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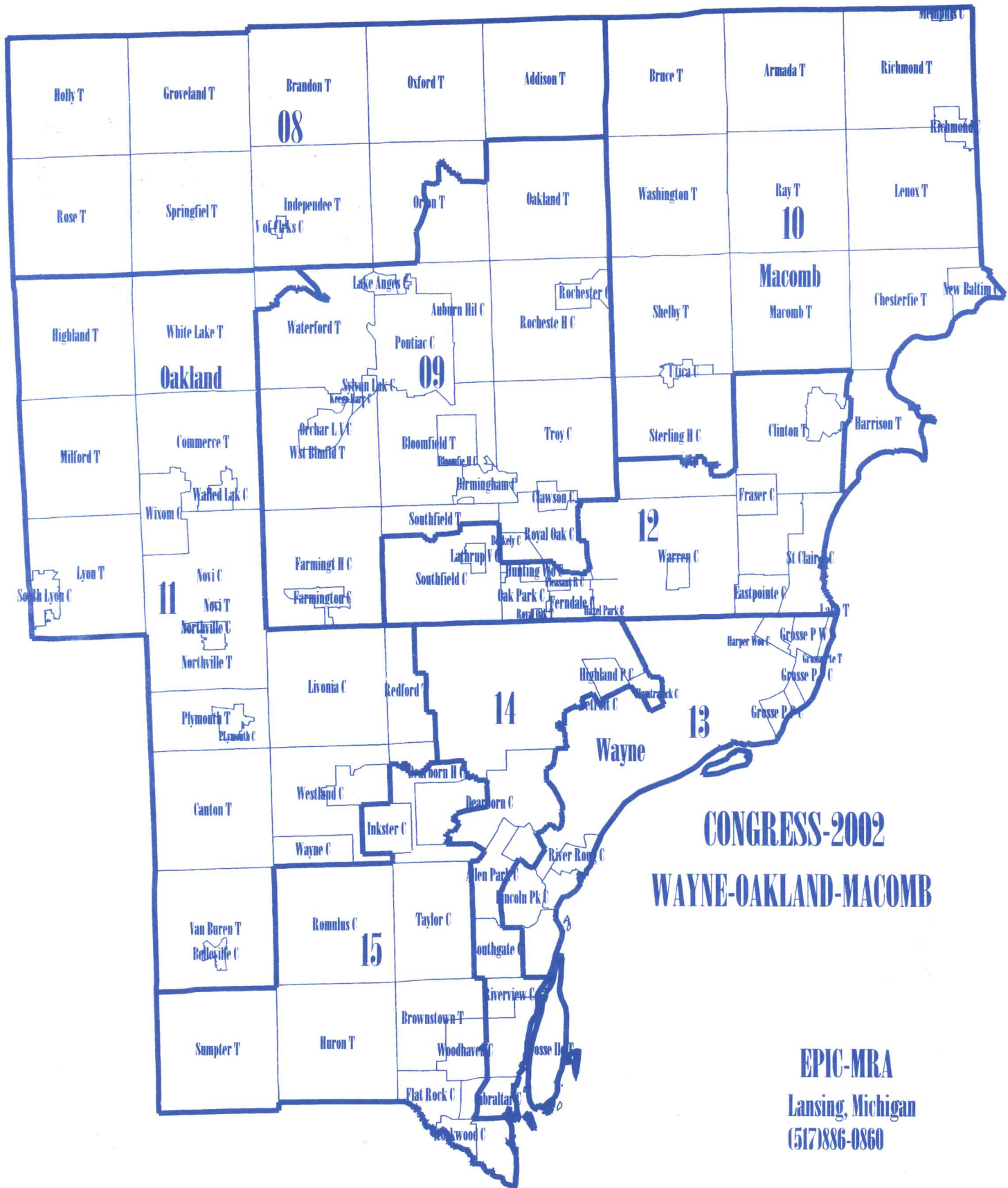
Lifespan sent the following eight-question survey to each candidate for Governor, U.S. Senate, U. S. House of Representatives, Michigan Senate and Michigan House of Representatives:

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. Do you **SUPPORT** the reversal of this decision?
2. Do you **SUPPORT** a law banning partial-birth abortions, except to prevent the death of the mother?
3. Some public funds are used for abortions or abortion referral. Do you **OPPOSE** the use of public funds for abortion or abortion referral, except to prevent the death of the mother?
4. Human embryonic stem cells and human fetal tissue 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 in such experiments?
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 results in the death of those embryos, would you **SUPPORT** a law banning so-called "therapeutic cloning" (somatic cell nuclear transfer)?
7. Do you **OPPOSE** laws allowing assisted suicide?
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"?

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 (see page 11).

