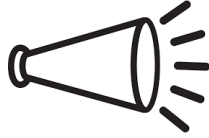


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Florida Voice for the Unborn Urges Governor Ron DeSantis to Amend His Call for the May Special Legislative Session to Include Legislation Prohibiting Nearly All Abortions in Florida in Light of the Leaked Decision in *Dobbs*

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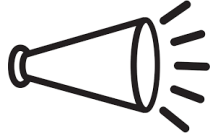
Executive Director Andrew Shirvell today issued the following statement regarding the leaked copy of the draft majority opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*:

“In a letter written to Governor Ron DeSantis this morning, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** is requesting that the governor immediately amend his April 26th proclamation calling for a Special Legislative Session. **Florida Voice for the Unborn** is asking for the Special Legislative Session (which is scheduled to begin on May 23rd) to include consideration of legislation that will prohibit all abortions within Florida, except in very rare circumstances when a mother's life is in danger. **Florida Voice for the Unborn** is making this urgent request in light of yesterday's widely reported leaked copy of the draft majority opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which shows that the United States Supreme Court is poised to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, thereby returning to the states the rightful authority to once again completely prohibit abortion within their borders. Our letter is attached to this release.”

Shirvell concluded, “The time for action is NOW! Governor DeSantis must act to save Florida's unborn children. How DeSantis responds at this historic moment in time will forever cement his legacy. On behalf of Florida's voiceless unborn, I pray that he rises to the occasion.”

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Re: Request to Amend Your April 26th Proclamation Calling for a Special Legislative Session

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I am the founder and executive director of Florida Voice for the Unborn, a statewide pro-life grassroots lobbying group based here in Tallahassee. On behalf of Florida Voice for the Unborn, I am writing to you concerning an urgent matter.

As has been widely reported in the news media, a leaked copy of the draft majority opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* shows that the United States Supreme Court is poised to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, thereby returning to the states the rightful authority to once again completely prohibit abortion within their borders.

On April 26th, you issued a proclamation calling for a Special Legislative Session “to consider legislation related to property insurance, reinsurance, changes to the Florida Building Code to improve the affordability of property insurance, the Office of Insurance Regulation, civil remedies, and appropriations.” This Special Legislative Session is set to begin at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23rd and to conclude by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022.

In light of the U.S. Supreme Court’s draft decision in *Dobbs*, I am urging you to amend your April 26th proclamation to include consideration of legislation that will prohibit all abortions

within Florida, except in very rare circumstances when a mother's life is in danger. I have asked Florida Voice for the Unborn's grassroots supporters throughout the state to also contact you (and key members of your staff) with the same message. Additionally, I will be pushing like-minded advocacy groups within the state to join us in calling for you to amend your April 26th proclamation.

With regard to the first Special Legislative Session of 2022, which took place in April and initially concerned Congressional redistricting, I note that you effectively amended your original proclamation to include consideration of other legislation – namely the abolition of certain local governing districts, such as the one that encompasses Walt Disney World Resort.

In closing, I thank you for your previous efforts in defending life, including your recent approval of our state's 15-Week Abortion Ban. But now that the legal landscape is about to rapidly change, you have an obligation to follow the lead of other "Red" states like Oklahoma by ending the abortion crisis in our state. With nearly 80,000 abortions reported in 2021 here in Florida,¹ I am pleading with you to act swiftly to save the lives of Florida's unborn children by immediately amending your April 26th proclamation to include consideration of legislation that would provide a near-total ban on abortions on day one after the final *Dobbs* decision is released.

Sincerely,

s/Andrew L. Shirvell

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