June v. Russo: Without Courage, Your Principles Don't Matter

Is the prolife movement courageous enough?

On June 29, the U.S. Supreme Court announced an extremely disappointing decision in June Medical Services v. Russo. By a vote of 5 to 4, Chief Justice John Roberts struck down a simple Louisiana law that required abortion facilities to follow the same health and safety regulations that other outpatient surgical facilities in that state must follow.

It’s not necessary to read an in-depth legal analysis of the case, because it’s as simple as this: Chief Justice John Roberts chickened out.

Roberts starts his concurring opinion on the case by siding with Louisiana and suggesting their law is constitutional. However, Roberts then suggests that because the Supreme Court recently decided a similar Texas case in 2016, Whole Women’s Health v. Hellerstedt, he had to go along with the wrong chief justice. Roberts decided that political correctness and entertainment, and academic voices would attack him. Roberts decided that rather be consistently wrong than constitutionally wrong, and he said he believes Louisiana was right, but what did that matter in the end? Roberts would not. Will Roberts won’t. Will you?

The 4 pro-abortion justices have the courage to do whatever it takes to advance abortion. For them, supporting abortion will always come before the Constitution, laws, and their roles as judges. It’s easy for them; they will be celebrated in pop culture. They never apologize for glaring logical contradictions or ignoring relevant facts. Ruth Bader Ginsburg has criticized the legal theory behind Roe v. Wade, but she will support it every time she can. Nobody on her side cares—as long as they get the result they want.

Justice Clarence Thomas has courage to do the right thing. In his dissenting opinion in June, he again asks his colleagues to do the right thing and overturn Roe v. Wade.

Justices Sam Alito, Neil Gorsuch, and Brett Kavanaugh all had the courage to do the right thing and side with Louisiana.

Chief Justice John Roberts does have principles. Protecting the institutional standing of the Supreme Court is important. Respecting previous court precedents is important. However, those principles are empty if they are exploited to eviscerate more foundational principles.

Supreme Court justices take an oath to defend the Constitution, not wrong decisions from a few years ago. A basic human principle is that it’s wrong to kill innocent people; if the prestige of the Supreme Court takes precedent over the lives of nearly 60 million unborn children, then just what is the purpose of a Supreme Court?

John Roberts probably does believe abortion is wrong, and he said he believes Louisiana was right, but what did that matter in the end? Roberts would rather be consistently wrong than constitutionally right. If he followed his convictions, many media, entertainment, and academic voices would attack him. Roberts decided that political correctness and keeping the Supreme Court from being “canceled” on Twitter is more important than fulfilling his oath.

Why do pro-abortion presidents’ judicial picks always toe the abortion line? Their principles place abortion eternally first, and rarely is their courage truly tested. Ruth Bader Ginsburg thinks stabbing babies in the head during the process of birth is protected by the Constitution, and she’s the one depicted in flattering Hollywood biographies.

Why do prolife presidents’ judicial picks sometimes fail to stand for their principles? Because it’s hard for them to do the right thing. Some of them didn’t have the courage to endure a thousand insults from the New York Times, CNN, or from their friends in Washington, D.C. So far, President Trump’s two picks have come through. Will Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh ultimately display the courage of Clarence Thomas? Only time will tell.

Moving forward, the top quality in any judicial appointment must be courage, because without it, no amount of legal education, intelligence, or proper vetting matters. The same is true for us as prolife activists.

So, how much courage does the prolife movement have? How will we respond to this test?

We can’t demand Supreme Court justices do the right thing in the face of vicious political correctness if we aren’t willing to face a small fraction of it ourselves.

As prolife people, we believe unborn children are truly human beings. So, will we act like nearly 1 million human beings are dying every year in gruesome, purposeful fashion? Chief Justice John Roberts won’t. Will you?