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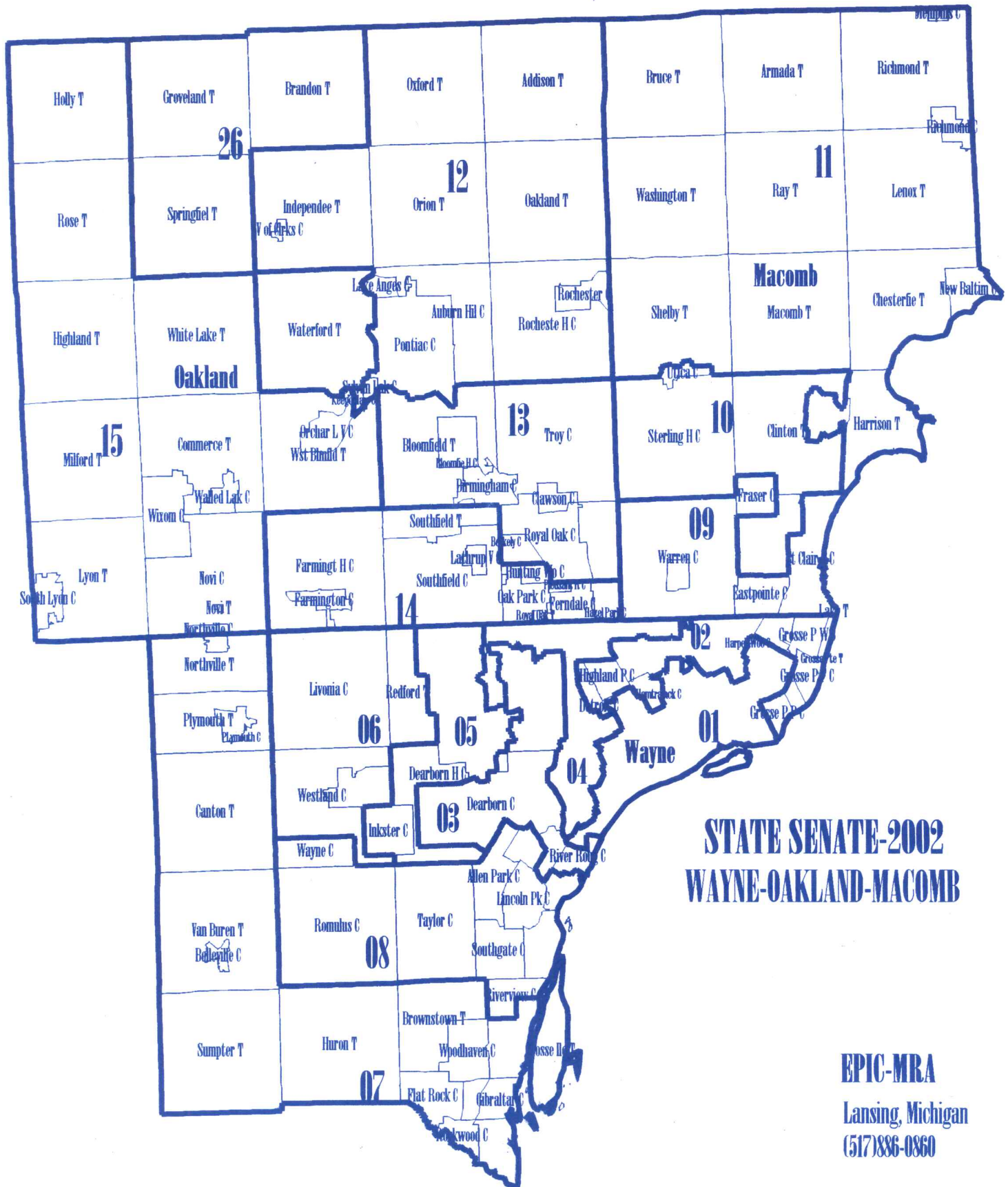
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CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
GOVERNOR									STATE SENATE								
Dick Posthumus (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1st State Senate District								
John Schwarz (R)	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Cynthia Cassell (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Blanchard (D)	No Response								Hansen Clarke (D)	No Response							
David Bonior (D)	q	q	Y	N	Y	Y	q	Y	Ellen Logan (D)	No Response							
Jennifer Granholm (D)	No Response								Raymond Murphy (D)	No Response							
									Lige Truitt (D)	No Response							
U.S. SENATE									2nd State Senate District								
Andrew Raczkowski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Robert Ridley (R)	No Response							
Carl Levin (D)	No Response								Jeffrey Schroder (R)	No Response							
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES									Lamar Lemmons III (D)	No Response							
8th Congressional District									Michael J. O'Brien (D)	No Response							
Mike Rogers (R)	Y	Y	Y	q	Y	Y	Y	Y	Mike Phillips (D)	No Response							
Frank McAlpine (D)	No Response								Martha G. Scott (D)	No Response							
9th Congressional District									Bernadette Traylor (D)	No Response							
Bart Baron (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3rd State Senate District								
Joe Knollenberg (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Jose A. Hernandez, II (R)	No Response							
David Fink (D)	No Response								Irma Clark (D)	No Response							
10th Congressional District									Jack G. Rankin (D)	No Response							
Candice Miller (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Alex Shami (D)	No Response							
Carl J. Marlinga (D)	No Response								Roman J. Tafelski (D)	No Response							
11th Congressional District									Doug Thomas (D)	N	—	—	—	Y	—	Y	Y
David C. Hagerty (R)	No Response								4th State Senate District								
Thaddeus McCotter (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Karen L. Mastney (R)	No Response							
Kevin Kelley (D)	No Response								Gabriel T. Alaziz (D)	No Response							
12th Congressional District									Monica Esters-Conyers (D)	No Response							
Harvey R. Dean (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carlton E. McPhail, Sr. (D)	No Response							
Charles Frangie (R)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Samuel Buzz Thomas III (D)	No Response							
Jamie Morgan (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5th State Senate District								
William J. Callahan (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Reuben Myers (R)	No Response							
Mario Fundarski (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Bonnie Patrick (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sander Levin (D)	No Response								Derrick F. Hale (D)	No Response							
13th Congressional District									Burton Leland (D)	No Response							
Carolyn C. Kilpatrick (D)	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	6th State Senate District								
14th Congressional District									Laura M. Toy (R)	No Response							
Dave Stone (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Eileen DeHart (D)	No Response							
John Conyers, Jr. (D)	No Response								Eric Stempien (D)	No Response							
15th Congressional District									7th State Senate District								
Martin Kaltenbach (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Bruce Patterson (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Dingell (D)	No Response								George W. Mans (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lynn Nancy Rivers (D)	No Response																

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STATE SENATE contd.

