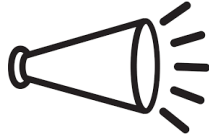


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### **Florida Voice for the Unborn Calls Upon Florida Senate President-Designate Kathleen Passidomo to Only Appoint Pro-Life Republicans as Chairs of All Senate Committees**

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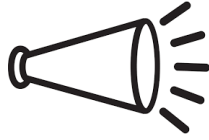
Executive Director Andrew Shirvell today issued the following statement:

“This morning, I issued a brief letter to Florida Senate President-Designate Kathleen Passidomo, urging her to not follow in the footsteps of her fellow Republicans, former Senate Presidents Wilton Simpson and Bill Galvano, when it comes to making committee chair appointments. Mr. Simpson and Mr. Galvano unwisely appointed pro-abortion Democrats as the chairpersons of key senate committees, despite having clear pro-life Republican majorities in the senate during their respective tenures. My letter, which follows below, requests that Senator Passidomo not repeat the same mistake.”

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Re: Upcoming Senate Committee Chairperson Appointments

Dear Senator Passidomo:

I am the founder and executive director of Florida Voice for the Unborn, a statewide pro-life grassroots lobbying group based here in Tallahassee.

I am writing to you today to respectfully request that you only appoint pro-life Republican senators as chairs of all senate committees. As you are well aware, your immediate predecessor, former Senate President Wilton Simpson, appointed three pro-abortion Democrats as chairs of key senate committees during his two-year term of office. And his predecessor, former Senate President Bill Galvano, also had appointed a pro-abortion Democrat senator as chair of the Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee.

Your predecessors' committee chair appointments were unprecedented, as I am not aware of any other state legislature in the country in which a Republican-majority chamber has ever given a committee chairmanship to a member of the Democratic minority. Moreover, [your predecessors' committee chair appointments](#) resulted in the [repeated obstruction of pro-life legislation](#).

Please do not follow in the footsteps of your predecessors regarding senate committee chair appointments. In this year's General Election, the voters of this state elected twenty-eight (28) pro-life Republicans and twelve (12) pro-abortion Democrats as senators, ensuring a pro-life Republican supermajority. It would be a slap in the face to Florida voters if you were to appoint any one of those pro-abortion Democrats as the chair of a senate committee. The chairmanships of each senate committee should only be held by pro-life Republicans to ensure that any proposed pro-life legislation coming before a senate committee will get a full and fair hearing.

Sincerely,

s/Andrew L. Shirvell

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