

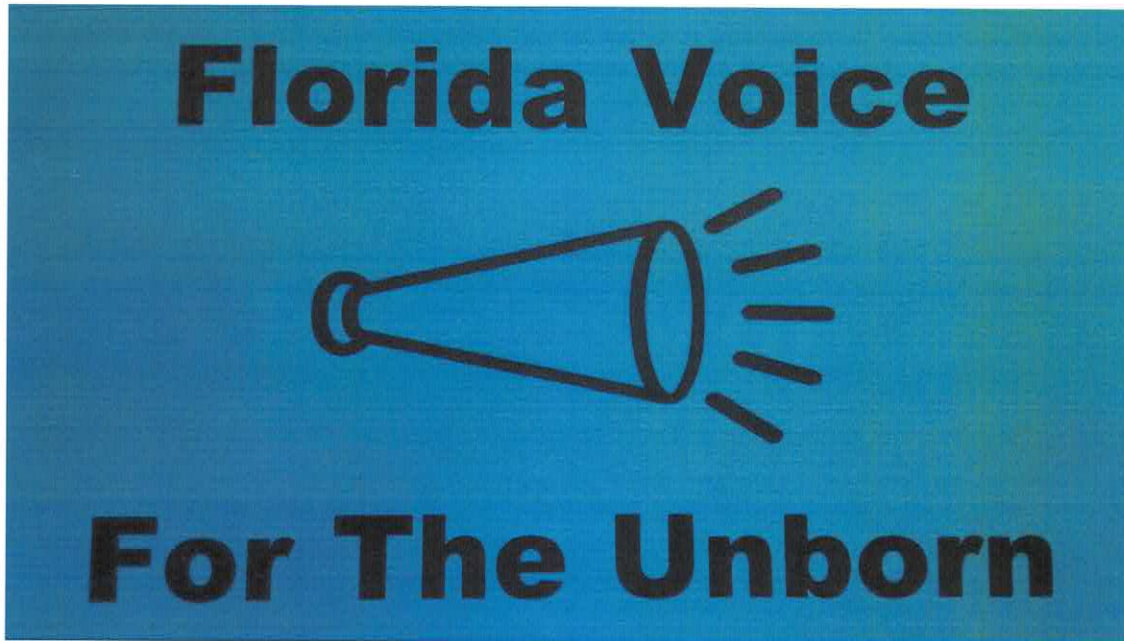
**ACTION ALERT: Protest Senate Bill 698!**

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Dear Friend of the Unborn:

Concerning the tortured history of Senate Bill 698, the Tallahassee Swamp has struck again with just days remaining in the annual Florida Legislative Session – and, unfortunately, it's the unborn who will suffer as a result.

If you missed our last two e-mail updates on Senate Bill 698, you can find them [HERE](#) & [HERE](#) on our website.

Last Thursday, Senate Bill 698 unanimously passed the Florida Senate with all pro-life senators joining their pro-abortion colleagues. Florida Voice for the Unborn has objected to this bill because it contains a novel definition of "reproductive material." Under this bill, "reproductive material" will be defined in Florida law as "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."

Of course, because a unique human being comes into existence at the moment of fertilization, zygotes can never be considered the equivalent of "sperm" and

“eggs” – and cannot be termed under the law as “reproductive material.”

Although we remained hopeful that the much more conservative House of Representatives would decline to take-up Senate Bill 698 and let the clock run out, that turned out not to be the case. Instead, the House leadership pulled a fast one on us – the grassroots. Because the legislative rules dramatically change during the last few days of the session, the leadership waited until after 11:30 p.m. on Monday night to add Senate Bill 698 to Tuesday’s Special Order Calendar. As a result, representatives had only until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday to file an amendment to Senate Bill 698.

The only representative to file a timely amendment was pro-abortion Representative Evan Jenne (D--Broward County). And, his amendment actually made the bill worse! Not only did Representative Jenne’s amendment leave the objectionable definition of “reproductive material” intact, but the amendment returned to the use of the term “embryo” by adding provisions to the bill that imply human embryos are not unique human beings but rather are “things” that are in the possession of others. For example, his bill states that an unscrupulous fertility doctor will be subjected to discipline if:

“Intentionally implanting a patient or causing a patient to be implanted with a human embryo without the recipient’s consent to the use of that human embryo...”

Late on Tuesday night, the full House of Representatives adopted Rep. Jenne’s amendment. In explaining the bill on the floor, Rep. Jenne laid the responsibility for the amended language of the bill on incoming House Speaker Chris Sprowls and Republican Rep. Cary Pigman, among other pro-life Republicans.

The House is now very likely to vote for this (even more) deeply-flawed amended Senate Bill 698 on Wednesday.

Here are two action items:

First, e-mail and call incoming House Speaker Sprowls and express your displeasure with the House’s betrayal of the unborn by holding a vote on Senate Bill 698 – a piece of legislation that deliberately violates human dignity by improperly classifying zygotes as “reproductive material” and treating embryos as “things” – rather than as the unique human beings that they are.

Click on [Chris.Sprowls@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Chris.Sprowls@myfloridahouse.gov) to email him and/or call his office at (850) 717-5065.

Second, check out a new 2-minute video posted to Florida Voice for the Unborn’s YouTube channel. The video is entitled, “The Truth About Human Zygotes.” In this video, Seth Drayer, the vice president of the Ohio-based pro-life group Created Equal, articulates on the Florida State campus in Tallahassee why and how “human development begins at fertilization” with the

creation of the zygote. Created Equal visited FSU last Friday, March 6th. Please share this video on your social media pages and share it with your friends via e-mail as well. Click [HERE](#) for the video.

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Thank you for all that you do to help defend the unborn!

For Their Lives,



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