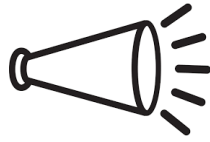


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Florida Voice for the Unborn Applauds the Florida House Professions & Public Health Subcommittee for Passing Today a Ban on Disability Abortions

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Executive Director Andrew Shirvell today issued the following statement regarding House Bill 1221 (Prohibition of Disability Abortions):

“On behalf of Florida Voice for the Unborn, I thank the House Professions and Public Health Subcommittee for passing this afternoon House Bill 1221, which will stop Florida abortions based on a diagnosis of genetic disability. The vote was 11-to-7 in favor of the bill, with one Republican joining all Democrats in opposition. A version of this legislation has been filed in previous Legislative Sessions, but has never been heard before a committee – until today! Thank you to subcommittee **Chair Rep. Will Robinson (R—Manatee & Sarasota Counties)** for scheduling this bill before his subcommittee. Thank you to subcommittee member **Rep. Tyler Sirois (R—Brevard County)** for his eloquent defense of House Bill 1221 during the hearing. And, most of all, thank you to pro-life champion **Rep. Erin Grall (R—Indian River & St. Lucie Counties)** for sponsoring this much needed piece of pro-life legislation, which – when enacted into law – will contribute to building an authentic Culture of Life here in the Sunshine State.”

Shirvell continued, “Children who are diagnosed with Down syndrome or another genetic disability prior to their birth should not be targeted for extermination. They are God’s children and have the same right to life as all other persons. I was proud to testify today in favor of House Bill 1221 and I am proud of all of Florida Voice for the Unborn’s grassroots supporters throughout the state who contacted the subcommittee members on short notice to ensure victory today.”

Shirvell further remarked, “However, I was deeply embarrassed for the unhinged performance art staged by the subcommittee’s pro-abortion Democrats in opposition to House Bill 1221. It was really outrageous. In my opinion, it was a toss-up between **Rep. Kelly Skidmore (D—Palm Beach County)** and **Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith (D—Orange County)** as to who was the most

deranged, illogical, and downright misleading in their opposition. Those pro-abortion legislators' defense of keeping eugenic abortions legal put them in the same company as Adolph Hitler and the white supremacist founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger. Equally troubling was the vote in opposition from **Republican Rep. Sam Killebrew (Polk County)**. While Rep. Killebrew did not speak during the hearing, his unfortunate vote does speak volumes. His vote against this legislation is shocking and shameful.”

Shirvell concluded, “Florida Voice for the Unborn knows the road to getting a ban on disability abortions passed here in Florida will not be easy, especially in the state Senate. But with God, all things are possible. Florida Voice for the Unborn looks forward to continuing to strongly advocate for this important pro-life legislation during the 2021 Legislative Session.”

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, and Parler @UnbornVoiceFL – and visit our website at FloridaVoiceForTheUnborn.com.