

Arguments “Against” Proposition 139

Abortion is legal in Arizona up to 15-weeks and beyond that for medical emergencies. There are also commonsense safety precautions in place to protect girls and women who seek abortions. The proposed abortion amendment goes too far. It would legalize late-term, post-viability abortions for any reason through a broad legal exemption used for years to rubber stamp virtually any late-term abortion. The language also makes safeguards impossible to enforce, regardless of health and safety by stating no law can “interfere” with an abortion. Currently, an ultrasound is required to rule out a deadly ectopic pregnancy, and to ensure no fetal remains are left in the uterus to cause infection. But that commonsense safety precaution could be unenforceable under the terms of the amendment. Even a current requirement to inform women of the risks of abortion would be on the chopping block.

The amendment also takes the doctor out of the doctor-patient relationship by removing the requirement for a qualified medical doctor. Under this amendment, a 14-year-old girl could order the abortion pill through the mail without doctor oversight, go through painful bleeding and cramping for hours – alone. And her mom and dad would not know because the amendment also removes parental consent and notification.

In an effort to expand abortion beyond what 80% of voters support, the amendment will shield sex traffickers and abusers who force their victims to get abortions to cover their crimes. It states anyone who “aids or assists” someone getting an abortion cannot be prosecuted. Again, parents would be left in the dark.

Vote NO on the abortion amendment and Arizona abortion will remain legal up to 15-weeks and beyond for medical emergencies, and we retain the critical safety precautions protecting girls and women, and the medical doctor with expertise to respond to emergencies.

Leisa Brug, Campaign Manager, It Goes Too Far, Chino Valley

Argument against AZ Abortion Access Act: In 1973 abortion was decriminalized nationwide. Later that same year I was born, a result of divine intervention and instruction. My mom was driving to a hospital in Los Angeles for her scheduled procedure, and had she not been instructed NOT to abort her baby girl who she was to name Hope I would not be writing this statement of opposition.

Many women, young and mature, who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant are at a loss for what to do, and often consider abortion their only solution. While it does end a problem, it also introduces a host of emotional burdens and complexities that follow a woman the rest of her life. I share this as testimony from friends and relatives who have chosen abortion and the stigma and regret they still carry with them today.

This legislation will enable the death of countless human lives that have destiny, purpose and meaning. What on Earth is more precious and valuable than a human life? This life begins at conception, continues into a fetus, and then a mature baby. To intentionally destroy life is morally wrong and destructive to both child and mother. To say otherwise is a lie, because when a baby dies, part of the mother dies with it. I have several friends who have had abortions, some

multiple times, and they say this "CHOICE" was the biggest and most painful regret of their life. I have not had an abortion, so I don't know how it feels, but knowing I was almost aborted, but not, makes me realize I am here to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. How can "God Enrich" (Ditat Deus) our state if we are destroying the life being created in it?

Hope Gagen, Educator, Prescott

There are two extremes on abortion: always and never. This proposal contains one of the extremes. If you read it, you will see it contains two guarantees. The first guarantee is Roe vs Wade and is based on medical viability which is in the range of 22-24 week or just over five months. At that point, according to the March of Dimes, a baby is a full image of their parents and will move at their voice. According to the March of Dimes, the baby can feel, think and move. The second guarantee is an absolute right to abortion after fetal viability based on " the good faith judgment " of a treating "healthcare professional" to protect the mother's life, physical health or " mental health." This part goes well beyond Roe. This is the always extreme. It includes what is commonly known as abortion on demand and abortion at the time of birth. Moreover, since the measure does not define a healthcare professional, the courts will look to Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 32. Title 32 regulates healthcare professionals broadly to include not only medical doctors but also psychologists, nurses, physicians' assistants and all forms of behavioral health professions. The idea of you and your doctor sitting down together to make a private decision is entirely missing. It is not required by this measure. To the contrary, anyone you meet in the healthcare field would be qualified to make " a good faith judgment" for this life altering decision. The extension beyond Roe and the lack of a doctor-patient relationship is why I think this measure should be voted down on its face. I would urge you to vote no and send the proponents back to the drawing board to return with a better reasoned proposal.

K.C. Stanford, Hon. (Ret), Tucson

As Bishops of the Arizona Catholic Conference we want to express our strong opposition to Proposition 139 .

If passed, this initiative threatens to enshrine a constitutional right to virtually 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 meaningful way, leaving us with the potential for what would likely become nearly unrestricted abortion.

Arizona law currently allows for abortions up until 15 weeks of pregnancy. Proposition 139, however, would go far beyond even this current law.

The proposed amendment, among other things, would likely remove most safeguards for girls and women that are currently in place at abortion clinics, permit a minor to obtain an abortion without parental involvement or permission, and allow for painful late-term abortions of viable pre-born children.

While this ballot measure 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 this proposed constitutional amendment extreme and misleading.

Arizonans deserve far better than the measures being proposed in this initiative which is why we strongly oppose Proposition 139.

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VOTE NO on this dangerous Amendment that goes way too far and would codify abortion up the 9th month into AZ law! No reasonable person wants viable babies "terminated" in AZ. Planned Parenthood and the ACLU are pushing this Constitutional Amendment (C.A.) that would codify a very broad and virtually unrestricted "fundamental right to abortion" into our Arizona Constitution. The odds of overturning this radical AZ C.A., if enacted, are very difficult, if not impossible. The C.A. "language" is only one and one half pages long and is entitled, "Arizona Abortion Access Act" but to be explicitly clear, the wording says that a "fundamental right to abortion" precludes anyone from denying, restricting or interfering with an abortion even after "fetal viability" (the ability of a baby to survive outside the womb without artificial means) if the treating "Health Care Professional" (not necessarily an M.D. as AZ law has a broad definition that includes massage therapists and Chiropractors!) determines it is necessary to protect the life, physical, or "mental health" (what pregnant mom is not stressed?) of the "pregnant individual" (not a woman?). A "fundamental right" means that the law may not penalize any person (such as sex traffickers, coaches or school nurses) or any "entity" for aiding or assisting a "pregnant person" from getting an abortion, including your underage daughters/grand daughters. Vote NO on this exceedingly radical Amendment.

Andrea Kadar, Sedona

As Governor of Arizona for six years, I signed several commonsense bills into law to limit abortion and protect girls and women who seek abortions, including a high standard of care at abortion clinics and prohibiting discriminating abortions based on race or sex. One of the most critical bills I signed was the requirement for an ultrasound to be done before an abortion to detect a potentially deadly ectopic pregnancy, to assess the gestational age of the fetus, and to detect other potential complications.

The proposed abortion amendment would make those and other safety regulations unenforceable, putting women at greater risk. These are commonsense precautions that not only reflect the values of Arizonans but put their health and safety above the expansion of abortion beyond the point at which most Arizonans are comfortable.

Although the U.S. Supreme Court did not hear the case, I signed the Mother's Health and Safety Act that would have limited abortion to 20 weeks, when the unborn baby can feel pain and abortion is more dangerous for the woman. But the proposed abortion amendment legalizes abortion far beyond viability under a loophole that feigns a limit but allows none. Sadly, hundreds of late-term abortions are done in Arizona every year, more than ten thousand nationally.