8th State Senate District

Pamela S. Montelauro (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Raymond E. Basham (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

9th State Senate District

Cecelia A. Stevens (R)	No Response							
Dennis Olshove (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

10th District State Senator

Steve Rice (R)	No Response							
Sharon L. Gire (D)	No Response							
Roger M. Maceroni (D)	No Response							
Michael Switalski (D)	No Response							

11th District State Senator

Ahmad Sam Esman (R)	N	—	—	—	—	—	N	Y
Alan Sanborn (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim Ayres (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

12th District State Senator

Mike Bishop (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David N. Galloway (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joseph Barrera (D)	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thomas L. Werth (D)	No Response							

13th District State Senator

Bob Gosselin (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shirley Johnson (R)	No Response							
Mary C. Eley (D)	No Response							
Colleen Levitt (D)	No Response							

14th District State Senator

Marc Wilkins (R)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y
Gilda Z. Jacobs (D)	No Response							

15th District State Senator

Nancy Cassis (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mike Kowall (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David N. Wolkinson (R)	No Response							
Sean Carlson (D)	No Response							

26th District State Senator

Brennan Brown (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John M. Muller (R)	No Response							
Deborah Cherry (D)	No Response							

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1st District State Representative

Edward J. Gaffney (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Eric J. Steiner (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mary Ellen Stempfle (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ronald Duane Diebel (D)	No Response							
David Paul Putrycus (D)	No Response							

2nd District State Representative

Herbert Russell (R)	No Response							
Errol Tyrone Barrow (D)	No Response							
LaRassie R. Britton (D)	No Response							
Ken Daniels (D)	No Response							

3rd District State Representative

Michael F. Embry (R)	No Response							
Terrance L. Hood (D)	No Response							
Bettie Cook Scott (D)	No Response							
Artina Tinsely Hardman (D)	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y

4th District State Representative

Wayne A. Senior (R)	No Response							
John Edmondson (D)	No Response							
Sharon King (D)	No Response							
Chester L. Logan (D)	No Response							
Dion Thomas (D)	No Response							
Mary D. Waters (D)	No Response							

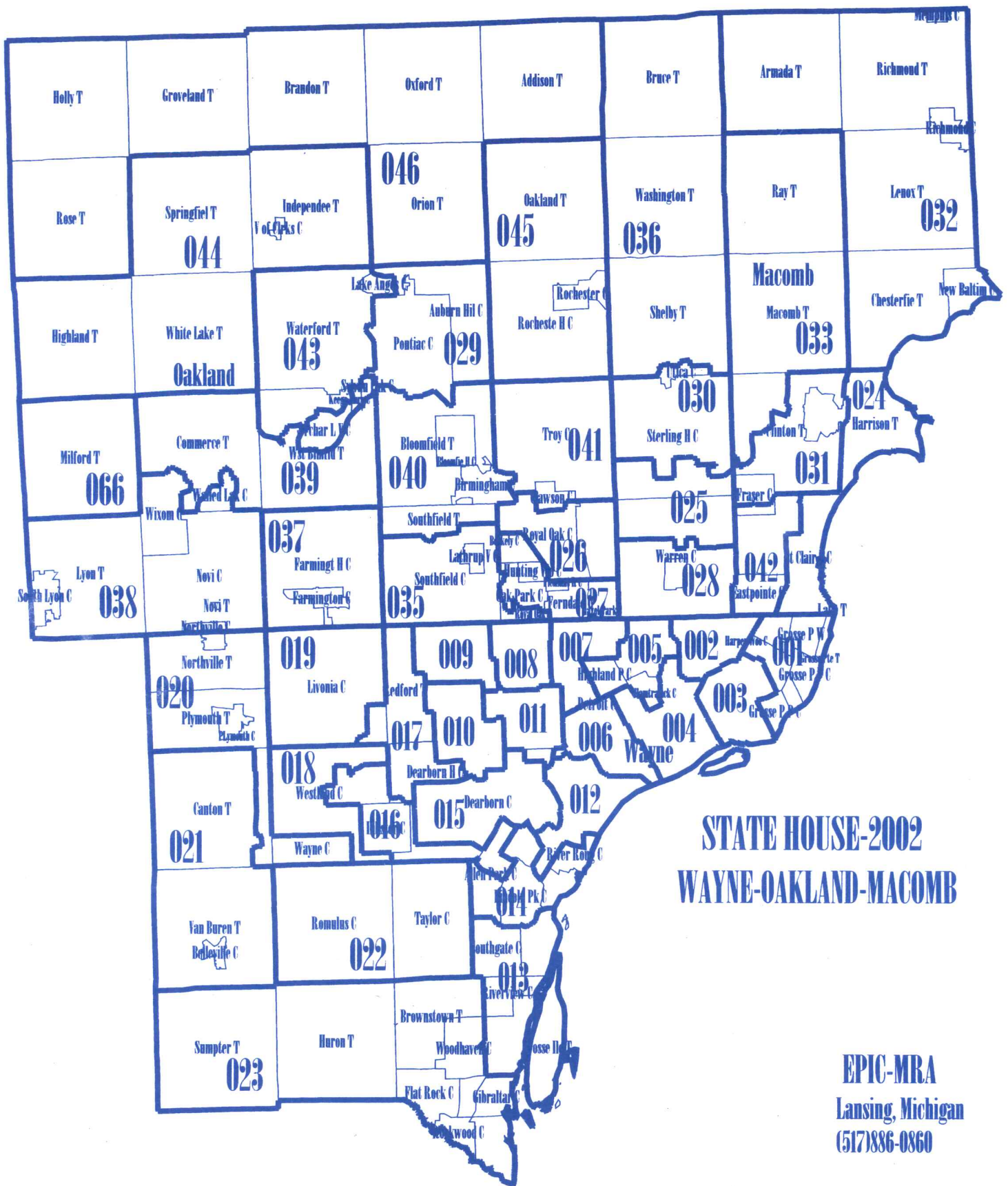
5th District State Representative

Richard Maziarz (R)	No Response							
Jenifer M. Franklin (D)	No Response							
Bill McConico (D)	No Response							

6th District State Representative

Dorothy Patterson (R)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y
Marsha Cheeks (D)	No Response							
Fred Durhal, Jr. (D)	No Response							
Randall Scott Fogelman (D)	No Response							
Edsel J. Jennings (D)	No Response							
Cherry Lawson (D)	No Response							
William F. Watkins (D)	No Response							
Nancy Williams (D)	No Response							

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STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES contd.

