

Dear friends and ministry partners,

The Virginia General Assembly is currently considering a deeply concerning amendment to our state constitution—one that, on the surface, sounds innocuous. Don't be fooled. Titled the Reproductive Freedom Amendment, it is anything but benign.

If passed, this amendment would enshrine abortion into our constitution, creating a right to abortion on demand. It would severely restrict the ability of future lawmakers to pass legislation that protects unborn life or limit abortion access.

The language of the amendment is broad and vague. It guarantees the right to make "one's own decisions about all matters related" to one's pregnancy, prohibiting any person or organization from denying, burdening, or infringing on that right. Anyone who attempts to do so could face penalties, prosecution, or other adverse action. You can read the full amendment by searching "virginia amendment hj1 2025."

According to *The Family Foundation*, if this amendment becomes law, the consequences could include:

- Unrestricted abortion up to the moment of birth
- Denial of medical care to babies born alive after failed abortions
- Elimination of parental consent requirements for minors to receive abortion or transgender procedures
- Virginia becoming the "abortion destination" of the South

Legal experts and pregnancy center directors across the Commonwealth warn that life-affirming organizations—like pregnancy resource centers—would be vulnerable to legal attacks under this amendment.

Where Does the Amendment Stand?

The amendment passed both chambers of the Virginia General Assembly in 2025. To become law, it must pass again in 2026, and be endorsed in a statewide referendum in November 2026. Virginia's governor has no veto power over constitutional amendments, which means this decision rests squarely with the legislature—and with us, the people of Virginia.

What Can We Do?

1. Pray. Together, let us travail in prayer asking the Lord to move mightily in the hearts and minds of Virginians. Plead with Him to remove those in the House and Senate who promote this amendment and to raise up leaders who honor life. Pray for the protection of the unborn and for ministries like the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center that offer life-affirming alternatives to abortion.

2. Educate and Share. Talk with your family, friends, neighbors, and church community—here in Shenandoah County and across the Commonwealth. Many people are unaware of the implications of this amendment so share the facts and encourage others to do the same. Before the General Assembly votes again in 2026, we face a critical election in November 2025. Be informed about a candidate's stand on life, children, family, and parental rights—and vote in keeping with your values.

3. Support SCPC. Your prayers, volunteer efforts, and financial gifts to the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center make a life-saving difference. Through this Christ-honoring ministry, women and men in our community are empowered with real choices rooted in Christ's love and truth.

Let us remember the example of King Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah: when facing an overwhelming enemy, they didn't panic—they prayed, praised, and proclaimed their trust in the Lord. They confessed their weakness and stood firm and confident of God's salvific work. Likewise, we declare today: "The battle is not ours, but God's." (2 Chronicles 20:15) Together, let us defend life and protect the future of Virginia.

With kind regards,

Lisa

Lisa Schroeder
Executive Director



It's Time to Walk and Ride for Life

It's Walk time and you can be part of our team of ministry partners that makes Christ-centered, life-affirming care available in our community. Help us raise \$65,000 to support moms, dads, and families so they can CHOOSE LIFE.

Raise funds and join us on Saturday, September 27th between 8am and 11am at Stonewall Jackson High School to turn in your donations, fellowship with other ministry partners, and enjoy breakfast. At 9am, the opening ceremony will begin and include an update on the ministry, a client testimony, and our guest speaker former Congressman Frank Wolf. Following the ceremony, will be the motorcycle rider send-off. **Register to participate in the Walk by Sunday, August 31st and receive a free t-shirt.** Register at www.supportscpc.org/walk.

Sunday, August 31st: Register to Walk www.supportscpc.org/walk

Saturday, September 27th: Walk and Ride for Life

8am Breakfast

8:30am Motorcycle registration

9am Opening ceremony

Motorcycle send-off immediately following opening ceremony.

11am Walk for Life 2025 ends



We are looking for an Outreach & Development Coordinator

The Outreach and Development Coordinator is a key member of the SCPC team, working closely with the Executive Director to advance the organization's Christ-centered mission and vision. This role is central

to securing the financial resources necessary to sustain and grow SCPC's impact in the community. Email Lisa at scpc.lisa@gmail.com for more information or to submit your resume.



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

You are invited to enjoy Coffee & Conversation with the SCPC's Executive Director and members of the Board of Directors.

Saturday, September 21st from 9:30-10:30am Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center

Save the date!

Introduction to SCPC
Ministry Training
October 17, 5-7:30pm &
October 18, 9am-3pm
At the Shenandoah County
Pregnancy Center
Call Lisa or Tami at the
Center for more information

Join the Prayer Team! Text your name to 540.346.8060.

Check out our Center Needs list at www.supportscpc.org.

Are You Hurting from a Past Abortion? You're Not Alone.

Many women who have experienced abortion silently carry deep wounds—grief, regret, guilt, and shame. Often, this pain is buried beneath a brave face and endured in isolation. If this is your story or the story of someone you love, we invite you to join our Abortion Recovery Group designed to gently guide women on a path to healing and freedom—offering the hope and restoration that only Jesus can provide.

Led by women who have walked this same road, this group is a redemptive community where you are seen, known, and deeply loved. You don't have to carry this burden alone. Healing is possible. Freedom is waiting.

Eight week group will meet on Wednesdays beginning September 3rd - 6-8pm at the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center - Text or call Lisa for more information 540.268.0028—All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.