

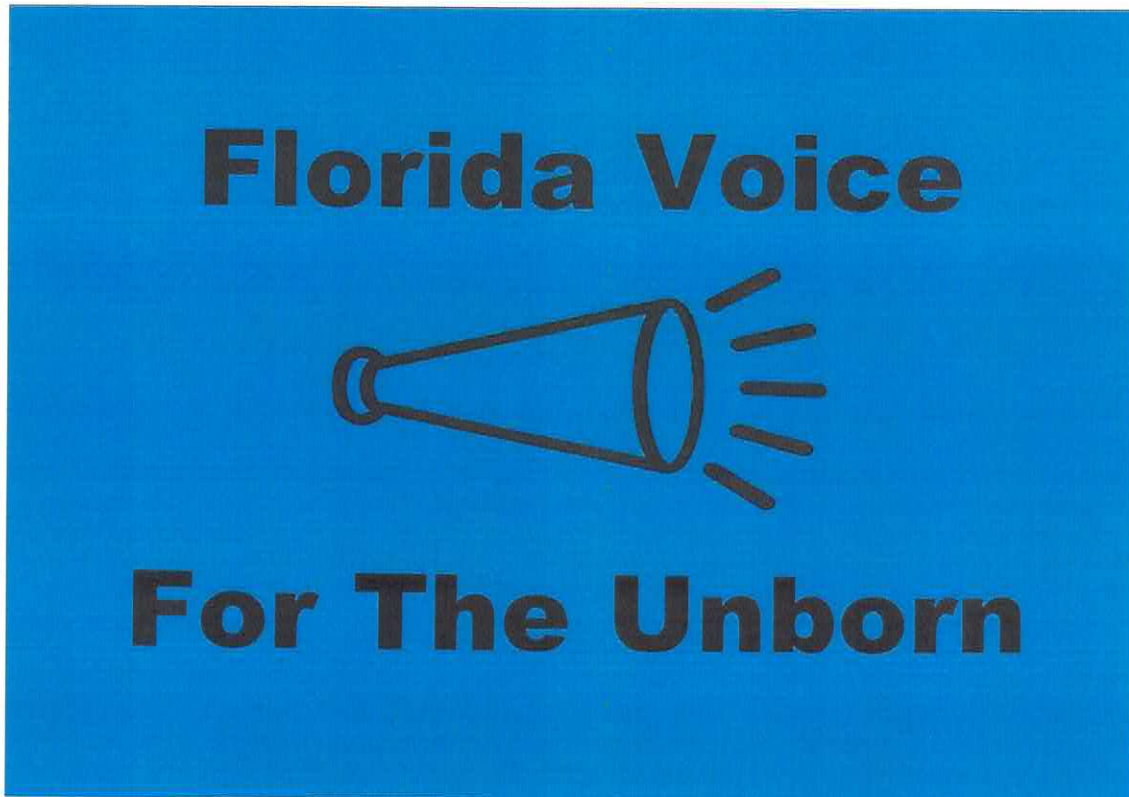
## Immediate Action Alert: Baby Box Bill!

Florida Voice for the Unborn <Andrew@FloridaVoiceForTheUnborn.com>

Mon 3/8/2021 9:31 AM

To: Andrew Shirvell <andrew@floridavoicefortheunborn.com>

[View this email in your browser](#)



Dear Friend of the Unborn:

The 60-day annual Florida Legislative Session finally began last Tuesday, March 2, 2021, and will last until April 30th. The very first thing on Florida Voice for the Unborn's agenda this week is the "Baby Box Bill" (House Bill 133).

On February 16th, the House's Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee passed House Bill 133 overwhelmingly by a margin of 16-to-1. WOW! 11 Republicans and 5 Democrats came together to support this pro-life bill! Thank you to all who called, e-mailed, and prayed for the bill's passage.

The Baby Box Bill will now be taken-up in its final committee of reference in the House **tomorrow, Tuesday, March 9th, anytime from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. before the Health and Human Services Committee.** We need to keep-up the momentum and get this bill out of its last House committee. Remember, there are usually close to 3,000 bills that get filed for consideration each Legislative Session, but only about 200 of those bills actually get signed into law!

Due to the substantial size of the House committee and the limited time-frame,

we'll be focusing our efforts only on those members who are still uncommitted to the bill. Again, here are the key talking points about House Bill 133, which you should emphasize when e-mailing and/or calling these members:

- 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.