7th District State Representative

Dolores Brodersen (R)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Cheryl Anderson-Small (D)	No Response							
Jesse Cockrel (D)	No Response							
Joseph Brandon Gordon (D)	No Response							
Michael Grundy (D)	No Response							
Stevetta Johnson (D)	No Response							
Ken Moon (D)	No Response							
Harold W. Murray (D)	No Response							
Bertha Coleman Poe (D)	N	Y	N	—	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rita Ross (D)	No Response							
Virgil Smith (D)	No Response							
Henry E. Stallings II (D)	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Myron H. Wahls (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carol E. Weaver (D)	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
D. Etta Wilcoxon (D)	No Response							

8th District State Representative

Melvin E. Byrd (R)	No Response
Kristan Anthony (D)	No Response
Dorian Coston (D)	No Response
Danny Craig (D)	No Response
George Cushingerry, Jr. (D)	No Response
Arnold McKinney, Sr. (D)	No Response
LaShawn M. Pruitt (D)	No Response
Walter Reed III (D)	No Response
Alma G. Stallworth (D)	No Response
Gilbert O. Thompson (D)	No Response
Tonya Renay Wells (D)	Nq Yq Nq Nq Yq Nq Yq Nq
Stephanie A. Young (D)	No Response

9th District State Representative

Richard A. Zeile (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michael J. Bennane (D)	No Response							
Anthony Bradford (D)	No Response							
Marvel K. Cheeks (D)	No Response							
Tupac A. Hunter (D)	No Response							
Danny Marshall (D)	No Response							
Omari R. Sankofa (D)	No Response							
Oras Taylor, Jr. (D)	No Response							

10th District State Representative

John T. Nazars (R)	No Response
Robert J. Bull (D)	No Response
Carolyn Chambers (D)	N Y Y N Y — Y Y
Triette Lipsey Reeves (D)	Y Y N Y Y Y Y Y
Marie Lynette Thornton (D)	No Response

11th District State Representative

Charles E. Powell, Jr. (R)	No Response
Annie Carter (D)	No Response
Anthony Cook (D)	No Response
Morris Hood, III (D)	No Response
James W. Houze (D)	No Response
Gary S. Pollard (D)	No Response

12th District State Representative

Chester R. Calka (R)	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Connie K. McConnohie (R)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	—	N	Y
Belda Garza (D)	No Response							
Otis Mathis, III (D)	No Response							
Steve Tobocman (D)	No Response							

13th District State Representative

Darrell F. Stasik (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Barbara A. Farrah (D)	No Response							
John C. Harris (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sheri Sutherby-Fricke (D)	No Response							
James Wagner (D)	Y	Y	Y	Yq	Y	Y	Y	Y

14th District State Representative

Chris B. O'Loughlin (R)	No Response
William J. O'Neil (D)	No Response

15th District State Representative

Gary Woronchak (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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16th District State Representative

Eric E. Homeier (R)	No Response
Jim A. Plakas (D)	Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

17th District State Representative

R. Miles Handy (R)	No Response
Kathleen Husk (R)	Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y
Jill R. Parent (R)	No Response
Pat McRae (D)	No Response
Daniel S. Paletko (D)	Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

18th District State Representative

Bhagwan Dashairya (R)	No Response
Kip R. Lipford (R)	No Response
Glenn S. Anderson (D)	No Response
David R. Cox (D)	Y Y Yq Yq — Y Y Y

19th District State Representative

John R. Pastor (R)	No Response
A. Tony Collins (D)	No Response
Kerry L. Lowry (D)	No Response



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20th District State Representative									Keith P. Sanford (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jonathan Grant (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Simon I. Galed (D)	No Response							
John C. Stewart (R)	No Response								Justen Grech (D)	No Response							
Mark B. Blackwell (D)	No Response								Jeff Jenks (D)	No Response							
21st District State Representative									Andy Meisner (D)	No Response							
Ruthann Bruce (R)	No Response								28th District State Representative								
Philip J. LaJoy (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Scott C. Stevens (R)	No Response							
Herb Scott (R)	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	William Barnwell (D)	No Response							
Eric M. LaCruze (D)	No Response								Debra Morello Jackson (D)	No Response							
Mark Slavens (D)	No Response								Alan Shepperd (D)	No Response							
22nd District State Representative									Mark A. Thomas (D)	No Response							
Ronald Vaughan (R)	No Response								Lisa Wojno (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chris Dolson (D)	No Response								29th District State Representative								
Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D)	No Response								Tom March (R)	No Response							
Patricia A. Lentz (D)	No Response								Clarence E. Phillips (D)	No Response							
Jacklyn Molner (D)	No Response								30th District State Representative								
Donald L. Zub (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Lawrence Rocca (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
23rd District State Representative									Sal Rocca (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Douglas W. Jones (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Joe Mc Hugh (D)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
John J. Cronin (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	31st District State Representative								
John Krygier (D)	No Response								Sheryl Russo (R)	No Response							
Kathleen Law (D)	No Response								Paul Gieleghem (D)	No Response							
John R. Mitchell (D)	No Response								32nd District State Representative								
Wade Mitchell (D)	No Response								Daniel Joseph Acciavatti (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John P. Reilly (D)	No Response								Cindy Berry (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	q	Y
24th District State Representative									Joseph A. Yelencich, Jr. (R)	No Response							
Jack Brandenburg (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	John J. Hertel (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
William J. Nearon (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ken J. Krauter (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Frank P. Benson (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	33rd District State Representative								
Thomas W. Cornfield (D)	No Response								Leon Drolet (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	q	Y	Y	Y
Yann Iannucci (D)	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Donna Gore (D)	No Response							
25th District State Representative									Anthony Ventimiglia (D)	No Response							
Keith Sadowski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	35th District State Representative								
Michael J. Wiecek (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Sylvia Jordan (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Steve Bieda (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Paul Condino (D)	No Response							
26th District State Representative									Nita Murray-Grier (D)	No Response							
Josh West (R)	No Response								36th District State Representative								
Dave Woodward (D)	No Response								John Modrzejewski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
									Brian Palmer (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
									Robert Denison (D)	No Response							
									Greg Moore (D)	N	N	Yq	—	Y	Y	N	Y



