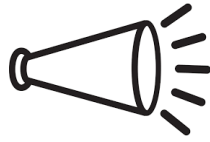


# Florida Voice



## For The Unborn

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**Florida Voice for the Unborn Thanks the Florida House's  
Professions and Public Health Subcommittee for Advancing Legislation Prohibiting  
Abortions in Florida After 15-Weeks Gestation**

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Executive Director Andrew Shirvell today issued the following statement regarding Florida House Bill 5:

“**Florida Voice for the Unborn** deeply appreciates the state House of Representatives’ Professions and Public Health Subcommittee for voting to advance House Bill 5. The subcommittee members voted 12-to-6 in favor of this bill, which will save an estimated 5,000 unborn children from being murdered here in Florida via brutal late-term abortions.”

Shirvell continued, “As executive director of **Florida Voice for the Unborn**, I testified today in favor of House Bill 5. In my testimony, I highlighted the fact that, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Charlotte Lozier Institute, an unborn baby’s heart rate is approximately 98 beats per minute at 6-weeks gestation – and by 15-weeks gestation, an unborn baby’s heart will have already beat 16 million times. Whether at 6 weeks or 15 weeks, an abortion stops a human being’s heartbeat. Abortion is not healthcare; it’s homicide!”

Shirvell further remarked, “House Bill 5 is far from perfect, and **Florida Voice for the Unborn** intends to suggest some needed amendments to make this lifesaving bill better. But today’s subcommittee vote in favor of the bill is a great step in the right direction. The bill sponsor, pro-life champion **Rep. Erin Grall (R–Indian River and St. Lucie Counties)**, did a masterful job presenting it and defending it. Pro-abortion subcommittee members disgraced themselves and showed their complete lack of compassion for defenseless babies in the womb. In particular, **Rep. Michele Rayner (D–Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, and Sarasota Counties)** – who is also a declared Congressional candidate – went on a fool’s errand when she attacked the integrity of Rep. Grall, who even most pro-abortion Democrats know is beyond reproach.”

Shirvell concluded, “A bright spot in today’s hearing occurred near the end, when **Rep. David Borrero (R–Broward, Collier, and Miami-Dade Counties)** spoke at length in defense of the humanity of our preborn brothers and sisters. However, Rep. Borrero was the only pro-life Republican to do so. As House Bill 5 continues to advance, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** would like to see more pro-life legislators be as courageous as Rep. Borrero was today. **Florida Voice for the Unborn** looks forward to continuing to press for House Bill 5’s passage (and the passage of its companion bill, Senate Bill 146) through our Grassroots Action Alerts and other advocacy efforts in the weeks ahead.”

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