Arizonans elect representatives to ascertain the consequences of proposed legislation, weigh the pros and cons, and protect the people of the state. That is why, currently, women are guaranteed to be treated by a medical doctor, clinics must maintain a high standard of care, and abortion is legal up to 15-weeks - beyond that in medical emergencies. But all that is lost if the abortion amendment passes. I am voting No to keep the required medical doctor, the limits, and the safety precautions. I ask you to do the same.

Jan Brewer, Arizona's 22nd Governor, Self, Glendale
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This Amendment goes too far! Existing Arizona law requires parental consent for minors seeking an abortion. Informed consent is required 24 hours in advance, an ultrasound is required 24 hours in advance, no one may coerce or intimidate a woman into having an abortion, partial birth abortions (doctor delivers a substantial portion of the living child outside of the mother, then ends the child's life by crushing his/her skull or using brain suction) are strictly prohibited, abortions must be performed within the first 15 weeks unless they are performed as a result of a medical emergency, no abortion may be performed on a viable fetus unless it is to save the physical life of the mother, if an abortion is performed and the baby is determined to be alive, every effort must be made to save the life of the baby, no abortion may be performed based solely on race or gender, no research experimentation or trafficking of baby parts is allowed, all abortion clinics must be licensed and all medical doctors performing abortion must have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the clinic, doctors may not use webcam in lieu of a personal visit with the patient, no Telemedicine abortions may be performed nor may Nurse Practitioners or Physicians Assistants perform abortions (medical doctors only!), if the woman seeking abortion is a crime victim, she has the right to report the crime to law enforcement, no hospital or health care worker can be required to perform any abortion if it goes against their religious beliefs (they may NOT be fired as a result of their position), strict and extensive reporting by abortion clinics is required. This Amendment is SILENT on these current AZ safety requirements. VOTE NO on this radical Amendment.

Dwight Kadar, Sedona

When a child is conceived, it is a person created in the image and likeness of God. That one cell contains the complex, genetic makeup for that child. Its DNA is completely different from its mother. Already, the child's sex, hair and eye color, height, and skin tone are decided. At 21 days, baby's heart is beating. At 4 weeks, arms, legs, eyes, and ears are visible. At 6 weeks, eyes begin to form, and you can count 10 fingers! At 9 weeks, the child can grasp and suck its thumb, sense touch, and feel pain. At 14 weeks, the mother feels energetic movement within. Hair is visible on the scalp. At 18 weeks, the baby's ears are fully functional and can hear its mother's voice. The Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade in 2022, and though many states permit abortion, the madding crowd protested vociferously. Yet, in 2023, 1,026,700 babies were killed in the US, the highest number in over a decade.

In May 2024, the National Center for Health Statistics reported total fertility rate for the US was 1.62 in 2023, the lowest rate ever recorded in the US and well below the rate needed to maintain a growing population (2.1 children per woman.) We recorded fewer pregnancies and a greater number of miscarriages since 2021.

Sadly, the idiocy of destroying our population, killing off potential healers of the sick, discoverers of new technologies, scientists, engineers, and brilliant mathematicians, seems to permeate among many. Allowing the killing of a baby even after it is born is lunacy and criminal. I strongly oppose this initiative. Arizona must not grant constitutional permanency to the killing of our children. Never has any constitution guaranteed the killing of children and Arizona must not be the leader in this insanity.

Mr. Henry Conroy III, We The People, Sierra Vista and Mrs. Marjorie Conroy, Sierra Vista

The issue of abortion got my husband and me off the sidelines and paying attention to how our legislators were voting years ago, decades before my own legislative service was a fleeting thought. We had learned that a school nurse had taken a 14-year-old girl out of school for an abortion without her parents knowing. They were informed after their daughter showed up in the emergency room with complications from the surgery. Raising three daughters ourselves, we wondered how this could happen and whether it might happen to one of our girls? We were incredulous to learn there were no parental consent laws for abortion. Legislators attempted to remedy that, but our own State Senator was voting "no". That is when we engaged and worked for his opponent, one who supported this commonsense protection (and he won!).

This isn't commonly discussed but following Roe v. Wade, commonsense practices applicable to other medical procedures, like parental consent, suddenly didn't apply to abortion and became unenforceable. The tragic outcomes soon became obvious, and laws were passed protecting women, including clinic health and safety standards – even stopping sexual abusers and traffickers from coercing their victims into abortions.

The expectation that these protections would become unenforceable if the amendment passes is not far-fetched. It is baked-in to the language, prohibiting any government entity from adopting, enforcing or enacting any law, policy or practice abridging the "fundamental right" to an abortion, further stating that the amendment be liberally interpreted by the courts – pre-empting most laws protecting women.

This amendment not only preempts Arizona's current 15-week limit, dismissing the 90% of Arizona voters who oppose late term abortions, but it makes legal abortions more dangerous for women and girls who deserve and expect better. Vote No.

Nancy Barto, Former Senator, Phoenix

Arizona's healthcare professionals don't always agree on the issue of abortion, but we all agree on the profound responsibility we have to put the health and safety of our patients first.

With abortion now legal in Arizona up to 15-weeks, and beyond for medical emergencies, we are perplexed and deeply concerned about this political initiative that creates a real danger to pregnant women seeking abortions.

We may be Pro-Life, we may be Pro-Choice, but we are united in this: The health and safety of all patients must be our top priority.

Making something legal does not make it safe.

When considering any legislation that expands abortion, we must ask whether it also increases risks to women. This proposed constitutional amendment does. It seeks to expand abortion without boundaries, without safety regulations, and without notifying women of the risks.

Legal abortion clinics can be just as dangerous as illegal clinics - the amendment removes commonsense safety regulations for facilities performing abortions.

It removes the requirement that a medical doctor be involved and allows anyone with a license issued by almost any healthcare agency to legally perform abortions, prescribe the abortion pill, or sign off on third trimester abortions.

These changes will endanger women as abortions, especially those done in the 2nd and 3rd trimesters, come with the risk of serious complications including hemorrhage, perforated uterus or bowel, sepsis, greater risk of premature delivery in later pregnancies, possible infertility and prolonged grief.

Furthermore, taking the abortion pill without proper medical oversight can be dangerous for the woman, even deadly if she has an undetected ectopic pregnancy or lives remote from a facility where she can receive emergency surgery or a blood transfusion.

Expanding abortion while removing safety regulations is a dangerous combination. That's why we are voting NO. Please join us.

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To save the lives of innocent children, to protect the health of women, to help people avoid terrible regret, and to show love to our neighbors, I, as a Christian pastor in Arizona, urge every Arizonan to vote NO on the abortion amendment.

Every human life is valuable because every human life, born and pre-born, is wonderfully made in the image of God as Genesis 1:27 and Psalm 139:13-14 make clear. Abortion is the ending of that innocent human life, and it results in danger and hurt toward women, as Exodus 21:22-25 and Genesis 9:6 warn.

The church is here to compassionately serve and support vulnerable women. Psalm 82:3-4 calls us to “defend the weak and the fatherless... and rescue the weak and the needy.” 1 John 3:18 says to love “with actions and in truth.”