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37th District State Representative									45th District State Representative								
John Akouri (R)	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	—	Y	Y	Irene E. Connors (R)	No Response							
Valerie Knol (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	John Garfield (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Terry Sever (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Rochelle Heyniger (R)	No Response							
Charisse L. Heath (D)	No Response								Mike Howard (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Aldo Vagnozzi (D)	No Response								Craig King (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
									John Kanaras (D)	No Response							
38th District State Representative									46th District State Representative								
Craig M. DeRoche (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ruth Johnson (R)	No Response							
Linda E. Premo (D)	No Response								John Lauve (R)	No Response							
39th District State Representative									Robert Reading (D)	No Response							
Marc Shulman (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	66th District State Representative								
Stuart H. Brickner (D)	No Response								Chris Ward (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Robert P. Goulet (D)	No Response								W. James Block (D)	No Response							
Reginald J. Kakos (D)	No Response																
40th District State Representative																	
Beverly Brode (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
Ara A. Kachadourian (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
Bill McMaster (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
Jim Talpos (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
Shelley Goodman Taub (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
Chris Winans (R)	No Response																
John D. McClary (D)	No Response																
Shelli Weisberg (D)	No Response																
41st District State Representative																	
John Pappageorge (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
Richard Fischer, Jr. (D)	No Response																
42nd District State Representative																	
Jim Riske (R)	No Response																
Frank Accavitta, Jr. (D)	No Response																
Diane M. Kemmis (D)	No Response																
Irene M. Kepler (D)	No Response																
John M. Maynard (D)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
43rd District State Representative																	
Fran Amos (R)	No Response																
Betty Fortino (D)	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y									
44th District State Representative																	
Sean M. Hogan (R)	No Response																
Terry Lilley (R)	No Response																
Steve Sanders (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
John P. Stakoe (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
Russ Tierney (R)	No Response																
George Bryan (D)	No Response																

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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."

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Getting involved

Here's how to get more information and get involved in this year's elections:

Republican Party of Michigan

(517) 487-5413
Fax: (517) 487-0090
Email: tmarquardt@migop.org

Macomb County Republican Party Chair

Janice Nearon (586) 466-3880

Oakland County Republican Party Chair

L. Brooks Patterson (248) 655-0501

Wayne County Republicans

Margaret VanHouten (313) 278-4333

Democratic Party of Michigan

(517) 371-5410
Fax: (517) 371-2056

Macomb County Democratic Committee

Ed Bruley (586) 469-3232

Oakland County Democratic Committee

Gary Kohut (248) 680-8870

Wayne County Democrats

Patrick McRae (313) 531-0011

Campaign Calendar 2002

July 8

Last date to register for August primary.

August 3

Deadline for absentee ballot requests for the August primary.

August 6

Primary election

October 7

Last date to register for November general election.

November 2

Deadline for absentee ballot requests for the November general election.

November 5

General election



Are you registered?

You may register at a number of state and local government offices, including all Secretary of State branch offices. For more information, call your county, city or township clerk, or contact the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections. P. O. Box 20126, Lansing, Michigan 48901. The phone number is (517) 373-2540; www.michigan.gov/sos

Absentee ballots

According to Michigan law, you are eligible to vote by absentee ballot if one of the following applies:

You are 60 years of age or older; you will be out of town on election day; you prefer to vote absentee because of illness, physical disability or religious tenets; you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial; you are an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the one where you reside.

To get an absentee ballot simply call or write to your city, township or village clerk and ask for an absentee voter application. Or, apply in person to the clerk and fill out a standard form.

If you want the ballot mailed to you, your application must be received by 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday before an election date. Your vote must reach your local clerk before the polls close on election day at 8:00 p.m.

"Choosing" Not to Say What They Mean

Abortion: Politicians use a ubiquitous platitude to avoid saying that they support a politically correct moral evil.

By Roger Mahony

So often I hear candidates for political office proclaim their great support for "a woman's right to choose." But choose what?

As the many political races begin to heat up across the country, I am becoming confused and frustrated by candidates who seem unable to finish a simple English sentence.

"Choice" in American history and culture has become a precious heritage. But normally, when one speaks about choosing something, one finishes the sentence. For example, after viewing the menu in a restaurant, you don't say to the waiter, I think I will choose..." and not tell the waiter whether you want the fried chicken or the meatloaf.

Some sleuthing of my own leads me to believe that what politicians really mean is, "I support a woman's right to choose to terminate her pregnancy, that is, to get an abortion." Why can't they just say that? Why do the media allow political candidates to get away with this vague, meaningless "choice" language when they should be demanding that candidates finish the sentence.

I am vigorously pro-choice, because I believe in the individual's right to make choices in life and in our society. But I sure want to specify what that choice is all about, and as a church leader, to make certain that one is supporting a moral good in that choice.

I personally support a woman's right to choose a number of moral goods:

The right to choose a religious faith, congregation or community.

The right to choose what school she will attend.

The right to choose her health care providers.

The right to choose a husband.

The right to choose a neighborhood in which to live.

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HUMAN CLONING BAN DEAD UNTIL NOVEMBER

After first stalling debate on the issue for months and then by using procedural methods in formulating the ground rules for the debate, Senator Tom Daschle, (D-SD) succeeded in making the climate for a vote on the issue of creating cloned human embryos unfavorable to its passage.

