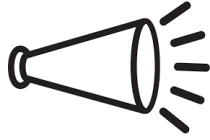


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Florida Voice for the Unborn Condemns the Florida Senate for Unanimously Passing Senate Bill 698, Which Violates the Dignity of Human Life in its Most Vulnerable State

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Executive Director Andrew Shirvell today issued the following statement regarding the Florida Senate’s unanimous passage of Senate Bill 698 (Reproductive Health):

“Florida Voice for the Unborn is deeply saddened that all pro-life senators in the Florida Senate joined their pro-abortion colleagues to pass Senate Bill 698 today. This bill, sponsored by pro-abortion state Senator Lauren Book (D – Plantation), seeks to address the issue of unscrupulous fertility doctors using their own sperm to impregnate female patients. While that is a noble aim, the bill also contains language that fundamentally violates the dignity of human life in its most vulnerable state, i.e. as a tiny zygote.”

Shirvell continued, “Florida Voice for the Unborn objects to Senate Bill 698 because it contains a novel definition of ‘reproductive material.’ As defined in the bill passed today, ‘reproductive material’ is ‘any human ‘egg’ or ‘sperm’ as those terms are defined in s. 742.13, or human zygote.’ The next line of the bill then defines ‘zygote’ as ‘a fertilized ovum.’”

Shirvell further remarked, “Florida Voice for the Unborn’s position is that a unique human being comes into existence at the moment of fertilization. Consequently, whether Senate Bill 698 calls that human being a ‘zygote’ or a ‘preembryo’ or an ‘embryo’ (as prior incarnations of the bill did), it is, again, a distinction without a difference. As unique human beings, zygotes can never be considered the equivalent of ‘sperm’ and ‘eggs’ — and cannot be termed under the law as ‘reproductive material.’”

Shirvell continued, “For the past few weeks, Florida Voice for the Unborn has been sounding the alarm about Senate Bill 698, which has been deeply flawed and agenda-driven from its inception.

It is a trojan-horse that seeks to sneak an anti-human life provision through the backdoor into Florida law.”

Shirvell concluded, “With very few days remaining in the 2020 Florida Legislative Session, Florida Voice for the Unborn is now calling on House Speaker Jose Oliva to do the right thing and make sure that this bad bill never gets a vote on the House floor this year. After all, the bill’s sponsor, Senator Book, effectively killed an important pro-life bill this session (Senate Bill 864 - Surrendered Newborn Infants) by refusing to hear that bill in the Senate committee that she chairs. Why a radical freshman pro-abortion Democrat like Senator Book has such a powerful position in the Republican-controlled Florida Senate is a mystery in the first place. But regardless, the much more conservative House of Representatives now has a chance to stand-up for the tiniest of our unborn brothers and sisters by rightfully ignoring Senate Bill 698!”

Florida Voice for the Unborn is a new grassroots Tallahassee-based 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, and Pinterest @UnbornVoiceFL – and visit our website at FloridaVoiceForTheUnborn.com.
