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Michigan Senate Passes Major Pro-Life Bill Stopping Abortions

The Michigan state Senate has approved a major piece of pro-life legislation that will stop abortions by protecting women and holding abortion facilities accountable for following basic health and safety standards.

The measures to license and inspect abortion clinics, prevent coercive abortion, and stop so-called telemed abortions are intended to protect women and unborn children and further drive down the number of abortions in the state. The full state Senate approved the bill, HB 5711, an omnibus bill, also known as the Pro-life Bus, on a 27-10 vote December 12, 2013. This omnibus bill combined six introduced pro-life bills into one large bill.

The purpose of the Pro-life Bus is to hold the abortion industry to the same health and safety standards as other medical providers. Patients' safety must be put ahead of abortion profits.

The legislation must now be concurred by the House of Representatives before heading to Governor Snyder for his signature.

Currently, only 4 of the 32 abortion facilities in Michigan are licensed by the state and, as such, the other 28 are rarely, or if ever, inspected by the state health bureau for basic sanitary requirements that are expected of other outpatient surgical facilities in Michigan.

The passage of House Bill 5711 will ensure abortion facilities in Michigan meet Bureau of Health Systems standards that pertain to disaster and emergency procedures, medication and medical storage requirements, waste disposal requirements, sanitary procedures and other basic patient care requirements and administrative rules.

The bill, which passed the House of Representatives in June with bipartisan support, includes:

Coercive Abortion Prevention—screening women seeking abortions for possible coercion to abort, requires an anti-coercion sign posted in abortion clinics. (HB 5134 & 5182) The

two additional new bills attached to the Bus, HB 5712-13, complete the Coercive Abortion Prevention package by defining coercion to abort as a crime and providing penalties. (HB 4798-99)

Humane disposition of aborted babies—requires bodies of aborted children to be buried or cremated. (SB 25 & 54 or HB 4119-4120)

Prohibit "Webcam" abortions—prohibits prescribing abortion pill by remote consulting over the Internet. (HB 4688/SB 420)

Abortion clinic licensing—requires any abortion clinic or private physician office advertising outpatient abortion services to be licensed as a Freestanding Outpatient Surgical Facility. (HB 5522)

Abortionist malpractice insurance—requires abortionists to carry \$1 million in malpractice insurance or carry an equivalent bonded surety. (SB 876)

—*LifeNews.com, December 12, 2013*

Court: Obama Administration Must Rewrite HHS Mandate to Protect Religious Liberty

In a victory for the pro-life battle against the HHS mandate, a federal appeals court, on December 18, reinstated two of the top legal challenges to the mandate, which requires religious employers to pay for drugs that may cause abortions.

The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals handed Wheaton College and Belmont Abbey College a major victory in their challenges to the HHS mandate. Previously, two lower courts had dismissed their lawsuits as premature because the Obama administration is expected to revise the mandate next year. However, the appellate court reinstated those cases.

The Supreme Court has ordered a federal appeals court to take a new look at the controversial Obamacare law and whether it unconstitutionally forces taxpayers to fund abortions and birth control, violating religious freedoms. The high court is ultimately expected to resolve the debate over the HHS mandate.

—*LifeNews.com, December 19, 2013*

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Continuing this tradition of caring for mothers and their babies, born and yet to be born, Lifespan will host approximately 50 baby showers simultaneously at different church locations throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. Showers are usually held from 2:00-3:30 p.m., but may also be held after church services or simply as a gift drop-off shower.

If you or your church would like to co-host a baby shower, call us at 734-524-0162.

Lights for Life Remembrances

(Lighting Ceremony took place December 7)

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Donation received after this issue went to press will be listed in the following newsletter.*

“If I Were a Pro-Life United States President...”

Pro-Life Student Essay Contest Winners

Two metro Detroit teens won Lifespan’s Pro-Life Student Essay Contest, “If I Were a Pro-Life United States President...” **Grace Bueche** is the first-place winner and will be awarded a \$150 gift card, to her favorite craft store, JoAnn’s. Grace is a senior who is homeschooled; she lives in Shelby Township. Grace has played both piano and violin for 10 years, and is enjoying her 7th year in the Oakland Youth Orchestra. Her favorite sport is soccer, but she enjoys volleyball, hiking and water skiing as well. Hobbies include scrapbooking, sewing and cooking.