The Brownback/Landrieu Bill (S 1899) would have prohibited all reproductive and "therapeutic" cloning of human embryos. Mr. Daschle maneuvered the voting process in such a way that a defeat would be assured for the ban. Senate watchers did not feel that either S 1899 or other measures offered by Sen. D. Feinstein (D-CA) had the 60 votes necessary for passage. Daschle maintains that it did not matter if S 1899 was voted on first or second and scheduled S 1899 for the first round of votes. Mr. Brownback (R-KA) felt strongly that if the ban were voted on first, and not passed, the alternative bill, which does not ban "therapeutic cloning" would re-

ceive more votes than expected as a "compromise."

This puts the issue of human cloning over until after the November election. A change in the makeup of the Senate, either for Republicans or Democrats will have a significant impact on future votes on this issue. It is critical that pro-life senators be elected in November.

Statement by President George W. Bush on Cloning

The following is a portion of the address Mr. Bush made, via satellite, to a conference of Southern Baptists on June 11, 2002.

"We believe in fostering a culture of life, and that marriage and family are sacred institutions that should be preserved and strengthened. We believe that a life is a creation, not a commodity, and that children are gifts to be loved and protected, not products to be designed and manufactured by human cloning. We believe that protecting human dignity and promoting human rights should be the center of America's foreign policy."

Legislative Breakfast 2002

Save the Date!

Saturday, September 28 • 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Burton Manor

27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia

(south side of I-96 service drive, between Inkster and Middlebelt)

\$18 per person (\$7.50 students 21 or younger)

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State Fair

Volunteers needed

Lifespan will again be at the Michigan State Fair and will need volunteers to work our booth. Your admission is FREE and if you are a NEW volunteer, you will be placed with an experienced veteran. We will need two volunteers for each four-hour shift.

The Detroit Office is responsible for filling Monday, **August 26 and Tuesday, August 27. Shift times are: 9:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; 1:45-6:00 p.m. and 5:45-10:00 p.m.** Call

now to get your desired shift. Besides having a great time exploring the fair before or after your shift, you will also feel good about helping us spread the pro-life message to the thousands who walk by our booth. Call today! **313-640-8534.**

Memorials

Help Detroit in its efforts to spread the pro-life message by sending in donations in memory of loved ones who have died or in honor of someone special for a birthday, birth or anniversary. Send your donation to the Detroit Office, 17336 Harper, PMB #293, Detroit, MI 48224.

Your memorial will be published in the next *Lifespan News*, and a card will be sent, upon request, to the person or family who is being honored or remembered.

Summer garage sales

Summer is the time to visit or have garage sales. If you happen to visit one and notice some gently-used baby items, why not buy them and donate them to Wee Care or your local crisis pregnancy center.

Or, why not have a garage sale for Lifespan and donate the proceeds to the Detroit Office so that we can continue to keep our doors open and spread the pro-life message.

As always, God will bless you for all you do for His "little ones."

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Today's tasks

Today...I wish you a day of ordinary miracles—

★ A fresh pot of coffee you didn't make yourself.

★ An unexpected phone call from an old friend.

★ Green stoplights on your way to work or shop.

I wish you a day of little things to rejoice in—

★ The fastest line at the grocery store.

★ A good sing-along song on the radio.

★ Your keys right where you look.

I wish you a day of happiness and perfection—little bite-size pieces of perfection that give you the funny feeling that the Lord is smiling

on you, holding you so gently because you are someone special and rare.

I wish You a day of Peace, Happiness and Joy.

Fair fun

We again need friendly people to staff our educational tables at the 4-H Fair in Davisburg (**July 23-28**), the State Fair (**August 20-25**), and Troy Daze (**Sept. 13-15**). This is one of the most enjoyable volunteer activities Lifespan offers. Not only do you get to meet some really supportive people, but you get to eat Elephant Ears! If you have never done this before, we promise to pair you with an experienced "fair person." For high school students needing community service hours for church or school, this is perfect. Call the office; let us know when you are available!

Special services

It is not usually a good idea to single out one or two volunteers to thank in a special way because that always leaves someone out. However, these

two special folks really deserve some extra recognition. First, we would like to thank **Michael Brennan** for all the hours he spent tying ribbons on tags for Mother's Day Carnations and for stamping pamphlets for the Educational Center for Life. The hours he spent doing these things were a real gift to the office staff.

Secondly, a special thank-you to **Dan Knauss**. Dan helped install two computers at the Lifespan office. Actually, Dan did not help do it—he did it—while we looked on in amazement. When people ask if we know Access, Word, or Quick Books, we answer "yes," but the thought of transferring all of our records into two new computers was enough to send us searching for our blankies. Dan made it all look easy and we are so grateful.

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20th annual "Bowling for Life" reminder Bowl 3 Games Free

Don't get left out of the fun! Join other pro-lifers on **Sunday, July 28, 2 to 5 pm, 33775 Plymouth Rd., Livonia** to bowl **3 GAMES FREE** and help support Lifespan financially. Get your families or church members to make up a team or come alone—no one is a stranger in a pro-life crowd. If you are on a bowling league, bring your team or a partner. The prizes are great; everyone has a good time; it's a good cause and everyone wins—a free gift certificate donated by area merchants.

You don't have to be a good bowler to win exciting prizes because sponsors can pledge you by pins or a set amount of money per game. Ex: \$1.50 per pin pledged...bowler bowls 3 games...amount due \$4.50; OR, \$.01 per pin pledged...bowler scores 450...amount due \$4.50. By collecting pledges, you are eligible to win the following prizes. **GRAND PRIZES** in bonds for the most pledged money collected are: 1st prize...\$200; 2nd prize...\$100; 3rd prize...\$75; 4th prize...\$50 and 5th prize...\$50.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES in bonds are: High game scores (with handicaps) for men, women and children...\$100 for each category. High series score including men, women and children (with handicaps)...\$100.

