

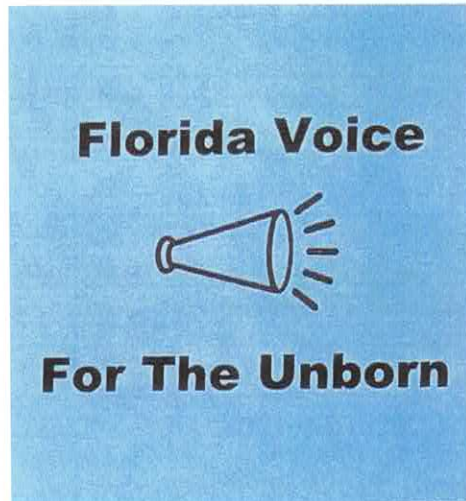
## Intro and ACTION ALERT!

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Welcome to Florida Voice for the Unborn – a NEW grassroots Tallahassee-based lobbying group that ONLY focuses on pro-life issues impacting the unborn!

My name is Andrew Shirvell, and I am the founder and executive director of Florida Voice for the Unborn. So why did I start this group? The main impetus was the fact that, during the 2019 Florida Legislative Session, not a single piece of pro-life legislation passed – which made Florida the only southern state not to have gotten something done last year. I found our state legislature's failure completely inexcusable, since we have pro-life majorities in both chambers and a pro-lifer in the governor's mansion.

There are a lot of factors that have contributed to our elected officials' pathetic indifference to the plight of our unborn brothers and sisters. I'll explain those troubling factors in the coming weeks via e-mail and social media updates, but for now I want to emphasize that I view Florida Voice for the Unborn as a complement to existing pro-life lobbying efforts by other organizations – not as a "competitor."

That said, however, Florida Voice for the Unborn is different from other Florida pro-life/pro-family organizations because this group – our group – will be supporting ALL efforts by our elected officials to end abortion and save lives – from an “Alabama-type” ban to personhood bills to heartbeat legislation to parental consent for abortion.

As long as the effort will save unborn lives – or seeks to save unborn lives – Florida Voice for the Unborn will be supporting that effort. In particular, efforts to challenge the Florida Supreme Court’s bizarre history of twisting the privacy clause of our state constitution and attempts to challenge the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1973 decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* are worthy causes that should be encouraged. That means I need you – the grassroots – to help Florida Voice for the Unborn put the maximum pressure on our elected officials at the right moments so that together we can advance the rights of our unborn brothers and sisters here in the Sunshine State!

The beauty of Florida Voice for the Unborn is that this group is strictly independent, and it does not take marching orders from any other organizations, whether Florida-based or national. Rather, Florida Voice for the Unborn’s work is guided by faith in God’s only Son, Jesus Christ. The group seeks to attract the support of all Christians as well as other persons of good will.

In fact, it was the Holy Spirit that inspired me to act on my outrage over the state legislature’s failure to do something last year. I quit the job that I had for the last four years and decided to finally become a pro-life advocate full-time. I am taking a leap of faith, but God will provide for Florida Voice for the Unborn’s financial needs. I know it! More about the finances – at a later time!

What is important to know right now is that Florida Voice for the Unborn is a Florida nonprofit corporation and it intends to function as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(4). It is governed through bylaws that were duly ratified by the board of directors on January 3, 2020. I am serving as interim chair of the board for the first six months of this year. Donald Stahurski is the vice chair and Aradhika Webber is the secretary.

If you have read this far, then you're almost done! Having been a pro-life activist since my freshman year in college (1998) and having held various grassroots leadership positions over the last two decades, I promise you that the e-mail updates will be timely and pertinent.

So, stay on this e-mail list – and stay informed! We have a lot of work to do, because the 2020 Florida Legislative Session begins today, Tuesday, January 14th – and will end on March 13th.

**First up on our agenda is the Florida Senate Judiciary Committee's upcoming hearing this Wednesday, January 15th, from 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The committee is scheduled to hear Senate Bill 404 (Parental Consent for Abortion).** In 2019, this bill died in committee. The senators that sit on this committee need to hear from you TODAY! Their contact info is below. When you e-mail and call them, be sure to tell them that you're with Florida Voice for the Unborn and that you want SB 404 passed out of committee because it is a commonsense bill that helps to protect unborn children by affording a minor girl's parents the opportunity to stop an abortion of their grandchild. Let's keep the message short and simple – and keep the focus on the right to life of the unborn child!

If you are in the Tallahassee area Wednesday morning, please join me at the committee hearing, which will take place at the **Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building, at the Capitol.** Members of the public are usually given two minutes each to speak before the committee. I would encourage you to come early and look for me. I will be distributing "Florida Voice for the Unborn" stickers. We need as many pro-lifers as possible to speak out in favor of the bill.

**Here is the contact info for the members of the Florida Senate Judiciary Committee:**

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\*\*Senator Stargel is the sponsor of SB 404. Thank her for introducing the bill.

We need to mobilize quickly. So pick-up the phone and write those e-mails NOW! You do not need to be one of these senators' constituents (or even a resident of Florida) to speak out now and make a difference! Together, let's be a LOUD voice for the voiceless unborn!

For Their Lives,



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