

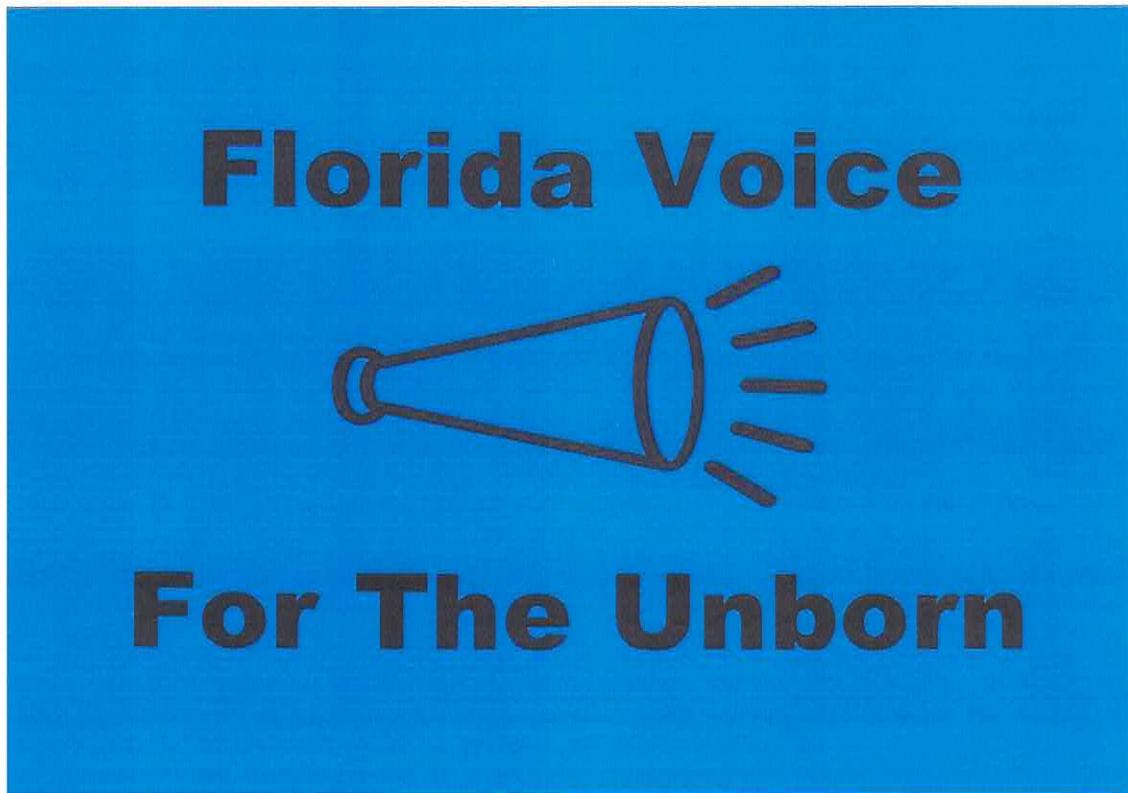
ACTION ALERT: Baby Box Bill Moving Quickly!

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Dear Friend of the Unborn:

The momentum for enacting the "Baby Box Bill" is growing in our state Legislature!

This past Tuesday, February 9th, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services passed Senate Bill 122 (the Baby Box Bill) 7-to-4, with all pro-life Republicans in support and all pro-abortion Democrats in opposition. The bill was not amended in any way. Again, thank you to all who called, e-mailed, and prayed for this latest victory. Our grassroots efforts are making a substantial difference. Senate Bill 122 now only has one more committee stop until it can be voted on by the full Senate in the weeks ahead, after the Legislature begins its 60-day 2021 Session on March 2nd.

At the February 9th hearing, my testimony "triggered" the Senate's Democratic Minority Leader, Gary Farmer of Fort Lauderdale, who claimed my testimony was "offensive" and "extremely insulting." In fact, Senator Farmer demanded that I be prohibited from testifying ever again before ANY legislative committees. Don't worry – my lobbying credentials have not been

revoked and I can still testify before all legislative committees. But what did I say that caused Senator Farmer's meltdown? Here it is:

"This bill is a no-brainer. Opposition to it is manufactured purely for political theater or based on disinformation."

So, in other words, I stated nothing but the TRUTH! During Tuesday's hearing, Senator Farmer was one of the chief obstructionists trying to "run out the clock." For all the pro-abortion legislators' bluster, not one of them offered an amendment to the bill. But they are full of anger because, unlike last legislative session, the Baby Box Bill is on track to pass – thanks in large part to Florida Voice for the Unborn's efforts!

Following the February 9th hearing, I issued a press release about Senator Farmer's reprehensible demand to silence me and the pro-life viewpoint. You may read that [HERE](#). The News Service of Florida wrote a widely-circulated story (of course, with an anti-Baby Box Bill tinge) about the hearing in general – and my testimony was quoted! You may read that article [HERE](#).

