



Henry County Right to Life Newsletter

April-June 2023



Protection of life through
information and education.

"Our mission is to promote and defend the right to life of all innocent human beings from the time of fertilization until natural death"

The next Henry County Right to Life Meeting will be held at the **Hamler Summerfest Bldg. on May 11th at 6PM**. We will prepare the flowers for our Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale and have a short meeting after. We would love to see you and would appreciate the help preparing flowers for the sale.

A big Thank You to all members who signed our Pro-Life Signature Ad that was in the Crescent News and The Northwest Signal! We collected 756 names this year. We would not be able to post the ad without your help!

PRO-LIFE OHIANS ARE NEEDED MORE NOW THAN EVER BEFORE

Come to the Pro-Life Town Hall on May 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Defiance K of C Hall, 111 Elliott Rd, Defiance, OH 43512. Learn about and what you can do about the upcoming devastating Ohio Amendment pro-abortion forces are trying to pass this fall called "The Right to Reproductive Freedoms with Protection for Health and Safety". If this radical amendment passes it will be devastating to Ohio. Not only will abortion be legal all nine months and return us back to Roe for both adults and minors in Ohio, but it also strips parents of their fundamental right to consent or even be notified of their minor daughter's abortion or sex change operation or drugs! There are 2 hand outs attached to this newsletter and it is important to read, copy and pass out to your church group, family and friends to explain to them why it is important they "VOTE NO" this fall on the amendment.

The Town Hall is sponsored by Henry County Right to Life and presented by Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio. It will be 90 minutes long with presentations and a chance to ask questions. We would really like to see you there!

What Can You Do to Help?



1. Please **spread the word** about this proposed amendment to your friends, your churches, and your local organizations. Make them aware of the amendment and to watch for it on the November ballot.

2. **Attend town hall meetings** where a panel of experts explaining; the status of current Ohio law, review of the amendment process, review of the proposed amendment, what language will mean for the Ohio law and Ohio medicine and how to get involved in both the "decline to sign" and "campaign to defeat the amendment". There will also be an opportunity for questions.

3. **Donate to Protect Women Ohio**. This coalition is a 88 county response designed to defeat the amendment by inviting Ohioans to help fight and defeat this amendment to the Ohio Constitution. The coalition is investing \$5 million to launch a statewide ad campaign warning against this proposed amendment. They are determined to reach everyone in Ohio through TV ads, bill boards, social media and **you!** Money will be needed for this proposed effort. Please consider donating to this very important cause. **Go to protectwomenohio.com to donate.**

4. Most important, **Pray and Fast** for the defeat of this amendment to our State Constitution.

Republican legislators have moved to set challenges that could help thwart the amendment's success in Ohio and to make it more expensive for it to get passed.

1. State Senators Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) and Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) introduced two pieces of legislation. One aims to alter the process how constitutional amendments can be proposed by initiative petitions. SJR 2 would require 60 percent voter approval to amend the constitution. Right now, a simple majority of 50% plus one vote is required. The other bill (SB92) would allow for an August special election for certain circumstances, such as to amend the constitution. SJR2 would also take away power from out of state special interest groups and give the power back to Ohioans according to a statement by Senator Gavarone. The proposal needs to pass both the House and the Senate by May 10th to be put on an August ballot. The house has also introduced a similar bill. Ohio Senate Pres. Matt Huffman said that his caucus is considering whether they should place the question on the ballot in a statewide August special election.

UPDATE: A couple weeks ago, we urged Ohio voters to flood Speaker Jason Stephen's inbox and voicemail with pleas to support [House Joint Resolution 1](#), which will raise the threshold to 60% for any Ohio Constitutional amendment. As you know, the pro-death forces are pushing for this [dangerous ballot measure election in November](#). If things continue where they are going, then it will only require slightly over 50% of voter passage to make child slaughter available up to birth in our great state. We cannot let this happen! Last week, the Constitutional Committee voted to move HJR1 to the General Assembly. Although this could be a promising move, it does remove the discharge petition option completely. (The discharge petition was the only tool that could override Speaker Stephen's stalling and put the resolution to a vote.) Speaker Stephens is now in full control as to whether the resolution will even be heard let alone voted in time for the May 7 deadline. We are imploring you to reach out to House Speaker Stephens and tell him to put this measure on the floor for a hearing in the General Assembly. We need the bill to pass by May 7 in order for a special election to be held on August 8, 2023.

ACT NOW: Call House Speaker Stephens and voice your opinion. "Tell him you want to protect our constitution from easy changes. We need HJR 1 to be heard and to pass."

Stephens's office phone number: (614) 466-1366

We also ask that you call the following five Republicans who did not vote in favor of this critical resolution. Ask why they did not vote and politely ask them to vote in support of HJR1. It is way too easy for bad ideas to get written into our Constitution!