Abortion is not a political issue, but a biblical and moral one (Mark 12:17), leaving no excuse for supporting the shedding of innocent blood. The abortion amendment would change the state Constitution to legalize abortion during all nine months of development in the womb. Proverbs 6:16-17 says, “The Lord hates...hands that shed innocent blood.” And Ephesians 5:11 commands us to “take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.”

In obedience to Scripture, I am voting NO on this abortion amendment, and I urge you to do the same.

Eric Jones, Pastor, Evident Life Church, Gilbert

As a business owner and Mayor of Peoria, I look at the practical aspects of a proposal. As a husband and father of six, my main concern is their wellbeing. On both fronts, the proposed abortion amendment fails miserably.

As Mayor, I serve all Peoria citizens, those who oppose and those who support abortion. I can do that and still strongly come out against the abortion amendment because it serves no one. A recent poll shows only 10% of voters support abortion beyond fetal viability, yet this amendment does just that by using a broad loophole baked into the language.

While removing the limits, the amendment also removes the ability of the state to enforce critical regulations that keep women safe. That is foolish and dangerous policy. Those who are pro-choice expect abortion to be regulated like any other procedure or drug. The abortion pill has strict guidelines. We know the dangers because of how many women end up in the emergency room: one in every 25 women who take the pills. Women deserve a high standard of care, especially when the risks can be deadly.

What strikes me is the lack of serious concern for women. Abortion supporters say no one should come between a woman and her doctor, but the amendment removes the required doctor; it doesn't even use the word doctor or physician.

As a father, along with my wife, we are appalled at the extent of the amendment and the effort to shut out parents by removing the parental consent requirement. We have six sons who will likely have their own families one day. We will not be party to the destruction of those families. Parents deserve to know, and daughters deserve the care and counsel of their parents. For these reasons we are voting No.

Jason Beck, Mayor/CEO, City of Peoria Mayor / TYR Tactical, Peoria

In November of 2023, I went in excitedly for my routine 12-week appointment. I was eager to hear my baby's heartbeat again. I laid on the table as my midwife searched for a heartbeat. Being an optimist, I refused to let myself think anything was wrong. She sent me for a quick ultrasound. "It'll be fine," I thought, yet my jaw was clenched and my stomach in knots.

The ultrasound showed our little one had stopped developing about a week earlier. Overcome with shock, I went back into the doctor's office to now discuss miscarriage management. Due to how far along I was, the doctor recommended I have a D&C.

I was concerned how receiving a D&C would be perceived – that's used for abortion procedures, I thought. But my baby had already passed away and waiting longer could result in serious infection. The hospital where my surgery was performed treated me with the utmost care. I recall watching informative videos prior to my procedure that explicitly stated that I was not undergoing an abortion. I learned Arizona law specifically states that miscarriage management is not an abortion.

The hospital staff even gave me a small keepsake box of a little quilt, tiny teddy bear, and poem. Not only this, but before the D&C, they performed another ultrasound at my request because I wanted to be sure that my child had indeed passed.

After my experience, it angers me that the pro-abortion movement claims that without this extreme abortion amendment, women like me will not get necessary treatment. They are weaponizing emotions and exploiting tragedy in order to pass laws that further their agenda and harm women.

Miscarriage management is not an elective abortion. Women like me deserve REAL medical care. We do not need

Lydia Vest, Mother, Mesa
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Voters deserve to know the full effects of the abortion amendment. What matters is how courts will interpret the language, not what Arizonans think it says or what proponents claim.

Legal analysis finds that the vague language and broad exemptions will lead to unlimited, unregulated abortion in Arizona. These are the results of using undefined, broad terms, such as "health," necessity," and "good faith judgement." These are all subjective terms that will be used to justify a radical abortion landscape in this state.

This amendment legalizes abortion beyond the viability of the unborn baby for virtually any reason by not defining “viability” and leaving it solely up to the abortion provider, who would no longer have to be a doctor. It goes further, making any limit on abortion meaningless by including the “health of the woman” exemption, which has been known for decades to be a legal work-around for abortion on demand. Under *Doe v Bolton*, the U.S. Supreme Court declared “all factors – physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman’s age – relevant to the wellbeing of the patient... may relate to health.” Additionally, the amendment states fetal viability can be “based on the particular facts of the case.” This leaves “viability” completely undefined and arguably impossible to regulate.

The language also leads to the destruction of crucial commonsense safety regulations in place to protect woman by making abortion a “fundamental right” and forbidding any law that “denies, restricts, or interferes” with someone getting an abortion. This includes safety precautions by making any safety regulation contingent on the individual’s “right” to have an abortion.

It also eliminates the required medical doctor and the requirement for parental consent, it opens the door to forced taxpayer funding of abortion and violation of healthcare professionals’ conscience rights. Please vote no.

Cathi Herrod, Esq, President, Center for Arizona Policy Action, Phoenix

Learn the truth about Prop 139. It says, “The state cannot pass any law, regulation, policy or practice that denies, restricts, or interferes with an abortion after fetal viability that a healthcare professional deems necessary to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant person.”

Let's break this down. 'After fetal viability' means that anyone can have an abortion up to birth. The term 'healthcare professional' refers to anyone in the healthcare field. This means that all healthcare professionals will be allowed to perform abortions, even if they do not have hospital privileges.

The language refers to 'pregnant individuals', and doesn't mention adult women. This definition is vague on purpose and supersedes the current law that requires parental consent for a minor to have an abortion. As a result, any person can bring in a minor for an abortion, without the knowledge or involvement of parent. This protects human and child traffickers.

Prop 139 is not a legislative bill that amends the Arizona Revised Statutes. If it passes, it will enshrine abortion up until birth into our state constitution, and all subsequent legal changes and challenges will be out of the hands of your elected officials and, essentially – out of your hands.

Prop 139 would give every individual the fundamental right to an abortion. “Fundamental rights” are the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness- NOT the right to an abortion up until birth. The right to life supersedes all other rights, for without it, you have none.

Unchecked, unregulated, barbaric dismemberment and partial birth abortion is the true definition of Prop 139 supporting the profit-driven abortion industry. Arizona voters must read and understand the language and dangers of Prop 139.

Vote NO on Prop

Jill Norgaard, The Honorable, Arizona Right to Life, Phoenix

Legalizing abortion beyond fetal viability is unpopular and unnecessary. A recent poll shows late-term abortion is exceedingly unpopular; only 10% of Arizona voters support late-term abortion and 90% support limits at 15-weeks or earlier.

The amendment is unnecessary. Abortion is legal in Arizona up to 15-weeks and beyond for medical emergencies, moreover abortion is not the only choice for women and girls facing unplanned pregnancies. Pregnancy resource centers exist solely to help these girls and women in their time of confusion, fear, and need.

Pregnancy resource centers provide women with everything from formula to car seats and strollers, making it possible for them to carry their pregnancy to term and either choose motherhood or adoption. With access to parenting classes, support groups, baby supplies, and more, women don't ever have to face unplanned pregnancies alone.

The option before us this election is not abortion or no abortion; we are choosing between legal abortion up to 15 weeks, or abortion beyond the point at which the unborn baby can survive outside the womb. Voters should be aware that choosing late-term abortion under this amendment, also means forfeiting the critical safety regulations currently in place to protect girls and women seeking abortions. These safety measures include regulations that ensure a gurney can get through clinic doors to an ambulance if there is an emergency, supervised recovery in case of an emergency, an ultrasound before taking the abortion pill to rule out a potentially deadly ectopic pregnancy, and much more.