Only when we express that courage consistently will we end the tradition of being surprised at the end of June by the Supreme Court. Only then can we end abortion.
Petition Drive to Ban Dismemberment Abortions Ends

In July, the Michigan Bureau of Elections issued a report finding that there were not 340,047 valid signatures in the Michigan Values Life petition drive to ban dismemberment abortions.

We know we submitted signatures from more than 340,047 registered voters. It is tragic that children will continue to be dismembered because just enough signatures were lost to errors and petition damage like small tears and stains.

Our volunteers did an excellent job, but the bulk of the errors were things beyond our control, specifically people not knowing their voter registration status or forgetting they already signed the petition. Because we were about 20,000 signatures short of our goal of 400,000, we left room for Planned Parenthood to challenge the signatures—so they can continue profiting from dismembering babies. We must use our goal next time we do a petition drive.

Our petition drive system works well in normal times, but this time we were forced to fight a series of unprecedented battles we did not choose. We had to retrain volunteers for a different petition drive law, the dismemberment ban was never sent to the governor to veto, a competing prolife petition drive confused people, and we faced other challenges every step of the way.

The biggest hurdle was the large turnout in the 2018 election, which increased the number of signatures required. Our signature total would have been more than required in any previous year in Michigan history. We submitted about 65,000 more signatures than we did in our successful petition drive in 2013.

"THE EFFORT BEHIND THIS PETITION DRIVE WAS WORTH IT..."

to stop taxes from paying for abortion insurance coverage. It wasn't enough this time.

The effort behind this petition drive was worth it and will carry forward. Thousands of volunteers were mobilized to educate more than 400,000 people about this barbaric abortion procedure.

Some are wondering if Right to Life of Michigan will be leading another petition drive to ban dismemberment abortions, given this attempt came up only a few thousand signatures short. Before we even consider that, President Trump must win the 2020 general election. A U.S. Supreme Court with a five-vote pro-abortion majority led by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will never allow a prolife law to stand.

The road to banning dismemberment abortion runs through November 3.

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My Case for Trump vs. Biden

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Who will it be? President Donald Trump or President Joe Biden? Let me make the case that people who care about the inalienable right to life should cast their vote for Donald Trump and not Joe Biden.

Back in 2016, many prolifers were wary of candidate Donald Trump’s claim to be prolife and his promises to advance the prolife cause in his administration. We now can point to “promises made; promises kept” during his years in the White House. Only to name a few:

• Even before being elected, candidate Trump demonstrated his prolife stance through his selection of Mike Pence as his running mate. This signaled he valued the prolife stance of Pence.

• Used the prestige of the White House to be the first President to attend and speak at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

• Put Congress on notice that he would veto any legislation weakening prolife policies or any which encourages the destruction of human life. This has prevented weakening or deletion of the Hyde Amendment, which prevents federal funds for most abortions.

• Appointed men and women who value the sanctity of life and the rule of law to all levels of the judiciary, from the U.S. Supreme Court down to the district level.

• Surrounded himself with men and women who have prolife values in his cabinet and administration, thus seeing such government entities as the Dept. of Health and Human Services moving to end funding of research using fetal tissue from abortions.

• Used his executive powers to prevent federal dollars going to organizations who promote abortions in foreign counties, including China’s forced abortion policies.

• Issued strong statements in support of prolife legislation urging Congress to send the legislation to his desk for signing.

So as the saying goes “the proof is in the pudding.”

Looking ahead to a White House with Joe Biden, at the helm, here are potential outcomes:

• Biden would have Vice President Kamala Harris as his right-hand woman, one of the most pro-abortion women in the U.S. Senate.

• Biden’s cabinet and other appointments will likely go to those who supported his nomination: Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Gretchen Whitmer to name a few.

• Who might be appointed to a Supreme Court vacancy? Does he owe a debt to the Clintons, the Obamas, or Planned Parenthood?

• Would federal dollars be used to fund and promote abortions? Biden has publicly revoked his previous support for the Hyde Amendment. He now has the endorsement of Planned Parenthood and major pro-abortion organizations who are eager for federal funds for their mission.

