre-born children in the womb must stop.

Pro-life legislation is needed more than ever. To have pro-life legislation, we need legislators, with the moral character to vote for life, no matter what the repercussions.

If the candidate does not answer our survey, they are, most likely, pro-abortion. A vote for them, probably, is a vote for abortion and euthanasia.

Elections have consequences!! Know who you are voting for! It is a matter of life or death.

May God give us the knowledge and courage to vote for pro-life candidates and speak out with conviction on pro-life issues.

Diane

Wayne County



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27th District State House
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Clerk
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28th District State House
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City Council
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29th District State House
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31st District State House
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LOCAL RACES

County Executive
*

County Commissioner 5th District
*

Trustee - WCCCD
*

Deaborn Heights - City
City Council
*

Ecorse - City
Mayor
*

Clerk
*

Treasurer
*

Wayne - City
City Council
*

River Rouge - City
Mayor
*



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Register to vote online (online registration for the upcoming election is not available within 14 days of an election)

*Within 14 days of an election, voters must register to vote in person at their clerk's office or satellite office and present proof of residency documentation.

Requirements:

- Michigan driver's license number or Michigan state ID number
- AND
- Last 4-digits of Social Security number

How to register:

Visit <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter/Index> to complete and submit an online application.

Deadline:

Voters may register to vote online 15 or more days prior to Election Day.

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Constable *										
Garden City - City										
Mayor *										
City Council *										
Library Board *										
Highland Park - City										
Mayor *										
Clerk *										
Treasurer *										
City Council - 1st District *										
City Council - 2nd District *										
City Council - 3rd District *										
Northville - Township										
Trustee *										
Assessor *										
City Commissioner *										

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

~ Abraham Lincoln ~



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- Michigan driver's license number or Michigan state ID number
OR
- Last 4-digits of Social Security number
OR
- If you do not have a Michigan driver's license, Michigan ID number, or Social Security number, you can check the box that says "I don't have a valid Michigan-issued driver's license or Michigan-issued state ID card, or a Social Security number." If you do not have either of these forms of identification and you are registering to vote in Michigan for the first time, you can include a COPY of a current and valid photo ID, paycheck stub, utility bill, bank statement, or government document that lists your name and address.

How to register:

Printable applications are available online. Voters may also pick up an application at their local clerk's office or request that one be mailed to them. Completed applications can be mailed or scanned and emailed to the local clerk.

Deadline:

Scanned and emailed applications should be sent to the voter's local clerk 15 or more days before Election Day. Mailed registration applications must be postmarked as sent at least 15 days before Election Day.

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/register-to-vote>

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6th Congressional District												*									
Heather Smiley (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	22nd District State Senator									
7th Congressional District												Mike Murphy (R)									
Tom Barrett (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
9th Congressional District												23rd District State Senator									
*												Margarette Gupta (D)									
10th Congressional District												N									
Steffan Demetropoulos (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N									
Robert Lulgjuraj (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
Justin Kirk (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
11th Congressional District												MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES									
*												5th District State House									
12th Congressional District												Soummer									
*												Moore-Crawford (D)									
MICHIGAN SENATE												N									
7th District State Senator												6th District State House									
*												Mike Steger (R)									
8th District State Senator												Y									
Ken Massey (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
9th District State Senator												8th District State House									
Michael Webber (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Tonya Renay Wells (R)									
10th District State Senator												Y									
*												Y									
13th District State Senator												14th District State House									
*												*									
14th District State Senator												18th District State House									
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												Y									
												Ronald Ulmer-Paul (R)									
												Y									



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2026 Election Calendar

JULY 20: In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency allowed between this date & Election Day.
(MCL 168.497)

JULY 25: Mandatory Period of Early Voting per the Michigan Constitution, Article 2, Section 4.

AUGUST 4 (TUESDAY): State Primary 7a - 8p (MCL 168.641)

OCTOBER 20: In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency allowed between this date & Election Day.
(MCL 168.487)

OCTOBER 24: Mandatory Period of Early Voting per the Michigan Constitution, Article 2, Section 4.

NOVEMBER 3 (TUESDAY): General Election 7a - 8p
(MCL 168.641)



Help Wanted: Right to Life - LIFESPAN Wayne County Youth Director

The Wayne Chapter Youth Director leads LIFESPAN's Generation Truth youth program within the Chapter. The Youth Director reports to the Wayne Chapter Director and collaborates with the Oakland/Macomb Youth Director. It offers the opportunity to minister to young people, build relationships, and serve the pro-life cause.

