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Do not Sign Pro-abortion Campaign in Arizona

Millions of dollars from the pro-abortion industry are flooding into Arizona from out of State. This includes paying workers to collect signatures in front of grocery stores and other public locations for an amendment to our State Constitution.

We urge the citizens of Arizona not to sign or endorse this signature campaign.

The goal of the signature campaign is to enshrine a constitutional right to unrestricted abortion in Arizona. What makes a constitutional amendment especially grave is that our own Arizona Legislators could lose the ability to regulate abortion in any way, leaving us with the potential for fully unrestricted abortion.

The proposed amendment would put women and girls at risk by no longer requiring the use of a qualified medical doctor as well as by removing safety standards for abortion clinics. By eliminating current parental consent laws, mothers and fathers would be left out of decision-making when their minor daughter needs them the most. Too, the proposed amendment would allow for painful late-term abortions and open the door to taxpayer funding of them. While the effort claims to be moderate in nature, its vague language would make Arizona one of the most extreme states in terms of abortion. We believe that even many of those who support abortion in limited instances would find the proposed Constitutional amendment extreme and misleading.

Arizonans deserve far better than the measures being proposed in this signature campaign. We humbly ask for your prayers that this signature campaign will fail and that mothers and their babies will be kept alive and safe.

Again, we urge the citizens of Arizona not to sign when approached by these paid canvassers in front of stores or public locations.

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