Please utilize one or more of the above talking points and contact as many members of the Health and Human Services Committee as possible (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 "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 committee 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 undecided representatives on the Health & Human Services Committee:

**Chair Colleen Burton (R):** (850) 717-5040 or (863) 413-2640

**Vice Chair Michael Grant (R):** (850) 717-5075 or (941) 613-0914

**GOP Committee Whip Tyler Sirois (R):** (850) 717-5051 or (321) 449-5111

**Democratic Ranking Member Nicholas Duran (D):** (850) 717-5112 or (305) 860-7119

**Christopher Benjamin (D):** (850) 717-5107 or (305) 654-7100

**Adam Botana (R):** (850) 717-5076 or (239) 949-6279

**Mike Caruso (R):** (850) 717-5089 or (561) 750-2396

**Tracie Davis (D):** (850) 717-5013 or (904) 353-2180

**Sam Garrison (R):** (850) 717-5018 or (904) 278-5761

**Dr. Ralph Massullo (R):** (850) 717-5034 or (352) 527-4510

**Lauren Melo (R):** (850) 717-5080 or (239) 417-6270

**Michele Rayner (D):** (850) 717-5070 or (727) 892-2468

**Alex Rizo (R):** (850) 717-5110 or (305) 364-4126

**Will Robinson (R):** (850) 717-5071 or (941) 708-4968

**Kelly Skidmore (D):** (850) 717-5081 or (561) 470-2086

**Allison Tant (D):** (850) 717-5009

**Clay Yarborough (R):** (850) 717-5012 or (904) 723-5300

Here are the e-mail addresses for the undecided representatives on the Health & Human Services Committee:

[Colleen.Burton@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Colleen.Burton@myfloridahouse.gov); [Michael.Grant@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Michael.Grant@myfloridahouse.gov);  
[Tyler.Sirois@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Tyler.Sirois@myfloridahouse.gov); [Nicholas.Duran@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Duran@myfloridahouse.gov);  
[Christopher.Benjamin@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Christopher.Benjamin@myfloridahouse.gov);  
[Adam.Botana@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Adam.Botana@myfloridahouse.gov); [Mike.Caruso@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Mike.Caruso@myfloridahouse.gov);  
[Tracie.Davis@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Tracie.Davis@myfloridahouse.gov); [Sam.Garrison@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Sam.Garrison@myfloridahouse.gov);  
[Ralph.Massullo@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Ralph.Massullo@myfloridahouse.gov); [Lauren.Melo@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Lauren.Melo@myfloridahouse.gov);  
[Michele.Rayner@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Michele.Rayner@myfloridahouse.gov); [Alex.Rizo@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Alex.Rizo@myfloridahouse.gov);  
[Will.Robinson@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Will.Robinson@myfloridahouse.gov); [Kelly.Skidmore@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Kelly.Skidmore@myfloridahouse.gov);  
[Allison.Tant@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Allison.Tant@myfloridahouse.gov); [Clay.Yarborough@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Clay.Yarborough@myfloridahouse.gov)

I will be testifying at Tuesday's committee hearing. If you are in the Tallahassee-area and free that day, please consider joining me to testify in favor of the bill. 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. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Finally, we could really use your financial support during this most critical time of the year – the 60-day annual Legislative Session. To donate securely online via our website, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Alternatively, you may send us a check (made out to "Florida Voice for the

Unborn”) to the following address:

Florida Voice for the Unborn  
P.O. Box 12152  
Tallahassee, FL 32317

Thank for your continued generosity and engagement! 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 Health and Human Services Committee (listed above) about passing House Bill 133 (the Baby Box Bill). Let's encourage our state legislators to do the right thing!

For Their Lives,



Andrew Shirvell, J.D.  
Founder & Executive Director  
Florida Voice for the Unborn

Florida Voice for the Unborn is a Tallahassee-based grassroots lobbying group that only focuses on pro-life issues impacting the unborn. It is strictly independent, and its work is guided by faith in God's only Son, Jesus Christ. Florida Voice for the Unborn supports all peaceful efforts by elected officials and others to end abortion and save lives. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and Parler @UnbornVoiceFL – and visit our website [HERE](#).



---

*Copyright © 2020-2021. Florida Voice for the Unborn, Inc. All rights reserved.*

**Our mailing address is:**

P.O. Box 12152  
Tallahassee, FL 32317

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

---

This email was sent to [andrew@floridavoicefortheunborn.com](mailto:andrew@floridavoicefortheunborn.com)  
[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)  
Florida Voice for the Unborn · P.O. Box 12152 · Tallahassee, FL 32317 · USA