Job Description:

- Continually works to increase youth involvement by contacting and forming relationships with schools, church leaders, youth directors, students, parents, and home school programs/families.
- Builds and maintains the Chapter Youth database.
- Reports at Chapter Board of Directors Meetings.
- Plans and implements programs to educate the Youth and those who work with the Youth on pro-life issues and principles through activities such as the Be the Change pro-life training event, Pro-Life Chalk Days, and Movement in Motion Bus Trip to the National March for Life in DC.



This is a Part-Time Position averaging 10 hours/week, starting at \$15/hour.

To apply, please send your resume to: Wayne Chapter Director Tim Pruse at tpruse@milifespan.org or call 734-422-6230 with inquiries.

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19th District State House Kevin Hammer (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--	Groveland - Township Trustee *										
20th District State House Hermon Barbe (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Holly - Township Comissioner *										
21st District State House Ross Barranco (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Lakeside Park - Village Council *										
23rd District State House *											Oakland - Township Clerk *										
49th District State House *											Royal Oak - Township Trustee *										
51st District State House *											Clerk *										
52nd District State House *											Southfield - Township Trustee *										
53rd District State House *											Park Commissioner *										
54th District State House *											West Bloomfield - Township Supervisor *										
55th District State House Mark Tisdell (R)	Y	Y ^q	Y	Y ^q	Y	Y ^q	Y	Y ^q	Y	Y	Trustee Omar Kallabat (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
57th District State House *																					
66th District State House *																					
68th District State House *																					
72nd District State House *																					
LOCAL RACES Addison - Township Trustee *																					



Every election is determined by
the people who show up.

~ Larry J. Sabato ~

* No Response Received by Candidate

Macomb County



Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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

Please Note: If you do not see a particular Candidate's name, they did not respond to our survey by publication deadline (6/17/2026). Only Candidates that responded by publication deadline are listed below.

CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
MICHIGAN GOVERNOR											13th District State House										
*											Mark Thomas Foster (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
U.S. SENATOR											14th District State House										
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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES											57th District State House										
9th Congressional District											*										
*											58th District State House										
10th Congressional District											*										
Steffan Demetropoulos (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	59th District State House										
Robert Lulgjuraj (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Sylvia Grot (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Justin Kirk (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Jean Zott (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MICHIGAN SENATE											60th District State House										
9th District State Senator											Joseph Aragona (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michael Webber (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	61st District State House										
10th District State Senator											Robert Wojtowicz (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
*											62nd District State House										
11th District State Senator											*										
Joseph Michael Hunt (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	63rd District State House										
12th District State Senator											Robert Kelly McFarland (D)	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
Joseph A. Backus (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	65th District State House										
Eileen Tesch (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*										
Shelley Wright (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	66th District State House										
14th District State Senator											*										
*											24th District State Senator										
24th District State Senator											Terence H. Mekoski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Terence H. Mekoski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Douglas C. Wozniak (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Douglas C. Wozniak (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	25th District State Senator										
25th District State Senator											Randy Schultz (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Randy Schultz (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	LOCAL RACES										
MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES											County Executive										
11th District State House											*										
Eddie Kabacinski (R)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	County Commissioner										
Matthew Stafford (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Dan Bartolotto (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12th District State House											Lennox - Township										
*											Trustee										
											Ron Zemens (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y

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2026 Annual Dinner & Silent Auction with Emily Compagno



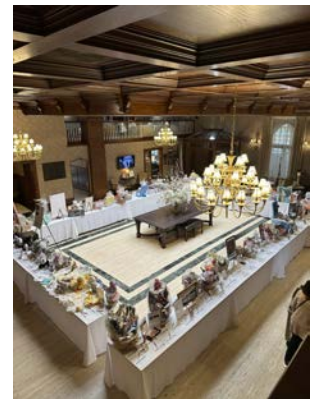
We had a full house!

- With over 700 people, we packed the San Marino Club in Troy with passionate pro-lifers.
- Our Speaker, **Emily Compagno**, was passionate and very knowledgeable.



We have the best volunteers!

- From youth adults who helped sell raffle tickets and teens who greeted & directed people as they arrived.
- To our 14 auction table volunteers who gave out the winning baskets.
- And so many more who made the evening such a special event.