Anna Fooy is the 2nd place winner and lives in Warren. Anna will be awarded a \$100 gift card to her favorite clothing store, Forever 21. Anna is a sophomore at Bishop Foley Catholic High School in Madison Heights. “I entered this contest through our pro-life club. I went on the Washington, D.C. Right to Life - LIFESPAN bus trip last year, and I plan on going this year and also the rest of my years at Foley! The trip last year had a huge impact on me and is a huge reason why I wanted to write this essay. My next reason was because of what my family has instilled in me since day one: Faith. I am forever grateful to them for being able to have sent me to a Catholic school since preschool. Along with being in the ProLife club, I play soccer and run track; I’m in the drama club, Key Club and am also a Student Ambassador. Bishop Foley has helped me understand and know my faith. One day there will be no more abortion and that will be a victorious day: when life triumphs over death.”

We want to thank the judges who had the difficult job of choosing the winners from the excellent entries submitted:

Katie Vorwald earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree in 2008 from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. She began her teaching career at Everest Academy in Clarkston, Michigan in January 2009, teaching middle school choir and general music to grades 3-5. Katie took over the Everest Academy band program in the fall of 2009 and expanded the elementary music program to include junior kindergarten through fifth grade. In addition, she is actively involved in the Clarkston Community Band as flutist, librarian and guest conductor. Katie is also a volunteer counselor at Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Auburn Hills. She is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, where her parents and two brothers still reside.

Claudia Michalik graduated from Franciscan University with a BA in English with concentrations in creative writing and American literature. After teaching for a year, she pursued graduate school, completing an MA in English at Carnegie Mellon with a concentration in rhetoric, an analytical writing field with an intense focus on language and reasoning. Since then she has been teaching high school English courses at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. She spends her summers volunteering and engaging in academic pursuits. She was the proud recipient of a Southwell Institute Poetry Scholarship in 2006 and a summer institute grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities in 2005. Over the summer of 2012, she was selected to participate in Notre Dame’s Vita Institute, which covered all relevant ‘life issues’ with respect to the disciplines of philosophy, law, psychology and the social sciences. She enjoys working with youth in all capacities including tutoring, heading a local youth group and volunteering at crisis centers for young women.

First-Place Essay

If I Were a Pro-Life United States President...



By **Grace Bueche**

The position of President of the United States has always been one of great influence and honor. Hence, the foremost goal would be to ensure that I stand as an example of moral rectitude both in my personal life and as president. I would show myself to be a person of integrity and goodwill, humbly striving to

do God’s will in my life. Having established these personal guidelines, I would use the powers of the presidency to accomplish several objectives.

The first would be choosing a moral, upright individual for a running mate. Although most people are unaware,

upon election the vice-president becomes head of the senate. This position is important, because as chief of the senate the vice-president has the power to navigate the senate any way he sees fit. He accomplishes this feat by allowing only those whom he knows will support his position to speak to the senate. Because the senate’s job is to ratify bills suggested by the House of Representatives, by electing a pro-life vice-president, I will secure, strong pro-life and pro-family legislation endorsed by the senate.

My second goal as president is reinstating the foreign-aid abortion ban; this bill forbids foreign-aid to fund abortions or contraceptives in other countries. Ronald Reagan was the first to enact such a bill in 1984. However, Bill Clinton rescinded this ban upon taking office in 1993, and George Bush again imposed the ban following his assumption to office in 2001. Similarly, Barack Obama repealed the ban upon taking office, again allowing taxpayer money to fund abortions. According to Douglas Johnson¹, the effect of repealing the foreign-aid abortion ban is to redirect federal money “away from groups that do not promote abortion, and into the hands of those organizations that are the most

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Lifespan Chapter News

We face a new year of challenges

and know that we have

the determination to meet them - and succeed.

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With the recent election results, we are going to have to work harder just to keep the accomplishments we've made in the past 40 years. There have been many, and you and Lifespan have been a part of these successes. Try not to be too discouraged because a friend, family member or church member voted for a pro-death candidate. Just make up your mind that you, personally, are going to do something about it. Maybe you have recently retired and find you can now consider being more involved in pro-life activities. Maybe your kids are all in school and you have a little free time. Maybe, volunteering is your thing or just maybe, it's your turn and you want to help. Whatever the reason, Lifespan can use your talents.

Volunteer to work in a Lifespan office with mailings/ computer work; many hands make light work.

Join exciting send-off of eight busloads of youths to the "March for Life" to represent YOU in Washington, D.C. (front cover).

Be present at a Mass with Rose Ceremony around January 22; call office for church nearest you.

Help in the Wee Care office, organize gifts for babies from individuals, organizations and church giving trees. Handling those beautiful gifts for precious babies makes you smile.

Arrange for a baby shower at your church for the pregnancy help centers. Lifespan hosts approximately 50 showers on the second Sunday in March.

