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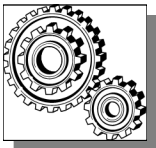
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Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 802-370-9560.

Does Abortion Belong in the Vermont Constitution?

by
Mary Hahn Beerworth

Proposal 5 is a legislative proposal to amend the current Vermont Constitution by the addition of pro-abortion language. Proponents of Proposal 5 have stated publicly that their goal is to ensure unlimited, unregulated abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. They aim to achieve this goal by amending the Vermont Constitution.

The final language is presented below. It has already progressed through the first phase of a multi-step process to amend the Vermont Constitution by being approved by both Houses of the Vermont Legislature (House and Senate) in 2019.

On Friday, April 9, 2021, the Vermont Senate passed the language of Proposal 5 by a vote of 26-4, moving the proposed Amendment to the Vermont House. The rules for a Constitutional Amendment require that they hold a public hearing for public testimony before

the final floor vote in the Legislature by House members. This is slated to happen in 2022.

If it passes, then Article 22 will appear on your general election ballot in November 2022 that will ask for a “Yes” or a “No” vote from Vermont citizens to amend the Vermont Constitution. It is worth noting that in the 26-4 vote, we picked up two more votes in opposition to the Proposal.

The language to be added to the Vermont Constitution is below in italics.

Proposal 5: (Article 22)

Sec. 2. Article 22 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is added to read:

Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty.]

That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least

restrictive means.

Robert P. George, Princeton University Professor of Jurisprudence, stated: “People on both sides of the debate over abortion know that ‘reproductive autonomy’ is publicly understood to be a way of referring to an unlimited abortion license, that is, elective abortion permitted through the entire nine months of gestation and pregnancy up to and including the process of birth.”

What will this language mean for Vermont taxpayers? The guarantee of “*personal reproductive autonomy*” is likely to be interpreted by Vermont courts and lawmakers to mean that taxpayers must:

Pay for abortions;

Pay for sterilizations and sterilization reversals;

Pay for the expenses associated with infertility and surrogacy;

Fund pro-abortion organizations like Planned Parenthood;

“Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love is abortion.”

Mother Teresa

There is another problem with this proposed language. The right to “personal reproductive autonomy” will mean more than unlimited abortion. It will mean whatever the Vermont courts decide it will mean.

According to Planned Parenthood of Vermont’s spokesperson Paige Feeser, Proposal 5 quite deliberately “... will open up a range of different questions for future lawmakers ... for years to come.” (*Paige Feeser,*

Public Affairs Organizer for Planned Parenthood, 7/30/2020)

Vermonters must become involved to stop this dangerous and immoral amendment. What can we do?

Call your legislators in the Vermont House of Representatives, and tell them to vote NO on Proposal 5.

Here are some suggested talking points you can use:

(1) Amending the Vermont Constitution to include the language of Proposal 5 is

reckless and irresponsible, dangerous and expensive, as well as morally and ethically wrong.

(2) The lives of countless unborn babies will be placed at further risk of abortion if Proposal 5 is adopted.

(3) Vermonters cannot afford Proposal 5 with all of its unknown repercussions, both financial and otherwise.

As my friend and longtime member of Vermont Right to Life Kay Trudell said recently, “If the Vermont Constitution were alive, it would hang its head in shame.” Stand together to defeat this terrible amendment.

Mary Hahn Beerworth is the Director of Vermont Right to Life and a long time advocate for the sanctity of human life.

Blow the Trumpet and Sound the Alarm

By
Marion Clegg

I am just an individual Christian with no earthly power. I have been concerned about what is happening in the culture in America for many years. A number of years ago the Lord spoke to my heart and said, “Blow the trumpet and sound the alarm.” He warned me about what was coming against His Church and also the education of His children. God cannot come down to Earth to mend these situations, but He does depend on His children to pray and act. After saying all of this, I knew then and know now that I cannot do this by myself (nor can any of us alone), but I can do what I am able to do, and the rest is up to other members of the Body of Christ. What could I do?

I started out last year by contacting all 14 County Chairs of the state’s Republican Party, as I felt they would be receptive to what I wanted to do. I sent them information to share with pastors they might know in their own counties. Because of recent events and quarantines and social distancing, I am not sure what happened. But I do know that God’s Church has got to start speaking out and become more involved. How? By becoming involved in places of authority in our towns, state, and federal government.

Since all of the rioting this past summer and fall that has been happening, I have to ask where has the Christian Church been? I have heard that because of so-called “separation of Church and State” that the Church can do nothing. But that is not true. There is nothing in the U.S. Constitution that prevents us (as Christians) from being involved in the public square. It is “we the people” who are supposed to be guiding and directing what goes on in America. We were supposed to be a Christian nation. Even our money says, “In God We Trust”. We have a First Amendment!