BUMPER BOWLING is available, and we encourage you to bring your children/grandchildren. Since we added Bumper Bowling, children have won in the "Grand Prize" category. Of course, it was their parents who solicited the pledges for them, but their children and Lifespan both benefited from the parents' participation.

Bowlers with \$50 in pledged money receive gold-plated jewelry.

To be eligible for any prizes, \$50 in pledge money must be in the Lifespan office no later than Monday, August 19, 2002.

Call Lifespan for pledge sheets or further information.

State Fair

Volunteers are needed to work our pro-life information booth at the State Fair. Our Chapter's shift is from **Wednesday, August 28 through Labor Day, Monday, September 2.**

Only qualifications are a friendly smile and love for the unborn. Tickets to the fair are provided for the workers. Call and reserve your shift now.

Gardener needed

We need someone special to help us with our gardening chores for

the flowerbeds outside our office. We'd like to have about two flats of flowers planted to enhance our office building entrance. Lifespan will pay for the flowers; we're open to any suggestions as to what kind to plant. If you've got a green thumb and some extra time to volunteer, please give us a call.

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Election year is upon us, and we must again look deep inside our souls and educate our family and friends on the importance of voting.

Your biggest hurdle may be in answering the question, "How can you vote on only one issue?" Your answer may simply be, "Not being pro-life disqualifies the candidates!"

There are many important issues, but if one does not have LIFE, all other issues are insignificant! It amazes me how an ideology so simple is made so complicated.

The preamble to the Constitution states that all of our citizens have the right to LIFE, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This country has become fixed on liberty and happiness—yet LIFE was the first right given by our forefathers—why are we so afraid to defend it?

The pro-abortion movement promised fewer unwanted pregnancies and happier children because they would be wanted; it promised a richer, better America if abortion became the law of the land. After 29 years, just the opposite is true. We have more one-parent families than ever in the history of this country. We have more abuse of children, and the poor still walk among us. Sexually transmitted diseases maim or kill many people, and 50% of all marriages end in divorce.

I could go on, but you get the picture. Abortion proponents lied in 1973, and they will continue to lie in order to promote their agenda. Lies were used to change the thinking of Americans, it is time to do the same with TRUTH. LIFE is the first right given in our Constitution. For the sake of future citizens, we must reclaim the importance of this right.

Abortion stops a beating heart approximately 4000 times per day in this country. We must put in office those people who will maintain the integrity of the Constitution.

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The right to choose a school to send her children, and if that choice is really to be protected, to have a voucher to back it up.

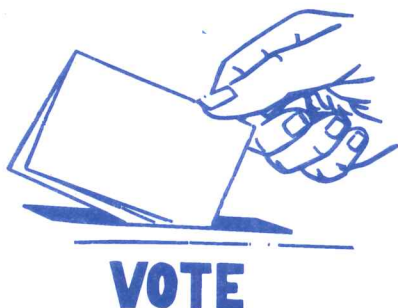
These are just a few of the morally good choices that I fully support for the women of our country. I'm not afraid to name the choice, to finish the sentence.

If political leaders are proud of the fact that they support the termination of a pregnancy, the taking of the life of an unborn baby, then why can't they simply say so? What's with all the wishy-washy "choice" language?

I am increasingly suspicious that shadow language is used because many political leaders either don't support abortion and are afraid to say so or because they want to pretend that a moral evil is somehow a moral good. And the only way to make evil into good is to disguise it. Bingo! Don't finish the sentence.

Maybe they don't tell us the truth because they are trying to hide the reality of the inherent evil in abortion. Maybe they don't feel comfortable with their position, but because it has become so politically correct they are afraid to say out loud what they might feel in their souls. Maybe they believe that they really need the votes of those who relish the incomplete sentence, "a woman's right to choose." And maybe they believe that no one will challenge them to finish the sentence.

—Excerpted from a column by Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles, appearing in the Los Angeles Times, May 18, 2000



Hospitals vs. The Declaration of Independence

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In short, if patients are not able to transfer or another hospital would not take them, their only recourse would be to make funeral arrangements and die quietly. This represents involuntary passive euthanasia.

The AMA policy statement declares the institutional boards should decide whose lives were not worth saving by "subjective" values.

In real life at least some of these decisions may be influenced by economic pressures of insurance companies, HMOs, managed care or profit-minded administrators.

Some decisions might be motivated by psychological prejudice against those with disabilities. Thirty years ago, Sondra Diamond wrote how doctors refused to treat her for serious burns because she had been paralyzed since birth and the doctors considered her incapable of leading a "normal life." Ultimately, they gave into her parent's demand for treatment. Diamond recovered from her injuries and lived a "normal" enough life to graduate college and become a consulting psychologist. However, under the current AMA policy statement, the family would not be able to protect a patient from an institutional board's subjective values.

Some decisions may be made by racial prejudice. A 1999 survey by researchers in Georgetown University revealed doctors were willing to provide less treatment for black people than for white people and less treatment for women than for men. While the researchers said this bias might be unconscious, it is clear if the AMA policy became accepted medical practice, African Americans and women would be more likely to be viewed as inferior quality lives.

There are several things citizens can do to stop such abuses:

1) Write President George W. Bush urging him to declare involuntary passive euthanasia represents a denial of equal access to public accommodations in violation of the American Disabilities Act and to cut off fed-

eral funding (including Medicare and Medicaid payments) to health care institutions or providers that practice it.

2) Try to stop funding such institutions yourself. Any time you receive a request for a hospital donation or watch a telethon, call hospital administrators, ask for a copy of their policy on futile care and examine it carefully. Ask your own doctor what his policy is on involuntary passive euthanasia and remember doctors who do not respect the lives of all their patients may not respect yours.

