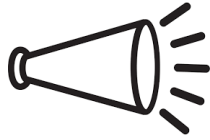


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The ‘Free State of Florida’ Reports a Record Annual Number of Abortions in 2022 With More Than 82,000 Unborn Children Killed on Governor Ron DeSantis’ Watch; Florida Voice for the Unborn Continues to Strongly Urge the Governor to Immediately Act to Protect All Unborn Children in Florida

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Executive Director Andrew Shirvell today issued the following statement:

“The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration has released new heartbreaking statistics showing that a record number of abortions took place in the Sunshine State during 2022. **Per the [Agency’s website](#), as of February 3, 2023, the total number of reported abortions in Florida for all of 2022 stood at a devastating record high of 82,192.** While that number is likely to grow even more when the Agency releases the final 2022 statistics later this year, it is clear that the current reported number of Florida abortions for 2022 has already well exceeded the record annual number of abortions that was set in [2021](#).”

Shirvell continued, “In the year that *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, it is outrageous that Florida has transformed into an abortion destination state. Even more appalling, however, is that unlike the other states with exceptionally high abortion numbers, such as California and New York, Florida is led by pro-life **Governor Ron DeSantis**, who has a pro-life supermajority Legislature. But the unvarnished truth is, thus far, **Governor DeSantis** has lacked the political courage to stop the record amount of bloodshed that has repeatedly occurred on his watch here in the ‘Red’ state of Florida.”

Shirvell further remarked, “We’re talking about hundreds and hundreds of innocent preborn babies being violently ripped apart and disposed of like garbage *every single day here in Florida*. And quite frankly, by his stubborn lack of meaningful action since the formal fall of *Roe v. Wade* last June 24th, **Governor DeSantis** seems intentionally indifferent to the horrendous plight of unborn children in his so-called ‘Free State of Florida.’”

Shirvell continued, “Last month, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** [exposed a media misinformation campaign](#) that absurdly asserted that Florida’s annual abortions had seen a dramatic decrease in

2022. Misleading articles ran in several conservative-leaning publications, including [Florida Voice News](#), [LifeNews.com](#), [The Daily Signal](#), and [Live Action News](#). Unfortunately, pro-life establishment groups like [Florida Right to Life](#) and the [National Right to Life Committee](#) compounded the misinformation by parroting it, rather than debunking it, as **Florida Voice for the Unborn** correctly did.”

Shirvell further remarked, “Truth matters. Accuracy matters. Integrity matters. As a genuine pro-life grassroots organization supported by front-line advocates throughout the state, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** has become the leader of the Florida pro-life movement because we believe in all three of the above values, and have acted accordingly since our formation in January 2020. In just the last nine months alone, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** has brought [hundreds of pro-life activists](#) to the Capitol in Tallahassee, [on two separate occasions](#), to lobby **Governor DeSantis** and our pro-life legislators to enact a comprehensive law that would end all abortions within Florida. And along with our partner grassroots group, Family for LIFE, we engaged in a months-long statewide pro-life postcard campaign that culminated [with the delivery of over 4,000 signed postcards to legislative leaders](#) this past November 22nd, asking for complete legislative protections for all unborn children in Florida.”

Shirvell continued, “It is crystal clear that, in this new post-*Roe v. Wade* era, grassroots pro-life advocates here in Florida expect our state to follow the lead of more than a dozen other ‘Red’ states in enacting a full abortion ban. Half measures such as a ‘Heartbeat Law,’ which are being belatedly pushed by discredited pro-life establishment figures, are no longer acceptable in ruby ‘Red’ states like Florida, now that the U.S. Supreme Court has definitively ruled that states can prohibit *all* abortions once again for the first time since 1973. Just as in Texas, *every single* abortion facility in Florida must be permanently shut-down.”

Shirvell concluded, “Unborn children in Florida have waited for justice for far too long. On January 23, 2023, the [Florida Supreme Court agreed](#) to take-up the Florida abortion industry’s legal challenge to Florida’s 15-Week Abortion Ban, which has remained in full effect since July of 2022. It is widely believed that Florida’s conservative-dominated Supreme Court majority will soon overturn bad precedent wrongly interpreting the Florida Constitution as guaranteeing women the ‘right’ to access abortion within the state. There is no need for the Legislature to wait until the Florida Supreme Court rules. **Similarly to what Texas and many other ‘Red’ states did prior to the U.S. Supreme Court’s reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, the Florida Legislature can pass a so-called ‘trigger law’ that will go into full effect shortly after the Florida Supreme Court rules in the 15-Week Abortion Ban case.** With over 82,000 children aborted in Florida in 2022 alone – a new horrific record – **Governor DeSantis** must ensure that comprehensive legislative protections for the unborn are enacted in the upcoming annual regular 60-day Florida Legislative Session, which begins in just a few short weeks on March 7th. The time for charades and excuses is over!”

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 Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Parler, and YouTube @UnbornVoiceFL – and visit our website at [FloridaVoiceForTheUnborn.com](#).