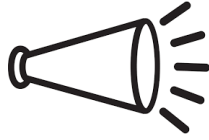


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Florida Voice for the Unborn Continues to Call for Complete Legislative Protections for Florida's Unborn Children Following Governor DeSantis' Signing of the 'Heartbeat Bill'

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Executive Director Andrew Shirvell today issued the following statement:

“Since its introduction in the Florida Legislature on March 7th, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** continuously advocated for the Heartbeat legislation to be amended so that all unborn children in Florida, regardless of circumstance and gestational age, would be legally protected from the moment of conception. In support of this advocacy campaign, our statewide grassroots supporters sent thousands of e-mails, and made hundreds of phone calls, to lawmakers and Governor Ron DeSantis’ office. Additionally, several of our grassroots supporters and I testified at every legislative hearing in both the House and Senate, requesting that changes be made to the legislation.”

Shirvell continued, “Unfortunately, despite repeated indications that the Heartbeat Bill would be favorably amended, that did not occur in time. The enactment of the Heartbeat Bill was unprecedentedly swift, culminating with Governor DeSantis’ signature very late on the evening of April 13th – just hours after its final passage in the House. Most authentic pro-life grassroots leaders, including me, were purposely excluded from the hastily-arranged, late-night signing ceremony at the Governor’s office. I believe that was because the Governor and his staff know that the Heartbeat Bill is not what pro-life grassroots advocates wanted to see enacted in this new post-*Roe v. Wade* era, where nearly a dozen ‘red’ states – like Texas – have already become abortion-free by protecting all unborn children from the moment of conception.”

Shirvell further remarked, “In 2022, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** hosted two big ‘Days of Action,’ bringing hundreds of grassroots pro-life advocates to the Capitol to advocate for complete legislative protections for the unborn. We also sponsored a statewide postcard campaign with the aid of our partner grassroots organization, Family for LIFE, which resulted in nearly 5,000 signed

postcards being delivered to the House Speaker, Rep. Paul Renner (R–Palm Coast) and the Senate President, Kathleen Passidomo (R–Naples), requesting the enactment of comprehensive legislative protections for Florida’s preborn children.”

Shirvell continued, “**Florida Voice for the Unborn** is supported by pro-life advocates on the front lines of our lifesaving movement – the people who pray and minister to women outside of abortion facilities; the individuals who tirelessly volunteer at crisis pregnancy centers; the advocates who engage their churches and political groups on behalf of the unborn; and so many other unsung heroes who work and pray for an end to abortion. **Florida Voice for the Unborn** and our grassroots supporters are not interested in meaningless photo-ops or being used to further anyone’s political ambitions. We are concerned with saving the lives of all unborn children. Period.”

Shirvell concluded, “The newly-enacted Heartbeat Bill, if and when it goes into effect, does not go far enough in protecting innocent lives because it arbitrarily and capriciously deems many unborn children unworthy of legal protections. The fact is, the Heartbeat Bill will not make Florida abortion-free. The majority of Florida’s abortion facilities will likely continue to operate and kill tens of thousands of innocent unborn children on our state’s soil. Because of that undeniable reality, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** will also continue to relentlessly push for full legislative protections for all of Florida’s unborn children.”

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.