3) Create criminal penalties. Write Congressman John Conyers (D-Detroit) and Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Massachusetts), who are sponsoring legislation to extend hate crime legislation to those with disabilities. Request they include an amendment proposed by the Michigan Citizens With Disabilities Caucus (MCWDC) defining as hate crimes involuntary active and passive euthanasia and brutality in hospitals and nursing homes because of disability, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

4) Write MCWDC, P. O. Box 03015, Detroit, MI 48203 for information on efforts to protect patients from being treated like inferior quality lives.

Ron Seigel is first vice president of the Michigan Citizens With Disabilities Caucus and a member of Right to Life - Lifespan.

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From the President's Desk

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Being pro-abortion (pro-choice) disqualifies any candidate because their voice will enable the continued killing of our future citizens and deny them their Constitutional Right to LIFE.

Help stop the destruction of LIFE—
VOTE!

Diane

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LIFE CHAIN of Metro Detroit

National Life Chain Sunday ♦ October 6, 2002 ♦ 2:00-3:30 p.m.

♦ Woodward Ave. , from 10 to 12 Mile Rds.

♦ Gratiot, from 13 to 16 Mile Rds. ♦ Gratiot, at 6 Mile Rd.

♦ Middlebelt, from Jamison (2 blks. so. of 5 Mile Rd.) to 7 Mile Rd.

♦ Intersection of Wayne and Warren Rds.



Thousands of participants will stand in witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. LIFE CHAIN challenges the community to be aware and to care. The signs will deliver the messages that **Abortion Kills Children, Adoption is the Loving Option, Abortion Hurts Women** and **Pray to End Abortion and Life, the First Inalienable Right**. Will YOU invest one afternoon to help save a lifetime? Churches and organizations should register in advance. Call (248) 777-9090. Individuals and families are welcome.

Donations have been made— In loving memory of:

Michael Dobski

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

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide.

A bequest in your will to Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Donations may be sent to your local Lifespan office.

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Crisis hotline numbers

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call your Lifespan office listed on pages 12 and 13. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hotline number 800-BETHANY. Sheltering homes are available to women in crisis pregnancies, call Abigayle Ministries 586-326-0459 or Casa Vitae 248-559-5407.

For post-abortion counseling, call PACE 734-455-5255 or Project Rachel 888-722-4355.

For those with life-limiting illnesses, call Angela Hospice 734-464-7810; Cranbrook Hospice 248-334-6700, or Hospice of Michigan 888-HOM-5656.

Project Life, Archdiocese of Detroit, offers pastoral guidance to persons considering abortion or assisted suicide. If a relative, friend or even yourself are in need of this counseling assistance, call 800-281-2102.

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Please complete this form and return with your donation to: **Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., Suite 127, Livonia, MI 48152-3736**. For more information, call 248-777-9090. Sorry, donations are not tax-deductible.

Hospitals vs. The Declaration of Independence

By Ron Seigel

The Declaration of Independence, the document which founded America, affirmed that all of us are created equal. The U.S. Constitution assures all of us equal protection of the law.

Some individuals are seeking to radically undermine these principles. Ironically, they are health care professionals, who people must depend on for their lives.

In a policy statement issued December, 1996, one of the most prominent health care professional organizations in the country, the American Medical Association (AMA), declared some doctors wanted to deny certain patients effective and long-lasting life saving treatment they and their families wanted. The AMA noted these doctors felt the patients did not have a "worth-the-effort quality of life." Such doctors took it upon themselves to decide that all people were not created equal, and some represented inferior "quality" second or third class, Grade B, C or D

lives. They either wanted these patients to die or felt saving them was not "worth the effort."

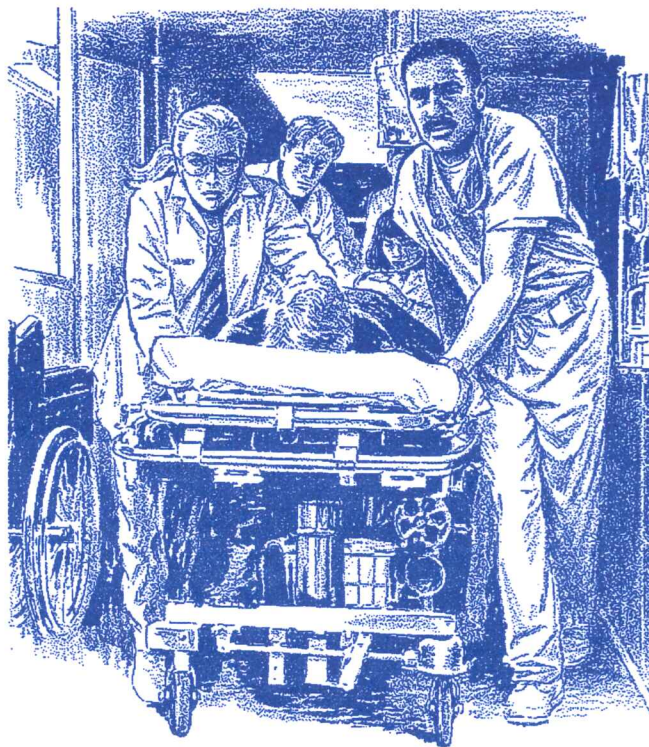
Instead of condemning this blatant prejudice, the

AMA policy statement actually expressed a desire to "accommodate" the "perspectives" of this "functional" approach. The AMA urged health care institutions to establish "futile care" policies that cut off treatment on the basis of their "subjective" judgments about a patient's "quality of life."

With some show of magnanimity, the AMA statement noted patients or relatives who object to such neglect would be allowed to appeal such decisions to an "institutional committee" and jump through a series of bureaucratic hoops to prove their lives had value.

Patients who were not reconciled to the

committee's final decision, the resolution added, would be permitted to transfer to another hospital. However, the resolution added, "If transfer is not possible, the intervention (treatment) need not be offered."



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