I have always been pro-life, but this amendment is not offering a pro-life versus pro-choice option; it's asking voters to expand abortion well past viability into the third trimester, when it is more dangerous for women, while simultaneously forfeiting critical safeguards. The choice is clear, women deserve better. I'm voting No.

Karrin Taylor Robson, Founder & President, Arizona Strategies, Phoenix

PROP 139 declares abortion to be a fundamental right allowing abortions after fetal viability based on the mental health of patients as solely determined by the abortionist with no state oversight. It amends the constitution by erasing several commonsense provisions in the current law that enhance patient safety. Currently, only licensed physicians can perform surgical or medical abortions in Arizona. Medical abortion medications cannot be provided through a delivery or mail service. When complications occur, the patient can rely on that licensed physician to provide appropriate medical intervention to resolve any issues. Prop 139 eliminates the physician-only requirement allowing women to obtain abortions from unqualified doctors and pills from non-physicians or telemedicine websites located hundreds of miles away. The question then becomes, "Who takes care of the patient when complications arise?"

All medical procedures, including abortion, run the risk of complications. Research shows 2-8% of patients receiving medical abortions will experience complications sufficient to require medical intervention. Average bleeding and spotting lasts 9-16 days and up to 8% of women experience some type of bleeding for more than 30 days. A particular danger is undiagnosed ectopic pregnancy- 2% per the CDC. Attempting to terminate an ectopic pregnancy with abortion pills has resulted in patient deaths and cannot be reliably diagnosed via video or chat.

With no medical or state oversight, abortion pills can fall into the hands of human traffickers or abusive partners who coerce and force abortions. An in-person visit with a physician may be the last chance for a girl or woman to seek help.

As a former abortionist who has seen it all – PROP 139 goes way too far. It is dangerous on so many levels and does not safeguard women's health.

VOTE NO on PROP 139. Arizona women deserve far better.

Anthony Levatino, MD, JD, Eloy

Arizona voters must vote no and reject the radical Abortion Access Act. Otherwise, it will enshrine abortion with no limits in the state constitution while shielding practitioners with dubious medical domain expertise from facing any legal liability. The proposal declares that abortions after fetal viability will be decided by a health care professional. They alone will determine if the physical or mental health, or even life, of the "pregnant individual", an odious term this amendment will insert into our constitution, is in danger and therefore warrants proceeding with an abortion. Curiously, besides leaving what constitutes a threat to physical or mental health undefined, the amendment also dodges listing the occupations they want to wield this authority. However, the Arizona Revised Statutes defines the occupations that constitute the health care profession. Unsurprisingly, you will find medical and osteopathic doctors. Shockingly, you will also find dentists, pharmacists, optometrists, physical therapists, acupuncturists, and even athletic trainers. How did veterinary technicians not make the list? In what world should these occupations have any business assessing the health of pregnant women? None, of course, but that's why the "shout your abortion" people want to shield them with absolute legal immunities. The Arizona Abortion Access initiative goes too far. Making abortions a fundamental right will open us up to using our tax dollars to fund abortions. Our legal system shouldn't be twisted to satisfy the demands of fanatics. Let's not put this abomination into the constitution.

Brook Doty, Chairman, LD17 Republicans, Tucson

Vote NO on the Arizona for Abortion Access measure. Those seeking to push this through having worded the amendment so that there WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO RESTRICTIONS TO ABORTION either BEFORE or AFTER fetal viability. This means that this bill would enshrine infanticide, full-access with no parental knowledge or consent, pressure abortions by abortion providers, etc. Everything that Arizonans have voted on over the years to limit abortion and protect both women and baby would be wiped off the records. Listen to the wording of the amendment: "No law, regulation, policy or practice shall be enacted or enforced denying, restricting or interfering with an abortion either before or after fetal viability". Do not listen to them saying that they currently have no access to abortion. Just drive by Planned Parenthood and you will see otherwise. VOTE NO ON THIS PROPOSAL.

Kimberly Jansen, Concerned Citizen, Tempe

AGAINST Proposition #139 Abortion Protection

At conception, the new cells have its own DNA. Unique in all the world. These tiny cells are NOT PART OF A WOMAN'S BODY. It is human and has inalienable rights. The RIGHT TO LIFE. If a human life is taken at any other age, we call it murder and prosecute the perpetrator. Our society has decided this tiny vulnerable life is an exception. At what age do you consider a developing baby, with all its permanent DNA, human? 10 days? 100 days? 200 days?

Do not be deceived by this legislation. It erases ALL LIMITS to abortion in Arizona. Parental consent, gone. After 15 weeks ban, gone. Viability protections, gone. Partial Birth Abortion ban, gone. Abortions required by a doctor, gone. Standards of care in clinics, gone. Ban on using our tax dollars, gone. Future generations, gone.

Abortions are NOT HEALTH CARE. Abortions end a life. Abortions distort the emotional life of a mother. Have you asked a post abortive woman if she regrets the decision? A doctor takes an oath to protect life, not destroy it. Abortions secured by rape victims add more violence to the mother's already shattered life. An unplanned pregnancy can result in a beautiful adoption.

Abortions are not birth control. Do not be deceived by this legislation. Abortions are already available in the State of Arizona until week 15. Isn't that enough?

VOTE NO.

Kimberly DePew, Citizen, Sierra Vista

The founders of the Catholic Grassroots Decline to Sign Team would like to state the following truths and facts about the abortion amendment and encourage voters to vote NO on Prop 139.

- Prop 139 is a permanent AZ constitutional abortion amendment; as such, our elected representatives would be powerless to make any changes in the future or address any unintended consequences which will result from this amendment
- It will legalize abortion THROUGH ALL NINE MONTHS as indicated in A2 where it states "AFTER FETAL VIABILITY"
- Underage girls could get an abortion without parents' knowledge or consent

· "HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL" means it does not have to be a doctor. It could be a podiatrist, practice manager, veterinarian...

· Sex traffickers and abusers will bring their victims, including young girls, for an abortion at any stage of pregnancy

This constitutional amendment is radical. We would like to remind AZ Catholics that abortion is against the Catholic faith, and it is the preeminent issue according to the USCCB. As per the CCC, "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception." (2270)

Vote NO on Prop 139.

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Adrienne Johnson, Peoria; Peggy McClain, Tempe; Linda Rizzo, Scottsdale; and Ed Steele, Mesa

For decades the argument for abortion has been that back-alley abortions aren't safe and women will die unnecessarily. However, this amendment puts women at risk medically. It removes most safety standards at abortion clinics, eliminates the required medical doctor leaving women in the hands of unqualified providers, keeps parents from knowing their daughter is undergoing a possibly dangerous procedure and allows for painful, late-term abortions. Currently, women have access to abortions during the first 15 weeks of pregnancy and only after 15 weeks if a doctor determines that there is a medical emergency. Women requesting an abortion are required to see a qualified medical doctor to either perform an ultrasound to ensure the pregnancy is not further along than is safe for a chemical abortion and to rule out ectopic pregnancy, which can be deadly. Complications from late-term abortions include hemorrhage, perforated bowel, sepsis, possible infertility and prolonged grief. This amendment would also SHIELD SEX-ABUSERS from prosecution if they force their victims to get an abortion to cover up their crime. The language of this amendment is too vague. To learn more, visit the website: itgoestoofar.com and read what attorneys and medical experts have to say. Please protect women's health and vote "NO" on this Arizona constitutional amendment.

