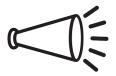
## Florida Voice



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Florida Voice for the Unborn's December 2nd 'DECLINE TO SIGN Day of Action' Intends to Place the Final Nail in the Coffin of the Florida Abortion Industry's Waning **Constitutional Amendment Petition Drive** 

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Executive Director Andrew Shirvell today issued the following statement:

"Florida's unborn children received great news this morning when the Florida Division of Elections provided its updated monthly total of verified signatures for the Florida abortion industry's citizens' petition initiative, which, if successful, would enshrine in our state's governing document an explicit right to access abortion up until the moment of birth. With two months to go until the final February 1, 2024, signature verification deadline, the Division of Elections now reports that ~621,664 signatures<sup>1</sup> have been officially verified statewide, leaving the abortion industry still needing to collect and have verified ~269,859 valid signatures from Florida voters in order to reach the mandatory 891,523 statewide signature total required for placement on the November 2024 General Election ballot."<sup>2</sup>

Shirvell continued, "Moreover, it is not enough that the abortion industry reaches the required statewide total of 891,523 valid signatures – it must also achieve a certain amount of signatures in at least 14 of the 28 federal Congressional districts located here in Florida by the February 1, 2024, deadline. Anywhere between ~25,000 and ~37,000 signatures are needed in each Congressional district depending on the size of the 2020 presidential vote in that district. As of today, the abortion industry has only hit the required threshold for ballot placement in 4 of the needed 14 Congressional districts!"<sup>3</sup>

 <sup>1 &</sup>lt;u>Initiative Signature Data (myflorida.com)</u>
2 <u>Initiative Information (myflorida.com)</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Initiative Signature Data (myflorida.com)

Shirvell further remarked, "The fact is, the pro-abortion petition initiative is <u>failing</u> big time. Under Florida law, after January 1, 2024, each county supervisor of elections may – **but is not required to** – verify signatures received (in-person or via the U.S. mail) during the month of January. See <u>Florida Statute 100.371(11)(a)</u>. The practical effect of that statute is that the pro-abortion petition gatherers need to get their petitions into the local county supervisor of elections offices **by December 31, 2023** in order to <u>guarantee</u> that all of their petitions will be counted and verified by February 1, 2024! Thus, the pro-abortion petition initiative is in dire straits due, in large part, to the significant pushback it has been receiving from **Florida Voice for the Unborn** and our partner pro-life grassroots organizations."

Shirvell continued, "Since the abortion industry officially launched its pro-death petition back in May of this year, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** has taken the lead in thwarting the petition's progress. Following our successful First Annual *Dobbs* Day Banquet and Workshop on June 24, 2023, which was attended by pro-life grassroots activists throughout the state, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** implemented the state's <u>first and foremost</u> 'Decline to Sign' campaign, complete with a <u>clearinghouse webpage</u> full of resources and information that has motivated our hardworking grassroots supporters all over the Sunshine State."

Shirvell further remarked, "The main tool **Florida Voice for the Unborn** has utilized since mid-August has been the promotion and distribution of our very effective '**Decline to Sign Awareness Cards**,' with English on one side and the Spanish translation on the other. With now **nearly 50,000** of these cards in circulation – and geared to three different audiences (Floridians, Christians, and Catholics) – our outstanding passionate grassroots captains have been ensuring the cards wide distribution to Florida voters from Pensacola to the Keys."

Shirvell concluded, "The purpose of Florida Voice for the Unborn's December 2nd 'DECLINE TO SIGN Day of Action' is to place the final nail in the coffin of the fading, evil pro-abortion constitutional amendment petition drive, which has been losing significant momentum since early September! With the February 1st pro-abortion petition-signature deadline quickly approaching, grassroots pro-lifers will be making a concerted effort to distribute the rest of Florida Voice for the Unborn's effective, double-sided 'Decline to Sign Awareness Cards' and other materials to their fellow Floridians in communities throughout Florida on Saturday. If we continue to work hard, Florida Voice for the Unborn is confident that the LORD will grant Florida's unborn children a stunning VICTORY on February 1st, which will serve as the catalyst necessary for the Legislature and Governor Ron DeSantis to finally 'Make Florida TOTALLY abortion free' by enacting complete legal protections for unborn children, beginning at conception!"

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**Florida Voice for the Unborn** is a Tallahassee-based grassroots lobbying group that only focuses on pro-life issues impacting the unborn. It is strictly independent, and its work is guided by faith in God's only Son, Jesus Christ. **Florida Voice for the Unborn** supports all peaceful efforts by elected officials and others to end abortion and save lives. Follow us on X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Truth Social, and YouTube @UnbornVoiceFL – and visit our website at FloridaVoiceForTheUnborn.com.