• Biden has pledged to work for and sign legislation enshrining the “right to an abortion” into federal law. How does this mesh with his declaration of being a churchgoing Catholic? He is the epitome of the politicians who claim they can’t force their personal beliefs upon others.

That’s my case: go with a proven product, a President who has delivered, or take a chance that Biden won’t keep his promises to his pro-abortion supporters. Go with a President who has a prolife Vice President, or vote for a pro-abortion candidate with a pro-abortion vice president waiting in the wings to assume the highest office in our nation.

I’m praying for victory on behalf of the most innocent member of our human family, the unborn child. Use your vote to support Life!
WHERE THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES STAND ON LIFE

THE RIGHT TO LIFE

DONALD TRUMP'S views on abortion changed after seeing friends experience a crisis pregnancy. "It is my profound honor to be the first President in history to attend the March for Life. We're here for a very simple reason: to defend the right of every child, born and unborn, to fulfill their God-given potential."

JOE BIDEN Despite opposing Roe v. Wade in the early 1980s, Joe Biden supports elective abortions at any point in pregnancy. In the U.S. Senate, Biden voted against the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, "Lacy and Conner's Law," which allows additional criminal penalties if a pregnant victim's unborn child is also harmed by a violent crime.

ROE V. WADE AND THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

DONALD TRUMP followed through on his commitment to appoint judges who believe in the rule of law. He opposes Roe v. Wade: "The Supreme Court in 1973 based its decision on imagining rights and liberties in the Constitution that are nowhere to be found."

JOE BIDEN promises to "codify Roe v. Wade" if it is overturned, allowing abortion-on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy. Biden led the U.S. Senate effort to "bork" (oppose) Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork in 1987, widely recognized as forever changing the partisan and vicious nature of Supreme Court nomination hearings.

LATE-TERM ABORTIONS AND INFANTICIDE

DONALD TRUMP was the first presidential candidate to describe a late-term abortion procedure during a presidential debate. He supported efforts in Congress to ban late-term abortions and protect babies who survive botched abortions: "We should not be one of seven countries that allows elective abortions after 20 weeks. It goes against our core values."

JOE BIDEN repudiated his past support for partial-birth abortion bans during his presidential primary campaign for the 2008 election. He criticized the Supreme Court's ruling in Gonzales v. Carhart, which upheld the federal partial-birth abortion ban: "This is all code for saying, 'Here we come to undo Roe v. Wade.'"

TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTIONS

DONALD TRUMP President Trump was the first president to ever defund a portion of Planned Parenthood's budget directly. He has constantly supported the Hyde Amendment, which prevents direct federal taxpayer funding of abortion.

JOE BIDEN After intense criticism from fellow Democrats, Joe Biden repudiated his support for the Hyde Amendment. His health care plan will force taxpayers to pay for abortions: "That's why at the same time I announced that policy, I announced that I could no longer continue to abide by the Hyde Amendment." Biden now fully supports using tax dollars to pay for abortions.

WHERE THE U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES STAND ON LIFE

JOHN JAMES "I will fight to preserve separation of powers... and will approve justices who will interpret the constitution as written."

GARY PETERS voted against U.S. Supreme Court Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, criticizing them for not supporting abortion.

JOHN JAMES has been endorsed by the Right to Life Michigan PAC in both of his only campaigns for office, stating he is 100% prolife.

GARY PETERS has never been endorsed by the Right to Life Michigan PAC. His lifetime congressional scorecard from the National Right to Life Committee is 0%. During his time in the Michigan Legislature, Peters voted against any restriction on abortion and was a leading advocate for legalizing assisted suicide.

JOHN JAMES believes children who survive botched abortions have value as human beings and deserve legal protection: "Life begins at conception and ends at a natural death."

GARY PETERS is filibustering the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act in the U.S. Senate, preventing a vote on this legislation to protect babies born alive after a botched abortion from being abandoned to die by abortion facilities.