Patricia Meade, Taxpayer, Phoenix

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 139

Pro-abortion fanatics have proposed an amendment to the Arizona Constitution that would be the most dangerous and radical abortion provision in the country.

- It provides for painful, late-term abortions—after the baby has fingers and toes, fingerprints, practices breathing, and opens his or her eyes.
- It eliminates the requirement for a medical doctor--it allows a wide range of unqualified people to perform and provide abortions, including chiropractors, acupuncturists, and homeopathic caregivers.
- It removes safety standards for abortion clinics--It leaves girls and women at risk of uterine perforation, infection, hemorrhaging, incomplete abortions, and infertility.
- It intervenes between a minor daughter and her parents, giving bureaucrats and unqualified people a preferred relationship with a minor daughter--The abortion amendment eliminates current Arizona state law that ensures parents are involved in the decision of a minor girl to terminate her pregnancy.

The proposed amendment will surely lead to forcing taxpayers to pay for abortions, even for individuals who don't reside in Arizona.

The standard of care in this sensitive area will be left to people who are not qualified, putting Moms in jeopardy.

It will ultimately lead to the termination of Arizona's current law that allows healthcare professionals to opt out of performing or participating in abortions as a right of conscience.

We oppose making Arizona the heart of the most extreme and dangerous abortion laws in the United States with the proposed amendment to our Constitution.

Please vote no on this radical proposal.

Cindy and Andy Biggs
Gilbert, AZ

Cindy Biggs, Gilbert and Andy Biggs, Gilbert

Can we, for this moment, take out all emotion around abortion and speak to what the Abortion Access Amendment will really allow in Arizona?

It's important to know, because it's about much more than abortion up to fetal viability.

If this measure passes, here are the consequences of which you may not be aware:

1. Abortion will be allowed up to birth.
2. Parental rights will be overridden. A 12-, 13- or 14-year-old girl could seek an abortion without the need for parental consent.
3. Taxpayers will be forced to pay for abortions.
4. An ultrasound will not be required before an abortion.

5. The requirement for a medical doctor to perform an abortion will be removed.
6. The State Constitution will be changed so the serious negative consequences of this measure would be extremely difficult to reverse.

It is the loose language of the proposed amendment which would allow all of the above. The loose language allows for deception of the full intent of this proposed amendment.

Other consequences to consider:

1. Without mandated parental notification, child traffickers will be protected. They can easily obtain an abortion for their victims without a parent notified.
2. Prescribing chemical abortion pills to a woman with an ectopic pregnancy needlessly delays appropriate treatment of this life-threatening condition, putting the woman's life at risk. Yet, without the requirement for an ultrasound, this would be the reality.
3. Broad exceptions to abortions after fetal viability allow for very dangerous abortions late in pregnancy, even up to birth.

Please don't allow the strong emotions around abortion to cause you to be deceived. This measure goes much further than protecting abortion. Its consequences go far beyond Roe vs Wade and will allow GREAT harm to women and girls.

Please vote NO on this ballot measure.

Susan Johannes, Tempe and Sharon Sousa, Chandler

Extremism is on the rise, and it's hurting women. Prop 139 is the most extreme abortion measure in our nation's history. Vote No.

Arizona is being used by outsiders for political gain, at the expense of our women and children. My sister and her child were victims of this so-called "procedure," suffering immeasurable damage for two decades. I refuse to remain silent while tens of thousands of women and children are harmed each year. Prop 139 seeks to dehumanize and strip away patients' rights.

Women deserve better than what Prop 139 offers. Here's what they won't tell you:

Health risks for all ages: Prop 139 eliminates standards for medical clinics, putting women and girls at severe risk.

No doctors needed: Non-physicians would be allowed to perform these procedures. Is this really in the best interest of Arizona's women?

No restrictions or regulations: Prop 139 removes all safeguards, embedding unregulated abortion into the state constitution. No measures, laws, policies can stop this once enacted.

No informed choices: Women won't receive information on the risks of abortion or alternatives like adoption.

Empowering human traffickers: Traffickers could force abortions on girls and women without facing any penalties.

Parents silenced: You won't be able to seek justice if your daughter is a victim of forced abortions by traffickers. Girls as young as 12 could undergo procedures without parental consent.

Abortion up until birth: Physicians could justify late-term abortions up until birth based on a woman's mental health.

Prop 139 is not just harmful; it's dangerous and irresponsible. Stand with us and protect the women and children of Arizona

Vote "NO" on Prop 139.

Josh Chumley, Vice President, Choices, Phoenix

As followers of Christ, we believe that every human life is sacred from conception. Scripture teaches the profound value of each person, made in the image of God, and calls us to protect the innocent. Therefore, we as Arizona Pastors, encourage you to vote NO on the abortion amendment.

God tells us in His word that He "knit [us] together in [our] mother's womb." Every life, born and unborn, is "fearfully and wonderfully made" by God.

Abortion ends innocent life, contradicting our belief in the inherent dignity and worth of every person. As Christians, we understand the importance of protecting innocent lives and the severe consequences of taking them.

Proverbs tells us to "rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter." And that "the Lord hates... the shedding of innocent blood." Ephesians warns us to flee "the deeds of darkness." Genesis warns, "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind."

The church is called to care for those who are vulnerable. Therefore, our response should be one of compassion and tangible support, providing alternatives to abortion. The Psalmist says, "Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

In obedience to Scripture, we must stand against the proposed abortion amendment, which seeks to legalize abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Voting NO is a vote to protect the lives of the unborn, uphold the health and dignity of women, and remain faithful to our Christian calling. We urge you to join us in voting NO on this amendment, affirming our commitment to life, compassion, and biblical truth.

Pastor Edwin Mendoza, President, Unión de Pastores Amigos de Arizona, Phoenix
Sponsored by It Goes Too Far

Dear Voters,

We urge you to vote against the Arizona for Abortion Access initiative. As citizens we are deeply troubled by the attempts of supporters to mainstream abortion. These supporters seek to impose their beliefs by force of constitutional amendment. They desire to make killing unborn children a fundamental, “natural”, and essential right. There is nothing natural or essential about abortion. As women we are greatly concerned the claim that abortion is essential healthcare for women. Being pregnant is not a disease to be cured. The unborn child is a human life and is a patient worthy of their own autonomous treatment. The American Academy of Pediatrics policy states, “Pediatric care may begin periconceptionally (period of time defined as the 14 weeks before and 10 weeks after conception) and continues through gestation, infancy, adolescence, and young adulthood” (1).

As Christians we are alarmed by the profound implications to the sanctity of life of this initiative. This initiative will permanently and legally allow women to kill unborn children up to birth. Furthermore, it opens up the possibility of women using abortion drugs via telehealth in order to chemically kill their unborn babies at home. In reality, this initiative does not establish actual healthcare, counseling services, or aide to women and their partners. The truth is that the Arizona for Abortion Access initiative is striving to normalize the direct and intentional killing of a child in the womb without regard for the unborn child, the mother, or her support system. Unborn children are distinct living humans that have value and a right to life. We strongly encourage you to vote against this initiative and save unborn children’s lives. Future generations of Arizonans depend on it.

