

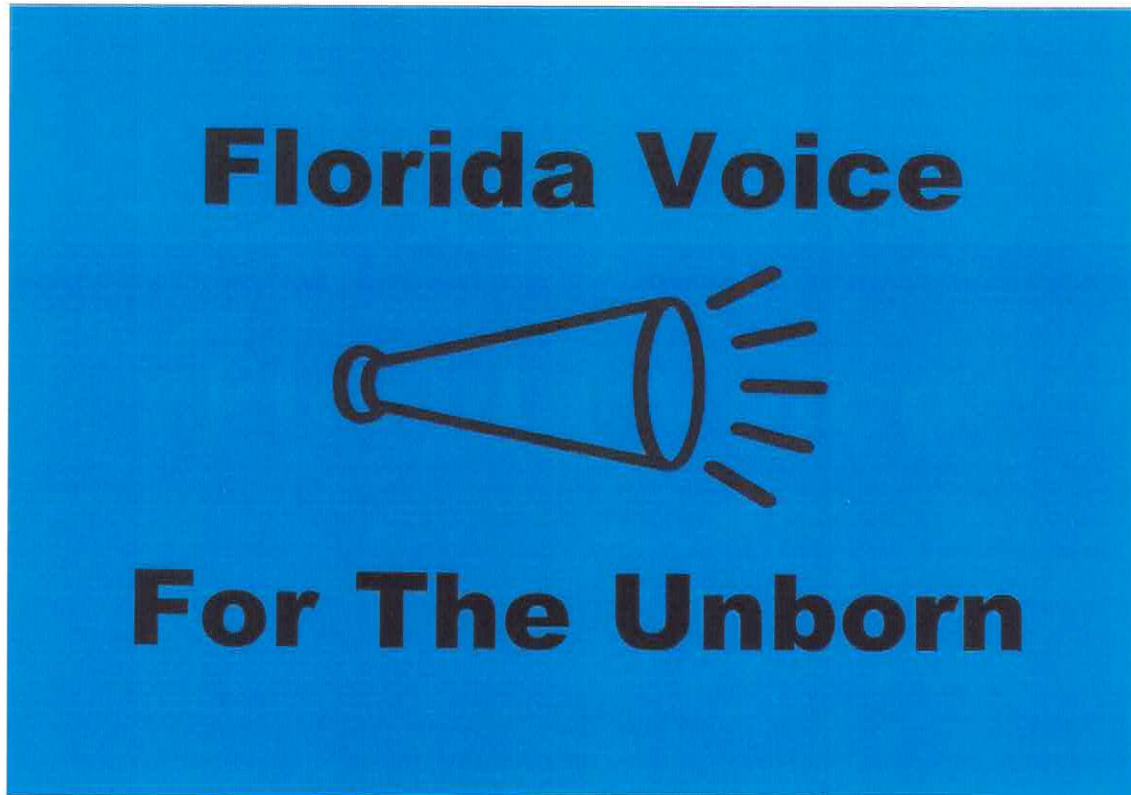
TAKE ACTION: 15-Week Abortion Ban in FL!

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Dear Friend of the Unborn:

Last Wednesday, January 19, 2022, House Bill 5 (the 15-Week Abortion Ban) passed the Florida House of Representatives' Professions & Public Health Subcommittee along party lines, with 12 pro-life Republicans voting in favor and 6 pro-abortion Democrats voting in opposition. Thank you to all who contacted the subcommittee members, testified in favor of the bill, and prayed for the bill's advancement! If you missed last week's Grassroots Action Alert (which contains all of the relevant background information), you may read it online [HERE!](#)

House Bill 5 has just been scheduled for its second hearing, which will take place before the House's Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee on Thursday, January 27th, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

This Grassroots Action Alert will be taking a different approach than the previous one. First, we're concentrating on contacting only the pro-life members of the Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee. Secondly, I am asking you to contact these pro-life subcommittee members (as well as House

Bill 5's sponsor and main co-sponsor) because Florida Voice for the Unborn would like to see the bill amended.

The primary amendment concerns local sanctuary-for-the-unborn ordinances. As explained in Florida Voice for the Unborn's previous December 10, 2021, e-mail update, the path to enacting local sanctuary-for-the-unborn ordinances in Florida runs directly through our State Legislature in Tallahassee. [CLICK HERE](#) to read that previous update. A December 2, 2021, letter from pro-life Attorney General Ashley Moody's office correctly advised the Manatee County Attorney that neither Manatee County nor any other local jurisdiction (such as the city of Naples) could adopt enforceable local sanctuary-for-the-unborn ordinances because current state law does not give them the power to do so.