JOHN JAMES has said he will fight against efforts to roll back laws protecting unborn children like the partial-birth abortion ban: "I want to speak for those who have no voice. I want to fight for those who can't fight for themselves and I can't imagine a more vulnerable group of people than our unborn children."


JOHN JAMES opposes tax funding of abortion. He supports efforts to defund abortion providers like Planned Parenthood, which receives more than $500 million tax dollars annually.

GARY PETERS has consistently voted for using tax dollars to pay for abortions. On December 3, 2015, Peters supported an amendment to make $1 billion in tax dollars only available to Planned Parenthood and other organizations that provide abortions.
The Power of Money and the Power of One Vote

Back in January, Planned Parenthood announced plans for a gargantuan investment in voter contact in swing states. Planned Parenthood promised to spend $45 million in 9 states to elect pro-abortion candidates—including Michigan.

It’s not just Planned Parenthood.

In December, the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) announced they would spend $20 million on electing abortion supporters in state and local elections—including Michigan.

Abortion supporters know the value of just one vote. During her speech at the Democratic National Convention, Michelle Obama pointed to Michigan as the prime example: “In one of the states that determined the outcome, the winning margin averaged out to just two votes per precinct—two votes.”

Fact check: true! Michigan has 4,810 voting precincts, and President Donald Trump won Michigan in 2016 with 10,704 votes.

2016 nominee Hillary Clinton didn’t grasp the danger her campaign was facing. She wasn’t visiting key swing states, and opinion polls showed her maintaining her lead. Many people were scratching their heads about President Trump visiting Michigan days before Election Day in 2016, and those people were left dumbstruck by the result after the polls closed. The 2016 “October surprise” was revealed in dramatic fashion on election night with Trump’s victory.

The Abortion Industry won’t be caught flat-footed this time. They are going all-in on 2020. Money in politics is something, but it ain’t everything. Hillary Clinton had money; she outspent Donald Trump by more than $500 million during the 2016 election, and what was the end result?

One vote can matter. Millions of lives have been saved and lost by a few votes.

Roe v. Wade was one Supreme Court vote away from being overturned in 1992. The effort to fully defund Planned Parenthood in 2018 failed by one vote in the U.S. Senate. One of our early efforts to end tax-funded abortions in Michigan failed by one vote in a last-minute betrayal.

Of course, even elections with thousands of voters can come down to a tiny handful of votes. In 2014, State Senator Margaret O’Brien won by 61 votes against a Planned Parenthood-endorsed candidate. In 2018, three state house candidates won their primaries with 30 votes or fewer.

We believe one volunteer can matter, too. We don’t have $45 million in the bank like Planned Parenthood. We don’t have Warren Buffett, Bill Gates, or George Soros on our major donor list like they do. Money can get your message in front of voters, but so can volunteers.

The Right to Life of Michigan PAC and volunteers are going to do a lot this fall: knocking on doors, phone calls, television ads, radio ads, social media, personalized profile ballots online; and, of course, mailings—including the 260,000 of you who received this edition of the RLM News. All of this to motivate a handful of voters to make the effort to have their voice heard.

Those votes will rule the fate of millions of unborn children. For prolife people, elections have grave consequences; tax rates can be changed, laws can be amended, but we can never restore Life to the nearly 60 million unborn children who have been aborted in America since 1973.

Consider devoting more than just your vote in November to saving the unborn. If you’d like to help change history, sign-up at RTL.org/volunteer. Your voice matters, and we can find a way to use it.