Become a church representative; be a liaison between Lifespan and your church. We are showing the DVD, *October Baby*, to our church reps in January, so they can borrow it to share with church members.

Work at educational booths. You'll always be placed with an experienced pro-lifer. Fairs and festivals are fun.

Reserve the 2000 Cross Display for your church grounds; each of the 2000 crosses represents two babies who die from abortion every day.

Offer to bake; we always need the extra income from bake sales. Lifespan bakers bake for hosting churches. What a sweet way to help our finances.

Urge students to attend outreach programs designed with them in mind.

Attend Lifespan's Annual Dinner in May. Hear a great speaker; enjoy the evening out; become motivated.

Have breakfast with your legislators and talk to them about your pro-life concerns. This event usually occurs in September or October.

Take a business or personal ad in our annual Resource Book; this is an outstanding publication. See page 10.

Encourage teens to enter the Pro-life Art Contest; winning entry may appear on the cover of Lifespan's Annual Resource Book. What an honor!

Buy a raffle ticket; limited tickets sold for prize of \$10,000. Who couldn't use that? See back page.

Save and donate old books to our Book Sale.

Request a speaker for any event; hear the experts tell the pro-life story.

Renew your membership in Lifespan; sign up one new member; our lobbying efforts would double; think of the clout we'd have in passing pro-life legislation.

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Wee Care

As we begin the New Year, many precious babies are wrapped in soft blankets, dressed in warm sleepers and have full tummies as they snuggle in their moms' loving arms. This, of course, is all because of you! Thank you so very much for all you did for my little ones during the Christmas holidays!

May God bless you in the New Year with much love, laughter, hugs and all the happiness that you have given to others!

Happy 2013!

Love, Karen

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Loss of Life

Our hearts are saddened and our prayers are constant for those affected by recent shootings. The loss of innocent life is always devastating, and there are no words that effectively express our sympathies to all of the families in Connecticut.

We must continue to work on protecting ALL innocent human life from conception to natural death. As pro-lifers, we mourn the loss of lives in such violent, evil ways.

This statement is meant to reflect upon the events in Connecticut and in abortion clinics around the world. We remember and mourn the loss of ALL the innocent souls. The tears of grief only increase as the death toll rises.

Our commitment to LIFE across the LIFE SPAN does not waiver; our viewpoint has not changed because, just as those children and staff members had a right to a FULL LIFE, so do the unborn children, their mothers, the elderly and the differently-abled.

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First Place Essay

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aggressive in promoting abortion in developing countries.” Because of this abuse of the federal money supply, one of my first acts as president of the United States will be to reinstate the ban on foreign-aid.

My third act as president will be to ensure that abortions in the military are prohibited under any circumstances. For the last twenty years, there has been an ongoing debate relating to whether or not abortions should be included in medical coverage for military personnel and whether military doctors should be allowed to perform abortions. Currently abortions are covered only when the life of the mother is in danger. However, there are many lobbyist groups pushing to have abortions readily available for women in the military and for government coverage in circumstances of rape and aggression. This view is supported in the 2012 Alliance for National Defense bill. As Judy Duff, a former U.S. Army officer said, “Providing easy access and funding for abortion won’t solve the military’s crisis pregnancy problem. Awareness and education will.” [1] In view of this incite, as president, I will forbid abortions in the military.

Another power I will hold as president is that of electing cabinet officers and nominating Supreme Court justices. For these offices I will chose upright, God-fearing men who will support my pro-life campaign. These pro-life men will be especially helpful in the departments of Health and Human Services, Education, Justice, Homeland Security and Defense; these sectors hold sway over many decisions which relate to abortion and contraception. For the few openings in the Supreme Court which may appear during my term, I will nominate candidates who have demonstrated pro-life stances in their previous appointments.

Although the president has no direct authority in proposing legislation, he does sign or veto bills proposed by the house and senate. Therefore, I will not endorse any bill which funds or promotes abortion, contraception or homosexuality. Furthermore, for any previously existing bill which funds or promotes these sinful activities, specifically the HHS mandate, as chief executive of the United States, I will not execute or enforce those bills. On the contrary, I will do everything in my limited power to remove such legislation and promote laws which protect the sanctity of life in every stage. Similarly, I will sign legislation which limits federal authority on abortion and contraception and seeks to give such authority back to the individual states. Before the decision of *Roe v. Wade*, the issue of abortion was dealt with by the states individually; every state had laws limiting abortion, usually in all cases except when the mother was deathly ill.

