NEW Heartbeat Action Alert!

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Dear Friend of the Unborn:

This short e-mail message contains a quick update and a <u>NEW</u> Grassroots Action Alert concerning House Bill (HB) 7 and Senate Bill (SB) 300 (Protection of Unborn Children in Florida After 6-Weeks' Gestation). If you missed it, you may find all of the background information provided in Florida Voice for the Unborn's last e-update by <u>CLICKING HERE</u>.

Early Thursday, March 16th, HB 7 passed through its first subcommittee of reference in the House, unamended. The final vote was 13-to-5, with all pro-life Republican members in favor and all pro-abortion Democrats in opposition. Three pro-abortion amendments to the bill were introduced, debated, and defeated along the same party-line margins. Florida Voice for the Unborn waived in opposition against all of the pro-abortion amendments.

On the main bill itself, I testified as did two of our grassroots supporters, both of whom did an outstanding job! Unfortunately, pro-lifers were vastly

outnumbered during the public testimony portion of the hearing. However, Florida Voice for the Unborn's viewpoint on the legislation was extensively reported on by the media, which helped amplify our message. In the days ahead, the relevant articles will be added to the media section of our website and promoted via our social media channels.

I want to thank everyone who participated in our last Grassroots Action Alert by contacting the pro-life members of the House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee. The engagement was tremendous – and is making a difference! I spoke with a number of legislative aides who complimented Florida Voice for the Unborn's efforts to strengthen the bill. Moreover, just before Subcommittee Chair Rep. Chuck Clemons (R – Gilchrist, Levy, and Alachua Counties) called for the vote on HB 7, he said this:

"None of our bills are perfect, and we hope that this one may even get better as it moves down the line."

WOW! The legislators are hearing us loud and clear! Moreover, Rep. Clemons' comments are significant because he is the Speaker *Pro Tempore* and a close ally of House Speaker Paul Renner! **So we must KEEP THE FAITH, and press on!**

To that end, we now turn our attention to the Senate, where SB 300 will get its first hearing this Monday, March 20th at 3:30 p.m. before the Senate Health Policy Committee in the Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building, in the Capitol complex in Tallahassee.

NEW URGENT GRASSROOTS ACTION ALERT: SB 300 (Protection of Unborn Children After 6-Weeks' Gestation)

Please contact the sponsor of SB 300 as well as all of the pro-life members of the Senate Health Policy Committee and express all – or some – of the following points:

I am a grassroots supporter of Florida Voice for the Unborn. I back most of Senate Bill 300. However, I respectfully request that you amend section 3 of the bill so that all unborn children are legally protected in Florida. Life begins at conception – not at the moment a heartbeat is detectable, which is around 6-weeks' gestation. Moreover, it is discriminatory to exclude children conceived as a result of rape or incest from the legal protections afforded other preborn children. We must hold the perpetrators of rape and incest accountable. The babies conceived as a result of rape or incest do not deserve to be executed for the crimes of their fathers. Also, I believe that the so-called "fatal fetal abnormality" exception should be removed from the bill. It is a gigantic loophole that targets children who are, more often than not, simply handicapped. Even when preborn children are correctly diagnosed with a terminal illness, it is immoral to "euthanize" them in-utero – just like it is immoral to euthanize a born child.

Additionally, the unwarranted \$5 million appropriation for the Department of Health's family planning program must be removed from section 7 of the bill. This provision is not included in the House companion legislation. Taxpayer money should not go towards funding contraception and possible abortifacients.

Finally, I respectfully request that you vote against all proposed pro-abortion amendments to the bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Here are the **key phone numbers** for the bill sponsor and for the pro-life Republican members of the Senate Health Policy Committee:

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Here are the key e-mail addresses (with semicolons separating them) for the bill sponsor, the pro-life members of the Senate Health Policy Committee, and all of their legislative aides:

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Based on whatever works best with your own e-mail account, please cut and paste the addresses above into your "to" header in a separate message. Don't forget to include a subject matter, such as "Amend SB 300 to Protect ALL Unborn Children," and include the simple talking points above or any other points that you would like to communicate. Alternatively, you may click on each individual e-address above to send separate messages! If you'd like to, please feel free to Cc or Bcc my e-mail address when you send your message: andrew@floridavoicefortheunborn.com I always love hearing from Florida Voice for the Unborn's grassroots supporters!

Please note that I've double-checked all e-addresses and phone numbers. Occasionally, I may still make a mistake and an e-address or two might bounce back. If that happens (for whatever reason), do not worry – rather, be assured that you're still reaching the vast majority of the intended recipients.

Amendments to SB 300 can be filed up until the beginning of the committee hearing on Monday at 3:30 p.m. So continue e-mailing and leaving voicemail messages (if you cannot reach a live person) up until that time, including throughout this weekend. Our collective efforts will pay dividends in the long-run!

If your schedule allows, we could really use your presence at Monday afternoon's hearing in Tallahassee. If interested, please reply to this e-mail as soon as possible.

Next week, I will be providing further updates, including on the "Baby Box Bill." Stay tuned, and thank you for all that you do to help Florida Voice for the Unborn advance the interests of our unborn brothers and sisters before our elected officials in Tallahassee and beyond! To help financially support our ongoing efforts, please go to our website by CLICKING HERE!

Together, let's continue to be a LOUD voice for Florida's preborn!

P.S. Don't forget to scroll back-up and contact SB 300's bill sponsor and all of the Senate committee members (and their staff) listed above! You're making a difference! Thank you, again, and God bless!

For Their Lives.



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