Passing the Torch to Generation Truth

- Our youth are amazing.
- As the next generation of pro-lifers, we see their passion and love for life and it gives us hope for the future.
- Current and Future: This is Andy & Anne Marie. Andy is the current Wayne County Chapter office manager and Anne Marie was the Wayne County Chapter Youth Director. Anne Marie is holding the future, literally, in her hands.



Couldn't do it without our Major Donors

- **We have the most generous members. We thank our Major Donors:**
 - Anonymous, The Hansen Family, John & Mary DePlanche, John & Katherine Pruse, John & Margaret Mahoney, Knights of Columbus Council #13810, Tom & Karen Schenk, Richard & Lynette Tenaglia, Gerry Carroll, and Tom & Nan St. Peter.

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Oakland/Macomb Counties

Dinner Delights

Our annual Celebrate Life dinner was a grand evening. Folks seemed to really like the food, the speaker, the auction and so many commented on how wonderful it was to see so many young people volunteering! We all know that today's youth are the future of the pro-life movement and we are so fortunate to have so many involved with Lifespan

To list everyone who helped make the evening so special would be to sure to leave someone out So instead we just need to know that everyone involved has our heartfelt thanks!

Pretty Flowers

The Mother's Day carnations seemed especially lovely this year and they their beauty lasted a really long time! We had bouquets on our desks for the better part of two weeks. Several churches were impacted by the water main break in the Rochester/Auburn Hills area and were unable to offer the flowers, However,

rising to the challenge one faith community held their Sunday service in the baseball field adjacent to the church and still offered the flowers. Necessity is surely the mother of invention!

Another try to provide Assisted Suicide

There are some who seem determined to tell us when we can be born and now, tell us when we can die. House Bills 5825- would repeal Michigan's safeguards against Assisted Suicide. Such measures always start out with meany "safeguards" and then over time the safeguards are deemed "restrictive" and the option to die becomes a duty to die.



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Active House Bills to Legalize Assisted Suicide in Michigan

Six members of the Michigan State House of Representatives introduced House Bills 5825, 5826, 5827, and 5828 to legalize Assisted Suicide on April 21, 2026. The sponsors of this so-called "Death with Dignity Act" are all Democrats, Representatives Edwards (District 12), Miller (Dist. 31), Carter (Dist. 53), Paiz (Dist. 10), Steckloff (Dist. 19), and Rheingans (Dist. 47). These four bills have been assigned to the House Committee on Government Operations. The bills include the same proposals as Senate Bills 678, 679, 680, and 681 from the 2023-24 legislative session. Twelve of the twenty current Democrat State Senators co-sponsored SB 678-681. As the Senate bills were from a previous legislature, they are NOT active in the current 2025-26 legislative session.

There are Republicans and Democrats who support assisted suicide. There are Democrats and Republicans who oppose assisted suicide. It is safe to say affordability and economic concerns will receive more attention from voters and the media in 2026 and few voters plan to cast ballots based on assisted suicide stances. Most candidates would prefer not to share a public stance on assisted suicide, yet it is also clear that if a majority of those elected to the State House and State Senate in 2026 favor legalizing assisted suicide in 2026, then we should expect assisted suicide to become legal in Michigan in 2027-28. That is why the candidate survey asks Question 7 (Do you SUPPORT Michigan legislation that prohibits assisted suicide so called "medical aid in dying"?) and Question 8 (Do you SUPPORT honoring the wishes of patients who want life-saving treatment

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Wayne County

Wayne Director Tim Pruse represents LIFESPAN in the Michigan Alliance for Ethical Care (MAEC) which is our state's leading coalition advocating for disabled, elderly, and ill citizens threatened by assisted suicide. Legislative analysts reported to MAEC in May that the current House Bills 5825-5828 have been assigned to a committee which will not report them to the full House of Representatives for consideration. Although the current House bills and previous Senate bills have been sponsored by Democrats, the political lines are not drawn neatly as they are for abortion in Michigan.



Summer is almost here! Many businesses have shorter hours to enjoy the season—not Wee Care! Precious babies are due all summer long (thank God the moms chose life!)

Today, we lovingly put together 20 layettes filled with diapers, tiny clothing, bedding and so much more (including cute little sunsuits!). They will be picked up tomorrow by social workers along with fifteen other packages. One of the moms had a fire and lost everything. Another, the mom is only fourteen—yes, 14! After much counseling (with adoption encouraged) the young girl decided to keep her daughter and raise her with much help from her mom and guidance from caring organizations. These are the heart- wrenching circumstances we hear every day. That is why your material goods, monetary



donations, but especially your love and prayers are so very important. You will never know how many lives you have touched--babies who were given life--because of you.