Finally, as president I will use the bully pulpit to expose the moral and economic evils of abortion. Pope Pius XI says, “Those who hold the reins of government should not forget that it is the duty of public authority by appropriate laws and sanctions to defend the lives of the innocent... infants hidden in the mother’s womb. If the public magistrates not only do not defend them, but by their laws and ordinances

betray them to death at the hands of doctors or of others, let them remember that God is the Judge and Avenger of innocent blood which cried from earth to Heaven.” [2] The pope clearly warns mankind of the grave moral evil which is the reality of abortion and how much it offends God. Besides this moral evil, abortion also ignites a series of detrimental consequences on the whole of society. The first is the failure of the family which is the bulwark of any society. The second is the collapse of the economy due to a catastrophic drop in population. “Assuming that those aborted between 1975 and 1990 would now be productive taxpayers, the U.S. economy is losing roughly \$202 billion per year in tax payments as of 2012.” [3]

In conclusion, if I were president of the United States, I would be an example of integrity; choose a moral vice-president; stop foreign-aid for abortions; prohibit abortions performed in the military; elect upright cabinet officers and court justices; veto anti-life legislation and sign pro-life bills; and I would use the bully pulpit to reveal the evil consequences of abortion. ■

Legislative Director of the National Right to Life Committee

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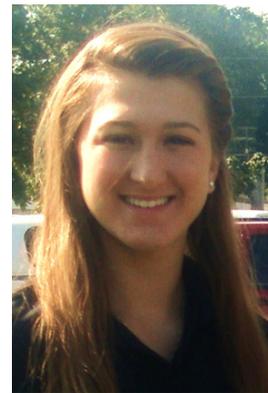
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Second-Place Essay

If I Were a Pro-Life United States President...



By Anna Fooy

To all of those who are pro-choice, I advise you to think, “Ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.” I direct this powerful quote to all of you who believe in abortion. Why do you not love? Living the American dream is a privilege to all. Most everyone will agree because we are free to live our lives without

religious conflicts and to be able to speak our minds. Then why is it that abortion is viewed as lawful? Abortion is killing a human. The fetus is not only a growing baby, but at the moment of conception, it is a living human being. The quote that President Kennedy said shows how Americans can work together to make a true difference for freedom. This quote does have love intertwined. If the American people don’t love then they must not care for the life of a person. Human beings are sacred and the only way the United States of America can achieve greatness, is simply showing their love and respect for all human life.

Abortion has nothing to do with being affiliated with any religion; this choice is purely based on the morals of a good person. It is a choice between right and wrong. If I were to be elected as a pro-life president, I will first and foremost change the pro-choice policy. *Roe v. Wade* has destroyed over fifty-five million lives, and I am not about to allow that number to rise! I will abolish all forms of abortion so there will be no way to receive an abortion. I want the word *abortion* out of every American's head—think about love instead. Just love! These are four simple letters that make a big word. Corinthians, chapter 13, verses 1-3 explains love. It says, "If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or clashing cymbal." In other words, if one is a human person who speaks well but doesn't love, then one is like an annoying noise. But guess what, when you take the life of a human through abortion, that child does not receive enough respect to even breathe one word.

A baby is a miracle! It is not a punishment. Some people think they can just throw it away, but that will cease once

I become president. At a town hall meeting in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on March 29, 2008, Barack Obama said, "If my daughters make a mistake, I don't want them to be punished for it." Do you know what I have to say for that? Shame on you and to the people who think they have authority to end an innocent life. How terrible! A baby is never a mistake; it is a blessing sent by God for a purpose. There are always other ways to deal with a baby besides killing it off. Adoption is a wonderful way if you are pregnant but don't intend on keeping the baby as your own child. This way one can give a child to a couple who isn't able to have one. I will make sure I will regulate abortion rates until there are zero abortions, in this nation under God.

Abortion will be no more! I ask my fellow Americans to join me to protect life's dignity. Just look at your family and friends around you. All of their parents chose life for them. If one person out of your family and friends were aborted, your life would be dramatically different. Please follow my lead and push for life's message—Love. We will be liberated from abortion! "Love never fails." ■