RLM-PAC Endorsement Guide Instructions for Nov. 3 General Election

- The Michigan General Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
- If you plan on voting absentee, please make sure your ballot is completed well before Election Day. Ballots that arrive after the polls close will not be counted. You can drop off your completed ballot at your local clerk’s office, or fill it out directly at the office.
- Endorsements are listed by congressional district. To find your congressional district, see the counties listed under each district, or use the map on the right. A detailed breakdown of district information for Metro Detroit is found on the top of the next page.
- Only Right to Life of Michigan Political Action Committee endorsed candidates are listed. If a specific race is not listed, then no candidate in that race was endorsed. When more than one candidate is listed for a race, that means multiple candidates have been endorsed by the RLM-PAC.
- The role of the RLM-PAC is to inform the prolife community which candidates are believed to be the most effective voice for the unborn. Endorsed candidates have signed a written questionnaire stating their support for prolife legislation and have undergone an interview.
- You can go to RTL.org/vote to create your own personalized profile ballot.
- If you have a question about endorsements, call Right to Life of Michigan at (616) 532-2300 or e-mail us at info@rtl.org.
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Sarah Hubbard (R)  |
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### 11th Congressional District

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2020 Grants Awarded to Detroit Pregnancy Centers

Think about this number: 39%. That’s the percentage of abortions on Michigan residents in 2019 from just Wayne County. Wayne County only makes up 18% of Michigan’s population.

Despite years of decreases, abortion numbers remain stubbornly high in Michigan, and a lot of that can be attributed to the city of Detroit and its immediate surroundings. For four years now, Right to Life of Michigan has focused on Detroit—to address abortion where so many happen.

An important part of that effort are the annual grant awards we make to pregnancy centers that serve the women of Detroit. For 2020, grants were given to 10 centers: CareNet of Detroit, Pregnancy Aid, Image of God SE, Image of God SW, Image of God Madison Heights, Detroit Pregnancy Test and Help Center, Mother and Unborn Baby Care, Stanton Healthcare Detroit, ICU Birth Choice, and Guadalupe Workers.

On August 27, we visited 8 of these centers to present them their grants in person.

While there are many Right to Life of Michigan affiliates around the state that support their local pregnancy help organizations, there is no formal affiliate organized in the city of Detroit. We will continue to make sure that there is a prolife presence wherever abortions are occurring.

SAVE THE DATE!
September 28, 2020 | 7:30 PM

At a time when we can’t gather in large numbers, we still make our numbers known. Join us for a viewing of “We Are Not Giving up on Life,” a historic virtual statewide event by Right to Life of Michigan. Join our keynote speaker, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, along with our host and musical guest Matthew West for a fundraising event like we’ve never seen before. Stand with us: in small gatherings from one end of Michigan to the other, we will show that we are not alone, we are not powerless, and Michigan is not giving up on life!

Check our website at RTL.org or give us a call at (616) 532-2300 to learn how you can register for this historic virtual event.
2020 Meme Match Winners

This year, the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund hosted a Meme Match to replace the annual Infographic Contest. The contest is for high school and college-aged Michigan youth, ages 13 to 23. Contestants created and submitted an original meme (based off on a pre-selected template), and contest finalists had their works shared on Right to Life of Michigan’s Facebook page, where the public’s likes and shares were used to help judge the winner. The winner received $400, and the runner-up received $100.

The winner of the 2020 Meme Match is Xavier Filla, with his thought-provoking meme drawing attention to abortion statistics in Black communities. The runner-up is Josh Beuhler, with his creation exposing the moral inconsistency of Planned Parenthood. Congratulations Xavier and Josh!

The Abortion Pill: the Abortion Industry's #1 Tool

Pills and prescriptions are supposed to make us feel better. We take pills for headaches, backaches, to lower our blood pressure and to fight off infections and diseases. The controversial abortion pill called RU-486 has a purpose other than healing. The purpose of this pill is to kill, taking a life at its earliest stages.

It’s now been 25 years since RU-486 began testing and use in the United States. The Population Council is known as mifepristone, was RU-486, a synthetic steroid also required later to confirm the death of the unborn child and to check for complications. Even with the use of these two powerful abortion-causing drugs, around 5% of the women will have to have a surgical abortion.