THANK YOU!

Have a fun, relaxing, wonderful summer!

Love, Karen

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Karen Patrosso, Director

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

Wee Care



Dear Friends of Life of all ages – Junior High and High School students, college students, young adults, young men and women's groups, mom and dad groups, parents, families, teachers and school administrators, youth ministers, religious ed directors, deacons, pastors, priests, and all other adults who are receiving this Youth Update

Summertime excitement and fun is here! Hurray!

Thanks to our generous supporters throughout the year, LIFESPAN is able to sponsor 16 young adults to attend the annual Life Advocate Intensive (LAI) Training that Protect Life Michigan puts on every summer. We have been able to sponsor students and young adults for at least ten years! We will share in an upcoming newsletter pictures and summaries of the young adults of what they learned and experienced at LAI! So look for it in the near future!

We are working on the plans for the 2027 LIFESPAN Movement in Motion Bus Trip to DC in January. The dates are January 21st-23rd. Three buses will stay in a host school for two nights and one bus will stay in a hotel for two nights. For further information on the plans and how to register, contact Lynn Gura at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org or call 248-816-1546.

Be the Change

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Generation Truth Youth

Links for Life is coming - Last Chance!



LINKS FOR LIFE 2026

LIFESPAN's 6th Annual Charity Golf Outing

Join us this July 31st at 8:30 am.
Fellows Creek Golf Club (Canton)

Registration is open. (\$140/golfer,
\$520/Foursome; \$50/Dinner Guest)

Can't golf? How about sponsoring the event?
Sponsorships start at \$100

Contact Wayne County Chapter 734.422.6230

9:30 AM - Shotgun Start

2026 LINKS for LIFE Charity Golf Outing

Right to Life- LIFESPAN is a 501c(3) organization and all Sponsorship donations are tax deductible. Please make checks out to RTL- Lifespan and mail to RTL-Lifespan Wayne Chapter, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Suite 210, Livonia, MI 48150.

Includes:

Best Ball Golf
Hot Dog Lunch
Steak Dinner
Cash 50/50
Basket Raffles

Contests:

Beat-the-Pro
Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin
Trophy Presentation

*Can't join us? Consider
sponsoring the event. You
can use the form here or
follow the QR code
provided.*

Sponsor Registration

_____ Yes, I/We would like to sponsor _____ hole(s) at \$100 per hole as a Hole Sponsor

Hole Sponsors will receive a printed sign at a Tee Box.

_____ Yes, I/We would like to be an Event Sponsor for \$250

Program Sponsors will receive a printed sign at a Tee Box, Sponsor recognition in the printed program, & the option to include a business card or promotional information in Golfer Gift Bags.

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Name (for business/organization): _____

Sponsor Contact E-mail and/or Phone Number: _____

Please send the desired text and/or a jpeg or gif of your desired image or business card to wcdtrtl@rtl-lifespan.org

Golfer & Dinner Registration

_____ Yes, please register 4 golfers at \$520 per foursome

_____ Yes, please register _____ golfer(s) at \$140 per golfer

_____ Yes, please register _____ guest(s) for dinner only at \$50 per guest

Check-in begins at 8:30am on Friday, July 31st with Shotgun Start at 9:30am.

Team Captain or Individual Golfer Name, E-mail Address, & Phone Number (required)

Additional Team Member or Dinner-only Attendee Names & E-mail Addresses

_____ Total \$ Included for Golf and/or Sponsorships

Note: LIFESPAN will NEVER share your personal contact info with any other organization.



Absentee (Early) Voting

All registered voters in Michigan have the right to vote by mail using an absentee ballot delivered to their home. Voters can also request an absentee ballot directly from their local clerk's office. Absentee ballots are available beginning 40 days prior to every election.

Michigan voters can now join the permanent absentee ballot list by checking a box on the application to automatically receive an absentee ballot for every election.

Requesting an absent voter ballot

A voter must submit an absentee ballot application to their local clerk before an absentee ballot can be sent (unless they are on the permanent absentee ballot list). Absentee ballots are available and distributed beginning 40 days before the election.

