

FL Disability Abortion Ban ACTION ALERT!

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Dear Friend of the Unborn:

This is Florida Voice for the Unborn's second "Grassroots Action Alert" of the week, as things start to heat up in the 2021 Legislative Session.

In late February, Rep. Erin Grall (R–Indian River & St. Lucie Counties) and state Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez (R–Monroe & Miami-Dade Counties) filed **House Bill 1221/Senate Bill 1664, which will stop Florida abortions based on a diagnosis of genetic disability.** A version of this legislation has been filed in previous Legislative Sessions, but has never been heard before a committee – until now!

Late Tuesday afternoon, the House's Professions & Public Health Subcommittee scheduled its second meeting of the week for **this Thursday, March 11th, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** The only bill on the subcommittee's agenda is House Bill 1221 (Prohibition of Disability Abortions). The opposition to this bill from pro-abortion forces will be strong and they will seek to water-down the bill. We need to spring into action immediately by contacting the subcommittee members.

Here are the short, simple talking points about House Bill 1221:

- Children who are diagnosed with Down syndrome or another genetic disability prior to their birth should not be targeted for extermination. They are God's children and have the same right to life as all other persons.
- Allowing abortion in Florida based on genetic disability contributes to a devaluing of all persons living with a genetic disability. Banning such abortions will lead to greater respect for all disabled Floridians.
- This bill rightly does not contain exceptions for rape and incest. The manner in which unborn children are conceived is irrelevant. A child conceived by rape or incest is no less deserving of protection under the law than any other child.
- Prohibiting abortions based on genetic disability is constitutional. Mississippi and North Dakota have passed similar bans, which were not challenged in court and are in full effect within those states.

Please utilize one or more of the above talking points and contact as many members of the House's Professions & Public Health Subcommittee 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 1221 (Prohibition of Disability Abortions)", 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 Professions & Public Health Subcommittee:

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

Vice Chair Juan Fernandez-Barquin (R): (850) 717-5119 or (305) 222-4119

Democratic Ranking Member Carlos Smith (D): (850) 717-5049 or (407) 681-5433

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Randy Maggard (R): (850) 717-5038 or (813) 780-0667

Patt Maney (R): (850) 717-5004 or (850) 833-3713

Stan McClain (R): (850) 717-5023 or (352) 732-1313

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

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Bob Rommel (R): (850) 717-5106 or (239) 417-6200

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

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

Kaylee Tuck (R): (850) 717-5055 or (863) 386-6000

Here are the e-mail addresses for the representatives on the Professions & Public Health Subcommittee:

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I will be testifying at this Thursday'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, thank you to all who called, e-mailed, and prayed for the success of House Bill 133 (the "Baby Box Bill") at its final committee stop in the House on Tuesday, March 9th. The bill passed **UNANIMOUSLY**, 18-to-0!!

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P.S. In case you missed it via our social media channels, please [CLICK HERE](#) to read Florida Voice for the Unborn’s latest press release and my March 9th letter to state Senator Jeff Brandes (District 24 – Pinellas County), asking him to exclude Florida abortion clinics from liability protections afforded by his bills, Senate Bill 74 and Senate Bill 72.

P.P.S. **“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9.** Don’t forget to contact the representatives on the Professions & Public Health Subcommittee (listed above) about passing House Bill 1221 (Prohibition of Disability Abortions).

For Their Lives,



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