A woman will take mifepristone orally during her first visit to the abortion facility, and will take misoprostol orally at home. A second visit is required later to confirm the death of the unborn child.

The Population Council licenses a company called Danco Laboratories to distribute mifepristone in America under the brand name Mifeprex. Mifeprex is the only product distributed by Danco Laboratories. This secretive shell company was created specifically to limit the ability of prolifers to shine a light on those who produce this tool of massive destruction.

On March 30, 2016, the Food and Drug Administration altered its guidelines for using RU-486 after years of the abortion industry ignoring the initial FDA guidelines. The new guidelines extend the time the drug can be used to 70 days, and reduce the number of visits to the abortion provider to two. The new guidelines also allow for non-physicians to provide chemical abortions. The FDA also changed the Mifeprex web page to delete information on the deaths of several women from sepsis after undergoing RU-486 abortions. According to the FDA’s 2018 adverse events report, at least 24 women have died after taking RU-486.

The abortion pill results in many serious side effects, including typical heavy bleeding. The woman who takes the abortion pill often suffers these complications at home alone, often ending with her seeing her dead child being expelled into the toilet. The experience is not too different from an early miscarriage, except instead of a tragic and exceptionally traumatic accident, the Abortion Industry sells this ending to hundreds of thousands of women every year.

Changing FDA guidelines aren’t the only ways the Abortion Industry is trying to maximize their profit margins. In 2008, Planned Parenthood clinics in Iowa developed a process to prescribe the abortion pill via webcam. They are now piggybacking on trends in telemedicine to promote this cost-cutting measure nationwide. Michigan banned telemedicine abortions in 2012, but Governor Rick Snyder vetoed a provision to extend the law after 2018.

It may be more expensive, but shouldn’t common sense require doctors to examine patients in person at least once before giving them medication with potentially life-threatening side effects?

Planned Parenthood happily puts their profits before patient safety. As time marches on, expect to hear more and more about the abortion pill, the Abortion Industry’s #1 tool.
New Ethics Panel Rejects Most Fetal Tissue Research Funding

As part of their review of policies on prolife issues, the Trump Administration created a panel to review applications for federal funding that involves human fetal tissue. The Human Fetal Tissue Research Ethics Advisory Board has 15 members appointed by prolife Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar.

On August 18, the new panel rejected 13 of 14 proposals for federally-funded research involving human fetal tissue. The only proposal they funded would use already existing fetal tissue stored in a tissue bank. The purpose of that approved proposal is to create an alternative research model that would end the practice of using “humanized mice.”

A humanized mouse is used as a research model to closely mimic human beings. Stripped of their immune system, a mouse can be implanted with human tissue for testing. For example, by implanting fetal liver and thymus tissue into mice, they can develop an immune system that mimics a human.

Where do these functioning tissues come from? Primarily from aborted babies. With more than 800,000 abortions every year in the U.S., there is an ample supply of functioning body systems. As many people learned thanks to David Daleiden and his undercover video sting of Planned Parenthood a few years ago, there was a lucrative business in selling the body parts of babies.

The entire practice of human fetal tissue research calls into question basic human ethics. Theoretically, using a humanized mouse spares a human from undergoing potentially dangerous experiments. However, considering abortion is a prime source for the “research materials,” we’re still taking human lives for these experiments.

If these living children of ours are human enough to take perfectly functioning organs from, why aren’t they considered human enough to be welcomed into our families—and spared a violent death?

One of the most overlooked ways to donate a significant gift to Right to Life of Michigan is through a bequest gift made in a will or living trust. This kind of gift is generally only a portion of a person’s entire estate, and still allows for the needs and financial responsibilities of loved ones. In addition, this kind of gift clearly says to family and friends that life is precious and worthy of support through Right to Life of Michigan.

Right to Life of Michigan relies on the generosity of our donors for financial support. Please think about leaving a gift to Right to Life of Michigan, or the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund, or the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Endowment Fund in your will or living trust.