Gail Manning (District 52) (614) 644-5076
Tom Patton (District 17) (614) 466-4895
Jay Edwards (District 94) (614) 466-2158
Scott Oelslager (District 48) (614) 752-2438
Brett Hillyer (District 51) (614) 466-8035



Prayer for Campaign Success

Lord, you are the Creator of all things; You breathe life into every human before they leave the womb.

Lord we don't know how to stop something this horrible on our own;

It is devastating that abortion has weaved its way into many people's minds as an acceptable choice.

Please stop the enemy's lies from seeping into the minds of the confused and take away the voice of the wicked.

Guide us with Your grace in the process and approach with which we conduct ourselves in this endeavor.

Please lead us to succeed in stopping this extreme proposed amendment from being approved to the Constitution of Ohio.

In Your holy name, We Pray. Amen

THE DIFFERENCE IS YOU!

If you wish to become a **Henry Co. Right to Life Member** and receive our newsletter, fill out the information below and mail to:

Eileen Wagner, 12222 Road A, Leipsic, OH 45856

Make checks payable to Henry County Right to Life

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Membership Information

() Individual Membership \$5.00

() Couple Membership \$10.00

() Family Membership \$20.00

Donation \$ _____

I would be able to help with

() Flower Sale

() Signature Ad

() Fair Booth

Suggestions? Let us know

Abortion 
Stops a Beating Heart

Just a friendly reminder...

2022 Dues are due Dec 31, 2022 and be paid anytime during the year.

Mother Teresa:

"The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is war against the child. The mother doesn't learn to love, but kills to solve her own problems. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want."



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Leipsic, OH 45856

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Pro-Life Town Hall

Be Prepared to Defeat Ohio's Pro-Abortion

May 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Defiance K of C Hall

111 Elliott Rd, Defiance, OH 43512

3 Presenters, - 3 Sessions - A short Q&A follows each session

"The Fall of Roe - Now What?"

"Understanding the Anti-Life Ballot Amendment"

"The Reality of Abortion."

These sessions will educate you and equip you, your family, friends, and co-workers to defend pre-born children and family values.

Free of charge. A free-will offering will be received to benefit
Right to Life Coalition of Ohio

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For info & to schedule a Town Hall visit,
contact our Secretary at
gschelleng@yahoo.com



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Protect Women Ohio

Protect Women Ohio is a coalition of concerned family and life leaders, parents, health and medical experts, and faith leaders in Ohio committed to fighting back against the abortion industry's dangerous proposed amendment. [Protectwomenohio.com](https://protectwomenohio.com)

1. Anti-Parent Amendment

:The amendment would strip parents of their fundamental right to consent or even be notified of their minor daughter's abortion.

:Words Matter—The amendment language clearly prohibits any law that “directly or indirectly” would “burden” or “interfere” with any “reproductive decisions.”

- Those are specific legal terms that have been interpreted by courts across the country to strike down parental notification and consent laws.

- This has already occurred in deep blue states like California and Vermont, but even in Florida, an activist judge prevented parents from knowing if their minor daughter sought an abortion.

2. Health and Safety—Words Matter. The amendment's very title is a lie.

:“The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety” contains no protections for health and safety.

:The amendment never mentions the word woman or mother.

:In reality, the amendment eliminates existing health and safety protections for woman in Ohio law. It would invalidate current laws that ensure a woman is screened, counseled, and treated by a licensed doctor who can transfer her to a local hospital if something goes wrong.

:The amendment puts women in danger by eliminating essential health and safety standards designed to protect women's health.

3. Abortion Coercion

—This amendment would remove the guardrails protecting young women from abortion coercion. It explicitly protects third parties like rapists, traffickers, and abusers who “assist” minor girls in getting an abortion.

4. Taxpayer—funded abortions through all nine months.

:Words Matter—The language clearly forbids any law that “directly or indirectly” would “burden” or “interfere” with any “reproductive decisions.” Those are specific legal terms that have been interpreted by courts across the country to require states to fund abortions.

-If abortion is a Constitutional right, it creates a mandate for the state Medicaid funding of abortions at a bare minimum (as in Alaska).

5. Gruesome and painful late-term abortions are allowed when preborn babies are viable outside the womb.

:Words Matter—The amendment contains a massive loophole allowing abortion post-viability if “It is necessary to protect the pregnant patient’s life or health.” When the “health” is specifically left undefined, courts have consistently interpreted it to include “mental health,” others have included “financial” and “social health,” making it effectively impossible to enforce any protections at any time during a pregnancy.

6. Fetal viability

:Words Matter—“Fetal viability” means “the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician, **(the abortionist)** the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis”; **(no objective medical standard)**.

-The Abortionist who stands to gain financially is the sole arbiter of viability.

These radical changes to Ohio’s Constitution are not being championed by Ohioans but by out-of-state special interest groups with a political agenda to force every taxpayer to subsidize abortions up to birth, when an unborn baby can feel pain, and you can hear its heartbeat, prohibiting our elected representatives from passing the most basic, commonsense protections. Go to protectwomenohio.com to find out more and or to donate.



The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

[Edmund Burke](#)