The 2022 Florida Heartbeat Act (House Bill 167) contains the needed amendment to state law, thanks to Florida Voice for the Unborn's work behind the scenes. However, the Heartbeat Act will not be passed during this year's regular Legislative Session due to lack of support from the Legislature's leadership as well as from Governor DeSantis. That is the unvarnished truth. **Accordingly, Florida Voice for the Unborn would like to see an amendment to House Bill 5 (the 15-Week Abortion Ban) that authorizes local jurisdictions to pass sanctuary ordinances.**

Florida Voice for the Unborn also proposes that House Bill 5 be amended so that the term "fetus" and "fetal" be replaced with the terms "unborn child" and "unborn child's," respectively. Likewise, Florida Voice for the Unborn additionally proposes that the term "medical abortion" be replaced with the term "chemical abortion."

At a later stage in the legislative process, Florida Voice for the Unborn may propose further amendments to strengthen this bill as well as its companion in the Senate.

But for now, here are the three simplified talking points to stress when communicating about House Bill 5 to the bill's sponsor and main co-sponsor as well as the pro-life subcommittee members – all of whom are empowered to bring forth amendments to the bill, per House rules:

- Pro-life Attorney General Ashley Moody's office has advised that local jurisdictions cannot enact enforceable sanctuary-for-the-unborn ordinances unless current state law is properly amended to permit them to do so. Therefore, House Bill 5 needs to be amended to include a provision that permits a political subdivision, such as a county or municipality, to regulate or prohibit abortion in a manner that is at least as stringent as general law.
- Language greatly matters in the law. In order to properly acknowledge the humanity of children in the womb, House Bill 5 needs to be amended so that the term "fetus" and "fetal" be replaced with the terms "unborn child" and "unborn child's," respectively.

- Similarly, House Bill 5 incorrectly defines “medical abortion” as “the administration or use of an abortion-inducing drug to induce an abortion” (lines 214-215). Abortion is not medicine or healthcare. It is homicide. Thus, House Bill 5 needs to be amended by striking the term “medical abortion” and replacing it with the commonly-accepted term “chemical abortion.”

Please utilize the above talking points and contact House Bill 5's sponsor and main co-sponsor and all pro-life members of the House's Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee (listed below) by e-mailing them as a group or individually. To e-mail an individual representative, just click that individual's e-mail address in order to write and send your own unique message. To make things easier, however, further down I have listed all of their e-mail addresses together. You may “copy and paste” these addresses into the “to” header of a new e-mail message. If you choose to use this option, be sure to write a “subject line” such as “Amend & Pass House Bill 5 (Prohibition of Abortions After 15 Weeks)”, as well as write your own unique message and then hit send! We also need to call these subcommittee members. I have listed the phone number for each representative's Capitol office. Remember, if you can't get a hold of anyone, just leave a polite message. And, again, no matter what – mention that you're with Florida Voice for the Unborn!

Here are the phone numbers for the pro-life representatives on the Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee as well as for the bill's sponsor and main co-sponsor:

Bill Sponsor Erin Grall (R): (850) 717-5054

Bill Co-Sponsor Jenna Persons-Mulicka (R): (850) 717-5078

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John Snyder (R): (850) 717-5082

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Here are the e-mail addresses for the pro-life representatives on the

Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee as well as for the bill's sponsor and main co-sponsor:

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I will be testifying once again at this Thursday's subcommittee hearing. If you are in the Tallahassee-area and free that day, please consider joining me to testify in favor of the bill. The subcommittee hearing will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Morris Hall (Room 17 of the House Office Building) at the state Capitol complex.

We need pro-lifers in the area to come to the hearing and support House Bill 5. If you'd like to testify – and have never done so before, respond to this e-mail message or call me at (850) 404-3414, and I will walk you through the process. There are no COVID restrictions in place this year (unlike in 2021), except for social distancing in the subcommittee hearing room. You can fill out an appearance card when you arrive at the subcommittee hearing (you should preferably plan to arrive approximately one half-hour before the start of the hearing, i.e. around 3:30 p.m. this Thursday).

Together, let's continue to be a LOUD voice for our unborn brothers and sisters!

P.S. The past month has been incredibly busy for Florida Voice for the Unborn. To keep up with all of our activities as well as the significant (positive) news coverage that we have been blessed by, please follow us on our social media channels. By clicking on the social media icons at the bottom of this message, you will be taken directly to our pages on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and YouTube.

P.P.S. Don't forget to contact the pro-life representatives on the Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee (as well as House Bill 5's sponsor and main co-sponsor) concerning Florida Voice for the Unborn's proposed amendments. If enacted into law, this legislation will save close to 5,000 unborn children's lives here in Florida every year. And we will keep pushing for further pro-life legislation so that every preborn child is protected from the moment of conception onward, here in the Sunshine State. Keep the faith!

For Their Lives,



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