We now must turn our attention to the House because its first hearing on the Baby Box Bill (House Bill 133) is scheduled for this upcoming Tuesday, February 16th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., before the Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee. House Bill 133 is identical to Senate Bill 122, so we'll be utilizing the same talking points (listed below). **However, due to the substantial size of this subcommittee, I am offering a new option on how to contact the members in a time-saving manner.** Here are the talking points again:

- A baby box is actually a temperature-controlled safety device that accepts surrendered newborn infants and comes equipped with an alarm system that is triggered once a newborn is placed inside. A form of these devices has been around for centuries in many places throughout the globe. The modern-day baby boxes, provided primarily through Safe Haven Baby Boxes, are completely safe.
- House Bill 133 provides necessary regulations governing the use of a baby box, such as by requiring Florida baby box locations to have an adequate surveillance system that is in working condition 24 hours a day.
- House Bill 133 increases the age at which an infant may be legally surrendered, from 7 days to 30 days old. This increase is needed to give mothers more options for safely surrendering their newborns. Illegal infant abandonments, which have led to death, do not just occur in the first week following an infant's birth.
- Baby boxes have a proven track record of deterring illegal newborn abandonments and saving lives. Since Indiana installed the nation's first Safe Haven Baby Box several years ago, there have been no reported illegal newborn abandonments in that state. And in 2019, Indiana had 9 newborn infants surrendered via baby boxes.

Another point to emphasize would be that a nearly-identical bill passed the full House last year by an overwhelming margin of 117-to-2. Clearly, House Bill 133 is a “no-brainer”!

Please utilize one or more of the above talking points and contact as many members of the Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee as possible (listed below) by e-mailing them as a group or individually. To e-mail an individual representative, just click on 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 “Pass House Bill 133 (the Baby Box Bill)”, 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 numbers for each representative's Tallahassee and district offices. 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 office phone numbers for the representatives on the Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee:

Chair Thad Altman (R): (850) 717-5052 or (321) 425-6179

Vice Chair Rick Roth (R): (850) 717-5085 or (561) 625-5176

Susan Valdes (D): (850) 717-5062 or (813) 673-4673

Robin Bartleman (D): (850) 717-5104 or (954) 668-3662

David Borrero (R): (850) 717-5105 or (305) 222-4116 [Note: he's a co-sponsor of the bill, so thank him for co-sponsoring it!]

Chuck Brannan (R): (850) 717-5010 or (386) 758-0405

Joseph Casello (D): (850) 717-5090 or (561) 292-6015

Tom Fabricio (R): (850) 717-5103 or (305) 364-3064

Jason Fischer (R): (850) 717-5016 or (904) 359-2653

Brett Hage (R): (850) 717-5033 or (352) 315-4445

Sam Killebrew (R): (850) 717-5041 or (863) 291-5254

Traci Koster (R): (850) 717-5064 or (727) 669-9040

Spencer Roach (R): (850) 717-5079 or (239) 656-7790

Felicia Robinson (D): (850) 717-5102 or (305) 620-3711

Tyler Sirois (R): (850) 717-5051 or (321) 449-5111

Dana Trabulsy (R): (850) 717-5084 or (772) 595-1391 [Note: she's a co-

sponsor of the bill, so thank her for co-sponsoring it!]

Patricia Williams (D): (850) 717-5092 or (954) 202-3201

Marie Woodson (D): (850) 717-5101 or (954) 965-3700

And here are the e-mail addresses for the representatives on the Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee:

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In addition, if you'd like to thank the two subcommittee members who are co-sponsoring House Bill 133, here are their e-mail addresses, too:
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I will be testifying at Tuesday's subcommittee hearing. If you are in the Tallahassee-area and free that day, we could use some more individuals to testify in favor of the bill. Opponents have been traveling from South Florida just to speak for two or three minutes against the Baby Box Bill. **If you'd like to join me on Tuesday, please reply to this message and let me know as soon as possible.** Due to a difference in COVID protocols, the House (unlike the Senate) will let you testify in-person at the Capitol but only if you register ahead of time online.

Finally, if you'd really like to stick it to Senator Farmer and the pro-abortion Florida Democrats, you may securely donate to Florida Voice for the Unborn by [CLICKING HERE](#), or by sending us a check (made out to "Florida Voice for the Unborn") to the following address:

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Thank you for your incredible generosity, which has kept us afloat during the pandemic and made us a painful thorn in the side of pro-abortion Senator Gary Farmer and his ilk in Tallahassee! I know that you – like me – will not be intimidated into silence!

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

P.S. Don't forget to contact the representatives on the Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee (listed above) about passing House Bill 133 (the Baby Box Bill). Let's keep the momentum going!

For Their Lives,



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