Michigan voters can decide to be placed on a permanent absentee ballot list. Their local clerk will then automatically mail them an absentee ballot for all local, state, and federal elections.

You have three options to request an absentee ballot.

MAIL: Voters can request an absentee ballot by mailing a completed absentee ballot application to their local clerk. Ballot applications may be printed from the Michigan Department of State website or picked up at a local clerk's office. Applications mailed to a voter from their local clerk will include a pre-paid return envelope. Deadline: Completed applications may be mailed, placed in an official drop box, or dropped off at the clerk's office. Mailed applications must be received by a voter's local city or township clerk's office by 5 p.m. the Friday before Election Day. To ensure there is enough time to receive and return an absentee ballot, plan on mailing the absentee ballot application at least 15 days before Election Day.

ONLINE: Voters can submit a completed absentee ballot application to their local clerk online. Once the ballot application has been processed, the absentee ballot will be mailed to the voter beginning 40 days before the election. Deadline: Online applications may be submitted until 5 p.m. the Friday before Election Day. To ensure there is enough time to receive and return an absentee ballot, plan on submitting the absentee ballot application online at least 15 days before Election Day.

AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE: Voters can visit their local clerk's office in person to request, complete, and submit their absentee ballot application on site. Voters requesting an application from their local clerk may also take it home with them to complete and submit later. Deadline: Individuals registered to vote at their current address have until 4 p.m. the day before Election Day to submit an application in person at their local clerk's office. Eligible voters who are not currently registered to vote in Michigan, or who have not updated their registration with a current address in Michigan, have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to visit their local clerk's office to register to vote or update their registration address and request an absentee ballot to complete and submit on site. So long as an eligible resident is in line at their clerk's office by 8 p.m., they may register to vote (or update their registration) and cast an absentee ballot.

Completing and returning an absentee ballot

Absentee ballot envelopes will contain a ballot, a secrecy sleeve, and ballot marking instructions. Voters who make a mistake

when filling out an absentee ballot must request a new ballot from their local clerk's office for the error to be corrected. Mistakes may include: Signing in the wrong place, listing the incorrect date, signing with a different signature than what is on file with your local clerk, and accidentally marking a non-preferred vote on the ballot.

Filling out an absentee ballot: Voters should complete their absentee ballot by carefully following the written instructions included with the ballot. Instructions may differ based on the type of election. Voters may contact their local clerk with questions about how to complete an absentee ballot.

Inserting the ballot into the secrecy sleeve: Completed ballots should be inserted into the secrecy sleeve as instructed.

Signing an absentee ballot envelope: Voters must sign and date the return envelope on the provided space. Voters should use their signature as shown on their driver's license, state ID, or voter registration application. If a voter's signature does not fit in the provided space, a shorter signature that resembles the signature on record may be used. Voters may also sign a shortened version of their first name, for example, "Bill" for the name "William".

Returning the absentee ballot: Voters have several options to securely return their completed and signed absentee ballot envelope. Absentee ballots must be received by a voter's local clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted, with the exception of military and overseas ballots which must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by their local clerk within 6 days after the election in order to be counted.

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/absentee-voting>



Active House Bills

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such as food and water regardless of their degree of disability, age, and "quality of life"?). Many candidates will not respond to the questionnaire, so **we encourage you to contact the statewide and state legislative candidates in your district directly to ask Questions 7 and 8.** Do NOT vote for a candidate if you do not know their position on assisted suicide.

August Activities

Wayne Board member Mary Jo Hodge is spearheading a new casual fundraiser "Live It Up for Right to Life-Lifespan" on Friday, August 7 at the AOH Hall in Redford. A \$15 admission includes a pasta bar dinner, dessert, and entertainment with DJ Pat Johnson. All proceeds benefit LIFESPAN. The MAEC is partnering with St. Andrew Catholic Church in Rochester for an important Assisted Suicide Town Hall. It is tentatively scheduled for August 22 but may be moved to September. Although this is an MAEC event, LIFESPAN will have strong presence at this important educational event. Given the information on HB 5825-5828 above, **NOW is the time to educate yourself and activate your community to defend human life before pro-assisted suicide officials are elected in Michigan unbeknownst to most voters.**



Right to Life -
LIFESPAN

LIVE IT UP

Fundraiser

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30
AOH HALL - 25300 FIVE MILE
REDFORD, MI 48239

Menu: Pasta Bar, Salad, Garlic
Bread & Dessert

Time: Doors open at 5:00 pm &
Dinner is served from
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

COST:
\$15

With DJ Patrick Johnson &
50/50 Raffle

KARAOKE

Every dollar raised helps ensure Right
to Life - LIFESPAN can continue to
support, educate, and bring hope and
dignity to those who cannot speak for
themselves.