1: American Academy of Pediatrics, “Policy Statement: Age Limit of Pediatrics,” Pediatrics 140.3(2017): e2017151.

Elizabeth Levengood, Vail Valley Baptist Church Women's Group, Vail

Dear Voters,

We urge you to vote against the Arizona for Abortion Access initiative. As Christians we are alarmed by the far-reaching implications to the sanctity of life of this initiative. This initiative to amend our state constitution will permanently and legally allow women to kill unborn children. Abortion unjustly takes the life of a defenseless human being. Unborn children are not a clump of cells. Unborn children are distinct, living, and whole human beings made in the image of our Creator and part of the human family.

Supporters of this initiative classify unborn children as outside the circle of legal and moral protection. Unborn children are entitled to equal dignity inherent in all human beings including protection for their own lives. Human life is a gift from God and the highest possible blessing, “Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward” (Psalm 127:3 NLT). In short, we do NOT have a God-given right to kill our children. Furthermore, God’s character goes into the creation of every person, “You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!” (Psalm 139:13-14 NLT). The truth is that the Arizona for Abortion Access initiative is striving to normalize the direct and intentional killing of a child in the womb without regard for that unborn child.

We are disturbed at the complete erosion of faith by a large group in our society that totally ignores the fact that unborn children are distinct living members of the human species that have value and a right to life. We strongly encourage you to vote against this initiative and save unborn children's lives. Future generations of Arizonans depend on it.

Elizabeth Levengood, Vail Valley Baptist Church, Vail

Prop 139 is wrong for Arizona. This is an extreme measure that opens the door for unrestricted abortions. It eliminates important safety standards, threatens the most vulnerable members of our society, and exposes Arizona's women and children to the pain of late-term abortions.

This proposition removes safety standards for vulnerable girls and women. A medical doctor will no longer be required to perform an abortion under this constitutional amendment. The language would sideline parents by overriding current state law that ensures parental involvement in a decision when a minor needs her parents most.

Prop 139 allows for dangerous abortions that harm the mother and child. At six weeks gestation, a preborn child has a detectable heartbeat. At twelve weeks, that preborn child can wiggle his or her toes. At fifteen weeks, that preborn child can feel pain. At twenty-four weeks, that preborn child is viable outside of the womb. Prop 139 would legalize late-term abortion for practically any reason, as long as the abortionist, who has financial incentive, gives approval.

All human beings, from the moment of conception, are persons with intrinsic worth and have a fundamental right to life. Prop 139 is a radical amendment to Arizona's Constitution that rejects the humanity of preborn children and further risks the health and safety of moms. This amendment goes too far.

Please vote NO on Prop 139.

Nathan Duell, Arizona State Director, Heritage Action for America, Glendale
Sponsored by Heritage Action for America

Vote No on Prop 139. Takes away parental consent and involvement for minors, will allow abortion up until the time of birth of a baby, eliminates the Medical Doctor requirement for performing an abortion opening it up for chiropractors, podiatrists and even massage therapists to perform and makes it a constitutional right which requires tax payers to foot the bill. Arizona already has common-sense regulations covering what will be taken away, listed above, in addition to the current 15-week abortion limit. This constitutional amendment goes way too far and does not protect the safety of girls' and women by putting them at risk. AZ already has good, common sense laws the vast majority of people agree on. Vote NO on this radical, unsafe measure.

Kaaren Sherrell, Self, Self, Indianola

Our country was founded on Freedoms. Freedom of speech, Freedom of Religion etc. However, when a "freedom" hurts others it stops being a freedom.

Abortion does just that. It takes away freedom of life for another human being. We don't have the right to kill anyone just because it makes our life more convenient or simple. From the moment of conception, the fetus has a unique DNA. This makes them a human being even before birth.

When our culture encourages the violation of life at its youngest and most vulnerable condition, other ethical norms cannot stand for long. There has already been talk of not letting the elderly live too long or getting rid of one political group or another. The list goes on and on. Eventually no one is safe from an out of control society.

Abortion has a lot of health and psychological issues too. The person may change her mind and decide the abortion was the wrong choice so now guilt and remorse have to be dealt with. Many studies have shown that a person who has an abortion will need a lot of counseling before her life can continue on a positive course. Getting pregnant again may be difficult and take years to try for another child.

Abortion brings with it too many unknowns and sometimes health risks that simply make it not worth having an abortion. There are so many people who would love to adopt a unwanted baby! Please give life a chance!! As I see it, there are way too many reasons against abortion on demand.

Mrs. Nancy Dombrowski, Phoenix

It goes too far? The state of Arizona already has a law on the books that allows abortion up to 15 weeks to protect the life of the mother. This initiative if passed will allow abortion up to and after birth. Also it will allow any medical professional to recommend or perform the abortion - i.e. your dentist, chiropractor, acupuncture etc. This is crazy. We already have a law on the books. THIS GOES TOO FAR. Vote No.

Peter Anello, Mesa

Abortion is legal in Arizona up to 15 weeks. Like it or not, it is a moderate position on this polarizing issue. The Arizona Abortion Access Act is way too radical for Arizona. It contains a potpourri of extremist ideas, like stripping away health care safety precautions for women seeking an abortion, allowing a minor child to get an abortion without a parent even knowing about it, and allowing a full-term baby to be aborted up until the moment of birth. The Arizona Abortion Access Act compiles all the worst practices the radical extremists could think of into this one horrific constitutional amendment. Enshrining this in our constitution ties the hands of legislators. It even removes the requirement that a medical doctor be present during the procedure. That's not health care. That does not protect women. It only puts them at further risk. I strongly urge you to vote an enthusiastic NO on the Arizona Abortion Access Act.

Jennifer Arroyo, Tempe

Summary

Prop 139 protects sex abusers and removes parental involvement in their young daughters' medical decisions, putting girls and vulnerable women at great risk.

Argument

Prop 139 is very concerning. This proposition increases abortion from the current Arizona law of 15 weeks (already into the 2nd trimester) and beyond that for medical emergencies; to allow post-viability abortion. This is extreme. It also greatly increases risks to underage girls and vulnerable women. It removes parental consent, eliminating parents from their daughters' medical decisions when they are needed most. We believe that parents should be the primary source of protection for their children and are best equipped to guide them when they are faced with difficult circumstances. This prop dangerously shields sex abusers from prosecution for coercing or forcing abortion on women or girls. This is extremely troubling, especially when combined with the removal of parents from the decision-making process. What will prevent sex abusers from covering up their crimes against girls by purchasing a secret abortion without any parental involvement? Dream City Church, for decades, has rescued and recovered women and children enslaved in human trafficking. We have supported vulnerable pregnant women, sheltered single moms, and counseled numerous women who regret their traumatic decision to have an abortion. Because of our Biblical Values, and years of experience with these issues, we see irreversible red flags with this proposition. It is dangerous, extreme, and wrong for Arizona. Please vote NO on Prop 139

Increases abortion limits to post-viability
Removes parents from their daughters' medical decisions
Shields sex abusers
Targets girls and vulnerable women at great risk
Vote NO on Prop 139

Debi Vandenboom, Director of Civic Engagement, Dream City Church, Phoenix

This proposition would legalize abortion after fetal viability.