For more information, please complete the coupon below and put it in the mail, or e-mail giftplanning@rtl.org.

Information in this article is for the purpose of providing general answers to commonly asked questions. None of the information contained herein is intended as legal advice or legal opinion relative to specific matters, facts, situations or issues. Please contact an attorney for specific legal advice.

Taking the First Steps of Motherhood

Are you pregnant? Are you asking yourself how you can do this? There are a lot of people and organizations in Detroit eager to help make motherhood work for you.

Visit helpintheD.org to find free or low-cost assistance in Detroit.

It's Definitely Possible

How do you think most people would respond to these two questions?

1) Would you be willing to donate $10,000 or more to Right to Life of Michigan today?

2) Would you be willing to remember Right to Life of Michigan in your will or living trust with a gift for $10,000 or more?

For most people, the answer to the first question might be something like, “As much we’d like to donate $10,000 to Right to Life of Michigan today, we just don’t have that kind of money.”

For the second question, many people may well respond, “I’ve never really thought about that before, but with more information, it’s possible we could make a gift to Right to Life of Michigan for $10,000 or more in our will or living trust.”

Please check all that apply • Clip & Send

☐ Send me a FREE will information kit.
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P.O. Box 901, Grand Rapids, MI 49509

Sept. 2020
Thinking of others, supporting life
You can remember a deceased loved one or honor one of the special people in your life through a tax-deductible memorial or honorary contribution to the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund.

A thoughtful acknowledgment will be sent to the family or person you designate, while the gift amount will remain confidential. Visit RTL.org and click on the "Donate" button. Or, send a check with information about the memorial or honorary to:

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Grand Rapids, MI 49509

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Carol DeVecht............................Leigh Harris
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Mrs. Jeanne Meloney...............Gary & Karen Meloney
Victoria Tober..............................Leigh Harris
Mr. James Bachelder......................James Bachelder
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Pete Hubers..............................Henry & Carol Ves
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Bette Metts..............................John & Mary Beth Pirich
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Southwestern Women’s Options was the abortion facility that claimed Keisha’s life. Located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Southwestern Women’s Options is one of the more infamous abortion facilities in the country because of their willingness to perform late-term abortions. The owner, Curtis Boyd, is currently facing a wrongful death lawsuit because of the botched abortion that killed Atkin.

Curtis Boyd was one of the abortionists who sued New Mexico in 1998 to force the state to fund abortions through Medicaid. New Mexico’s Supreme Court agreed with Boyd, and since then, New Mexico residents have paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to end thousands of lives.

Several states use tax dollars to pay for elective abortions. Sadly, many people believe that most abortions—and practically all late-term abortions—are done because of serious medical conditions or the child is diagnosed with a disability. In Keisha’s case, there was nothing wrong with her or her child—as if having a less than “perfect” child would utterly strip them of their humanity. As the paperwork for her Medicaid billing indicates, the late-term abortion was done because “this pregnancy has a profound, negative impact upon the mental health of this woman.”

We know after years of experience that paying for abortions through tax dollars results in more abortions. When you subsidize something, you get more of it.

Michigan has taken the completely opposite path. Rather than pro-abortion judges coercing taxpayers into bankrolling death, Michigan voters decided to stop our state’s Medicaid program from paying for abortions in 1988.

In 1989, abortions in Michigan declined by more than 10,000! While not all of that is necessarily from our state’s Medicaid ban, there had been no comparable drop since the state began collecting abortion data in 1980. If you project that drop forward up to 2019, ending tax-funded abortions in Michigan may have saved as many as 244,585 lives!

How many Keisha Atkins are alive today in Michigan, because they never were placed in the care of a quick abortionist? Think of all the children like hers who are walking around Michigan today, completely unaware that it was prolife volunteers and voters who saved their lives.

Whenever you hear a debate over tax-funded abortions, remember the cost in human lives from forcing prolife people to pay for abortions.