One thing we can do is write letters to our local newspapers. Over the course of many years I have written letters to the editor of our local paper, because that is certainly one thing Christians can do. As I watched the terrible events unfold in our nation all during the summer, the Lord reminded me of what He told me to do. One way I could reach local pastors and Christians was through our local newspaper, since I was not able to leave home to do it. I thought that since the paper reaches everyone in Lamoille County, it was a good vehicle for sharing information. Bearing this in mind, I wrote the following letter in late summer 2020 and sent it to our local weekly paper, the News and Citizen. They publish letters to the editor from citizens.

“I believe it is vitally important that everyone who calls themselves a Christian takes what has been happening these past weeks and weeks to come, and seriously start to pray!

Yes, pray for this nation, pray for our President, pray for all the citizens of this nation, and pray that it stays one nation under God. If you don’t know what to pray, get the book Pray for This Nation. We have been silent too long. God wants to hear from EVERY church congregation. We have got to wake up and be the people Jesus died for. For the sake of the generations to come, we may not be here, but our children and grandchildren will be. Why did all our men and women go to war but to save America? God gave us this nation. Let us not let it be destroyed. Pray! Pray! Then pray some more. He is listening. I believe that there are some who are praying, but don’t stop --- pray every day. Spoken by God from His Word and shared by Marion Clegg of Hyde Park.”

When I picked up the paper the next week I did not see my letter printed. I called the newspaper to ask why. They told me my letter was too religious to print. So I waited and did not send another letter until six months later --- very recently. This time I made sure my letter was not “too religious” and was more “political.” This one I titled: “Wake Up, Vermont”.

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Here is my most recent letter to the editor:

“Statistics don’t lie --- I found the following information quite interesting. From 1886 to 1988 Vermonters in our state voted Republican in every election. Vermont had two Vermont-born men voted as Presidents of the United States. One was Chester Allen Arthur from 1881-1888 and Calvin Coolidge from 1923-1929. States that were the birthplaces of the most United States Presidents were Virginia, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Vermont. Fifty-five years ago, Vermont took a turn and started having Democratic governors, and even as recently as two years ago, had a Socialist run for U.S. President, and last year our Republican Governor voted for a Democrat for President.

Marion Clegg, Hyde Park.”

They did not publish this letter right away. When I called them to ask why my letter had not been printed yet, they told me because they were devoting space to carrying information about the candidates who were running for our upcoming Town Meetings. Eventually they did print this letter, but not until after Town Meetings and the election were over. So the point I was trying to make was somewhat lost.

That is why I have turned to the Christian Action Ministry as I know the newsletter has a large mailing list here in the state and can reach many more readers. I want to get the information out because it is so important that individual members of the Church of Jesus Christ get involved by writing letters to their local paper, calling or writing their legislators to let them know how you feel about issues and upcoming legislation (like the abortion bill), and running for office. We must become candidates for office ourselves. I believe in the U.S. Constitution and do not want to see this nation become a Socialist nation. Start running for office in places of authority such as local school boards, city council members, county supervisors, mayor, the state legislature, even higher state offices like governor or even federal officials. Be a witness. Blow the trumpet. Get involved! And, of course, pray!

Thank you for your service!

Ray Racine served in Korea and Dick Trudell served in Vietnam. Both have been on the receiving end of this greeting. The Christian Action Ministry (CAM) would like to use this **same greeting** applied to their ministry efforts as well.

The Christian Action Ministry has been serving the Vermont Christian Community for over thirty years now and for over half of that time Dick Trudell has been its president and editor, and Ray Racine has been its treasurer. This year both of them decided they had reached a point in their lives that they needed to step down from their officer status but thankfully are staying on as directors. We want to acknowledge all the work they have done for the ministry and wholeheartedly thank them for their dedication. Both were also founding members of the ministry. As we make the transition we are thankful for our new president, Lauston Stephens, and new treasurer Craig Lyman. You might recognize both of them as past authors of articles in the newsletter. They have both been directors for years now so it should be a very smooth transition. We look forward to the future of the ministry and invite new participation. We would love to see new members and welcome article submissions or ideas of things we should be looking into.



It is poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.”


Mother Teresa

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Charlie Kirk in person!

Hosted by:

Ignite Church

1037 So. Brownell Rd.

Williston, VT 05495,

June 27, 2021

10:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Save the Date!

Charlie Kirk is an American conservative activist. He founded **Turning Point USA** with Bill Montgomery in 2012, and has served as its executive director since. At the age of 23, Kirk was invited to address the 2016 Republican National Convention, one of the youngest to do so.

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Next Meeting

May 10, 7:00 pm
Parkinson home
Hinesburg, Vt.

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