In other words, even if a baby is developed enough to be born and to live outside its mother's womb, this proposition would allow that baby to be aborted.

Most people agree that this kind of late term abortion is wrong.

Vote NO on this radical ballot proposition. Killing babies who are ready to be born is wrong.

Bob Pamplin, MS, MA

Bob Pamplin, MS., MA., Mesa

Prop 139 is intentionally broad and vague, aiming to draw on the emotions of Arizona voters through buzzwords like "rights," "choice," and "access" while deliberately omitting the necessity

for trained medical care. Prop 139 is egregious in that nowhere does it highlight the need for a medically trained, state-licensed physician to participate in the women's right to choose. Instead, it intentionally leaves the door wide open for non-medically trained individuals, which Prop 139 ambiguously calls "healthcare professionals," to determine not only pregnancy viability but unknown health risks to the mother as well.

Prop 139 seeks to omit vital safeguards such as an ultrasound leaving unsuspecting women exposed and vulnerable to severe complications through non-viable pregnancies--any pregnancy that occurs outside of the uterus--also known as an "ectopic" pregnancy. Ectopic pregnancies are the leading cause of first-trimester mortality, accounting for 5%-10% of all pregnancy-related deaths. Ectopic symptoms are indistinguishable from those of the chemical abortion process and can only be diagnosed through the administering of an ultrasound by a state-licensed, board-certified medical professional.

Prop 139 is a flippant and dangerously irresponsible attack on women's healthcare under the guise of choice. Arizona can do better than this; women need actual healthcare. As the CEO of one of Arizona's most prominent and longest-running pregnancy resource centers, having served more than 285,000 clients and administered more than 80,000 ultrasounds, I can attest that removing licensed medical care puts Arizona women in life-threatening danger.

Vote NO on Prop 139.

Marc Burmich, President & CEO, Choices Pregnancy Centers, Peoria

Why Pro-Choice Voters Should Vote "No"

There are several reasons this amendment is both unnecessary and dangerous:

1. Even if you are pro-choice, you should still vote "no" because the amendment removes Arizona's 15-week law (which already includes many post-15 week exceptions) and replaces it with unregulated, unlimited abortion for virtually any reason.
2. This amendment poses a grave danger to women for the following reasons:
 - a. The amendment removes the requirement for an MD to authorize, perform, and supervise abortions. It substitutes the MD requirement with any "treating healthcare professional." The definition of healthcare professional in Arizona law includes nurses, chiropractors, dentists, massage therapists, veterinarians, and more. Would you feel safe having your loved one receive an abortion from anyone other than an MD?
 - b. The amendment removes the current requirement for minors to get a parent's permission before undergoing an abortion. This leaves parents in the dark and places uninformed and often naïve minors into the hands of potentially unqualified abortion providers.
 - c. Under this amendment, sex abusers who force their victims to get abortions could not be punished for covering their crime with an abortion. This makes it easier to hide their sex crime.
 - d. Many commonsense safety requirements would be unenforceable. Precautions such as ultrasounds and informed consent are removed under this amendment.

e. Due to the expansion of who can provide abortions, a morbid and predatory “cottage industry” of abortion providers could emerge.

If you want to protect girls and women who get abortions, you must vote No. This is a bad law which was written hastily and without forethought to expand abortion at all cost, even the health and safety of women. We are all safer without it.

Priscilla Moore, Scottsdale

As an Arizona native and new father, Initiative I-05-2024 deeply concerns me. This proposal to establish unrestricted abortion access as a fundamental right disregards the inherent dignity and value of every human being, even those growing in the womb. Each abortion represents a profound loss of potential and denies the basic right to life that should be protected and cherished.

The initiative's disregard for regulations and oversight of abortion providers is sickening. Removing these safeguards can compromise the quality of care and leave vulnerable women at risk.

I am troubled by the ethical implications for healthcare professionals who conscientiously object to performing abortions. Their freedom of conscience and right to uphold their moral beliefs should be respected, not infringed upon by legislative measures that compel participation in procedures they find morally objectionable.

Beyond these concerns, I fear the initiative may deepen societal divisions and diminish our collective respect for life. It overlooks the complexities of abortion and fails to address the broader implications for our communities and future generations.

The thought of an Initiative like I-05-2024 passing should make the average citizen of Arizona very uncomfortable. We must reject this initiative and seek solutions that promote compassion, support women in difficult circumstances, and uphold the sanctity of life. Please vote NO on I-05-2024.

Andrew Adams, Gilbert Citizen, Gilbert
Sponsored by LD14GOP

I am a mother of 2 wonderful young men, an RN of many years, and I have also worked at one of the top plaintiff medical malpractice firms in Chicago.

This being said I am emphatically asking that you vote "No," to this Ballot Proposition.

At age 32 I was told at 6 months that my son was at "hi risk " for hydrocephalus based on cranial ultrasound measurements. I declined further testing, because my decision to birth my son would not have changed based on test results. At age 44 I was pregnant again and was encouraged to abort due hi hcg levels advanced maternal age. Again I said no. I gave birth to 2 perfectly healthy boys. In both cases I was lucky enough to have informed consent.

It is the physician's duty, legally, morally, and ethically, to provide each patient with informed consent giving education on available alternatives to abortion. Where time is of the essence and consent cannot be obtained, physicians already have access to training and medical standards of care in order to make decisions in emergency medical situations. There really is little confusion regarding what constitutes a medical emergency.

Regarding the law, is incumbent on the sitting Governor, the Secretary of State, and the AG to educate the taxpaying citizens of Arizona on the current status of the law and to provide clear and unbiased information absent political agenda.

I have reason to believe that this ballot initiative is a thinly veiled attempt to promote elective, non-therapeutic abortions up to and after birth.

State funding might be better spent focusing on early obstetrical care.

Respectfully,
Mary Wheeler Mcfarland RN BSNJD

Mary Wheeler Mcfarland, RN BSNJD, Self, Phoenix
Sponsored by Jill Norgaard

Since our founding in 1974, Arizona Right has been advocating for the unborn and for women, ensuring they have the proper resources and care throughout their pregnancies. We believe that every person has the right to life, and we work tirelessly to promote this fundamental right.

The Arizona Abortion Access Act on the ballot is about making abortion a fundamental right. Enshrining abortion in our constitution makes abortions eligible to be funded by tax payers, and subsequent legal challenges are out of the hands of your local elected officials.

Proponents claim that this initiative is about women's healthcare. This is their talking point, and it is false. In fact, this initiative removes current safety precautions, eliminates parental consent for minors, removes the 24 hour waiting period, and allows abortions up to full term, a procedure that is extremely risky for women. Their term 'after fetal viability' means up to full term. It also grants "treating healthcare professionals" to perform, abortion, with no training, or hospital privileges. Minors are extremely at risk as child molesters can take them in for an abortion, with no parental consent and never be prosecuted.

Arizona Right to Life has been supporting babies and their mothers for years and will continue our mission. Most Arizonans agree that abortion up to birth is inconceivable. Join us in the effort to stop this ballot initiative.