Movement in Motion Bus Trip T-shirt Design Contest

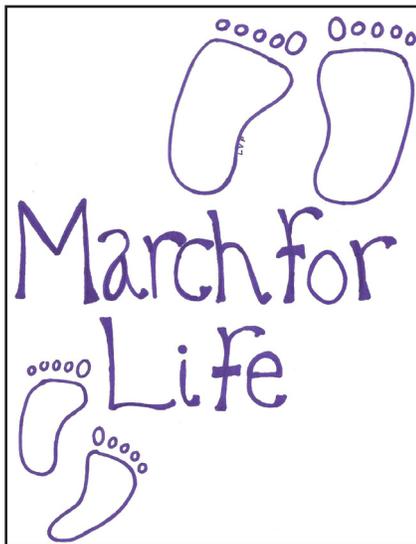
LAUREN PARROTTINO is the winner of Lifespan's first T-shirt Design Contest! She is a member of the graduating class of 2013 at Marian High School. When Lauren and her identical twin sister, Sarah, transferred to Marian in their sophomore year, they immediately signed up for the LIFE Club. As a junior, her sister was elected secretary, and volunteered Lauren to design the annual LIFE Club sweatshirt. It was a hit! Lauren returned her senior year as treasurer, serving under her sister who was elected president. When a fellow LIFE Club board member and close friend approached her to design Right To Life - LIFESPAN's shirt for the March for Life she got right to work; and she is honored to be chosen as this year's designer.



Lauren resides in Troy with her mother and father, Denise and Tony. In addition to her twin sister, Sarah, Lauren has an older brother, Adam, who is a graduate of De La Salle Collegiate and University of Detroit Mercy. Her family would not be complete without their Golden Retriever, Sugar.

Growing up in an Italian-Polish family, Lauren learned the importance of faith at an early age. As a life-long and involved member of Saint Anastasia Parish, she also enjoys attending Latin Mass at Saints Cyril & Methodius whenever she can. Every summer, Lauren enjoys being a group leader at Saint Anastasia's Vacation Bible School. During the past four years in high school, she has served as a member of the Varsity Swim team and plans on running track in the spring. In Lauren's junior year, she was elected treasurer of Marian's French Honor Society and presently serves as president. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and Marian's Pastoral Team. As one of the student planners for her class retreat, she designed its shirt as well.

Lauren plans on studying United States History and Philosophy in college and possibly French. Her dream is to become a professor of Civil War history or continue to fight against the "Culture of Death" as a constitutional lawyer.



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Back of T-Shirt



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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

The election is over yet I am still annoyed by the rhetoric extended by the progressive media regarding their “war on women” campaign to win women voters over for the party professing abortion on demand. Is it just me? I’m totally disgusted and somewhat angry about the stereotyping of women. It’s as if women’s only concerns are their reproductive rights (code word for abortion, contraception and promiscuity.)

For me, and the women I know, we want a lot more than “reproductive rights.” We want respect as women and we want the same rights as our male counterpart, the right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We want a country that has freedom of religion, freedom to pursue our dreams, freedom to work hard and keep the fruits of our efforts. We want to be able to care for our children without harassment. We are interested in gas and food prices, educational opportunities for our children and the ability to care for our families.

Women do not want to be seen as just sexual beings. And the more the radical woman’s liberation movement pushes this philosophy, the more we are looked upon as just that. It’s time we push a counter movement. Let’s call it “The True (for truth) Womanhood Movement.” I want women to stop being used as pawns to push the social agenda of the left.

I’m a free-thinking woman, and I am proud of it. The “True Womanhood Movement” wants abortions to stop. We want our daughters, granddaughters, sisters, nieces and female friends to stand up to the warped agenda of the sixties and be proud of their womanhood. We need to encourage them to be strong and to save their bodies for that special someone in marriage. That decision would protect their bodies from sexually-transmitted diseases which cost time and money as well as compromise their health. We want our sexuality to be healthy, both in mind and body. We do not want to be seen as only sex objects.

So it’s time for us women who want to be a part of the “The True Womanhood Movement” to refuse being bullied by the radical feminists of the past. We need to stand up and speak out. We are proud of being able to carry in our bodies the future. We are proud and honored to give birth to the next generation. We are proud to be chosen by God to help in His creation of the Human Race. What an awesome responsibility, what a gift.

So, let all of us in “The True Womanhood Movement” be proud of our womanhood—PASS YOUR LOVE OF LIFE ON

TO ALL WHO WILL LISTEN, ESPECIALLY YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. INSPIRE THEM TO BE PROUD THEY ARE WOMEN!!

How? By demonstrating through your own example, your love of being pro-life and pro-family. We must not shy away from being proud of expounding time-tested conservative values, such as nurturing and teaching the next generation the wonders of being a woman. Explain to them the word “abortion” means the killing of a human being as well as the harm it does to many of the women who have them—both physically and psychologically. So, pick up your pen and write a letter or email to your elected officials—national, state and local. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper. Express your thoughts on how women were treated this past election. It was truly shameful.

Diane Fagelman, President

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