Good food. Great cause.

For more information:
CALL: 734.422.6230

Treasurer Needed: We are looking for someone:

- With an accounting background who knows QuickBooks
- Who can work in Livonia as a Non-Paid Volunteer
- Who will be part of our Board of Directors

Call Diane at 734-524-0162 for more information



10 QUICK REASONS FOR OPPOSING THE LEGALIZATION OF ASSISTED SUICIDE

INCOMPATIBLE WITH GOOD

Legalization of assisted suicide conflicts with the purpose of a good government, which is to protect the lives of all people, in particular those vulnerable due to age, illness, poverty, disability, etc.

ELDER ABUSE

Assisted suicide laws are not written to prevent abuse, specifically toward the elderly.

DUTY TO DIE

Assisted suicide laws lead to a "duty to die" mentality. Concerns about healthcare costs or fear of being a burden to others may put pressure on patients to request lethal drugs.

BAD MEDICINE

Assisted suicide is bad medicine. It is inconsistent with the role of the physician as a healer. Often the best medicine a doctor can offer is hope. When patients are offered assisted suicide, hope is taken away from them.

DOCTORS MAKE MISTAKES

No one, not even doctors, can predict a person's life-expectancy with certainty. Some patients who are given terminal diagnoses recover.

FINANCIAL AGENDAS

Financial interests are often behind assisted suicide laws. Legalization of assisted suicide puts poor and elderly people at risk.

A FALSE SOLUTION

Legalizing assisted suicide gives societal approval to suicide and teaches that suicide is an acceptable solution to human problems, thereby undermining the efforts of suicide prevention. The position of The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Network is, "we see suicide never being a solution to any problem due to the permanent forfeiture of the victim's future."

COOPERATIVE PRESSURE

Doctors and nurses may find themselves under pressure to cooperate in their patients' suicides.

IT IS UNNECESSARY

The argument that assisted suicide is necessary to relieve unbearable pain and suffering is not tenable. If someone is suffering from great pain, they do not need suicide, they need a new doctor. One who is an expert in managing pain and symptoms. Assisted suicide laws remove the incentive for continued medical research, esp. in the area of pain control.

DIGNITY & COMPASSION

Human beings, including those with life-threatening illnesses and disabilities, have dignity and need our compassion. Assisted suicide is neither dignified nor compassionate. Seriously ill or disabled people require love, inclusion, and medical care that values their lives, not hastens their death.

*The duty to care for one another and to relieve suffering to the very end of life and the inalienable right to life are **unchanging norms for a truly civilized society.***

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Given by: Karen Patrosso & Wee Care Babies

Dora Mosquera

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Margaret Ostrowski

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LIFESPAN- In Honor of:

Tim Pruse

Given by: Rita Tinetti

UPCOMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS

8/7 **LIVE IT UP DINNER**

9/1 - 11/15 **2021 BUS TRIP
REGISTRATION**

9/12 **DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

10/4 **LIFE CHAIN**

10/17 **LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST**

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☐ Other	\$_____	☐ Bronze	\$50

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Email: _____

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carry an extra
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Period. End of story.**

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Chloe (NRLC.org)

When I hear the phrase “Down syndrome,” I cannot help but think of my friend Chloe.

I met Chloe when she was a preschooler, filled with energy and enthusiasm for life.

Her light has not dimmed over the years.

Has she had health challenges? Yes, but she has also achieved so many milestones—from speaking at the United Nations to speaking with the President of the United States.

She has met world-renowned musicians and famous sports stars. And she has charmed them all.

Chloe reminds me of what is best about humanity. She is a blessing in every sense of the word.

When I hear about an Internet influencer announcing to the world that he and his wife are aborting their child because of a Down syndrome diagnosis, I wish he could have met Chloe and her parents before making that lethal decision. Perhaps he could have been persuaded by the love that Chloe carries for everyone—even those who would abort people like her.

Targeting unborn children for abortion because they carry an extra chromosome is wrong. Period. End of story.

Let us all resolve to educate our fellow humans about the joy these children bring to the world. The world is sorely in need of it, after all.

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