John Jakubczyk, Attorney, AZ Right to Life, Scottsdale

During my tenure as an Abortion Director in the city of Glendale, I witnessed many things that would horrify Arizonans if they only knew what went on behind the closed doors of these

abortion clinics. I have seen women whose uterus has been perforated; minors being coerced into abortions due to statutory rape by their 'so-called' partners; young women at high risk of sex trafficking; and abortionists who continue to practice despite a record of harming women. PROP 139 removes the medical doctor requirement for women along with most medical standards at abortion clinics- this is the further deterioration of medical safeguards. Any person can bring a minor in for an abortion without their parents' consent or knowledge which protects child sex traffickers and strips parents of their rights.

I became a whistleblower for many of these horrible practices and won my case. I am fearful this amendment will dissuade future whistleblowers from speaking out about the atrocities they witnessed inside of the abortion industry.

This amendment further deregulates an industry that is already insufficiently regulated. It does nothing to protect women but protects the abortion doctors themselves. PROP 139 allows any "treating healthcare professional" to perform surgical and late-term abortions. The amendment's language is so vague that late-term abortions are not banned. Abortions in the 7th, 8th and 9th months of pregnancy do happen; they are dangerous and traumatic; impacting both the mother and the abortion workers who are required to handle the devastating aftermath.

The amendment misleads taxpayers who are unaware that public funds may be used to cover abortions.

PROP 139 should not be passed for the health and well-being of minor girls and women in Arizona.

Mayra Rodriguez, Global Outreach Director, AbortionWorker.com, Maricopa
Sponsored by Arizona Right to Life

Prop 139 would bring harm to women and girls, and put at risk future generations of unborn children.

I'm writing representing 823 men and women from Arizona, who regret their abortions, from an International Campaign- Silent No More Awareness. Post abortive men and women suffer. I have served on countless post abortive retreats where women as old as 80 and as young as 20, have regretfully shared their stories of immense pain with countless tears. Men too. Women who have abortion are never the same afterwards; abortion causes pain and trauma when one faces the reality of it. For many, denying what happened is a coping mechanism for the pain and trauma they carry.

There will forever be a person missing in my family: he would have been 14 years old and his name is Jose Miguel. He was aborted out of my ignorance, by his father, a doctor. I felt pressured and alone. As a Hispanic woman, this was even more devastating as we are pro-life! In 2022, 45% of abortions were obtained by Hispanics. If women were supported by the father as well as their own family, they would not feel the immense pressure to abort their living child.

Women do not be deceived! This is not a simple procedure. Your body prepares itself to give birth. You dilate and start to lose blood. Something that would cause great joy leaves you with self-condemnation and emotional pain. I sought healing and have forgiven his father.

I do not wish the pain and trauma of abortion upon my enemies. As a woman who has been forever changed and has to live with my choice, I do not want other women to go through what I have experienced.

I urge you to VOTE NO on PROP 139.

Roxana Amaton, Goodyear
Sponsored by Arizona Right to Life

Proposition 139 would enshrine a culture of death into the Arizona Constitution. There would be no turning back. As a post-abortive woman who regrets her decision even fifty years later, I speak to you plainly. Despite the 42 words that “define” the fundamental right to abortion before and after viability, there is no distinction in terms of access. Abortion on demand would become a fundamental right at any stage in pregnancy, right up to birth. Young girls (with or without parental consent), teens and women would all be ensured an abortion to protect their “physical or mental health,” based on the “good faith of a treating health care professional,” which could be anyone, not necessarily a medical doctor.

I am not ready to accept this culture of death, where one person can choose to end the life of another person, because that other person is unable to fight back. That’s oppression. And we’ve learned oppression is not right or just- even if you define it as the opposite.

In this century of information and technology, there are countless videos and photos of life in the womb. To deny that the life in the womb is not a living, human being is just ignorant and deceitful. People fight for the rights of animals to live in their habitat. It’s time we stood up for the rights of the preborn in the womb.

We are a people who recognize human rights. The preborn are human and have the same rights as you and I. The culture of death Proposition 139 will embrace is not where we want to take the human race. All life is sacred, from conception to the natural end of life. Please vote NO on Proposition 139.

Mary Sambo, Retired Veteran and Educator, Silent No More, Avondale
Sponsored by Arizona Right to Life

Citizens of Arizona- Prop 139 goes way beyond the limits of humane. Women of Arizona, we don’t need a fundamental right of abortion until the moment of birth.

As a college student who got pregnant, I wasn’t supported by the birth father- I was told I needed to get rid of that thing. I was brought into Planned Parenthood in a daze and wasn’t given any counseling- was just told the problem could be handled. I was brought back into a room, placed on a table and my baby was suctioned out of me the same way you would vacuum up the dirt on

your floor. When I awoke, all I knew was I wasn't pregnant anymore and I wanted my baby back. When I screamed that – they laughed at me. I have re-lived that terrible, traumatic day every single day of my life. This is the pain and regret of abortion– and that was 49 years ago. This is the pain I don't want other women, friends, neighbors, college students, teenagers and even men to go through. Nobody needs to go through this. We need to stop this horror now.

People of Arizona, we need to be right here- right now supporting women when they are faced with an unplanned pregnancy- help them seek out the many Pregnancy Resources Centers who support women throughout their pregnancy and after. Women do have better choices and can be empowered not to harm themselves and stop their child's beating heart. I wish someone would have supported me and told me, 'Yes you can', 'You are capable', and 'You can do this'. If only I had made a different choice, I would now be the proud mother of my 49-year-old son.

Vote NO on Prop 139.

Carol Carnese, AZ Regional Coordinator, Silent No More, Chandler
Sponsored by Arizona Right to Life

“Today, scientific and technological developments have given rise to new forms of attacks on human dignity. There is a cultural climate in which certain crimes against life are justified in the name of "rights of individual freedom". Consciences are finding it increasingly difficult to distinguish between good & evil in what concerns the value of human life. When God is forgotten, Life is no longer viewed as a gift but instead becomes 'matter', a possession to be controlled & manipulated. This view of freedom leads to a serious distortion of life in society. When the promotion of the self is understood in terms of absolute autonomy, society becomes a mass of individuals placed side by side, each trying to make his own interests prevail. There is no reference to the Truth binding on everyone and relativism reigns. Having lost its foundation, the “right” ceases to be a right & becomes subject to the will of the stronger. Democracy effectively moves towards a form of totalitarianism, where a tyrant State arrogates to itself the right to dispose the life of the weakest in the name of a public interest which is really nothing but the interest of some. God's commandments teach us the way of life: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself' (Lk 10,27) 'You shall not kill' (Ex 20:13). Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition. It is our responsibility to care and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.” St. John Paul II. As Catholics, the Truth remains in the Gospel of Life. The truth is, Prop I-05-2024 Arizona Abortion Access Act allows abortion up until 'fetal viability' which is birth, and this is wrong. No on AAA.

John Yep, Chief Executive Officer, Catholics for Catholics, Phoenix

Proposition 139 allows abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy “before or after fetal viability” without ANY restrictions. “No law, regulation, policy or practice shall be enacted or enforced denying, restricting or interfering with that right”.

This literally means our State would allow the killing of a fully formed, 32, 36 or even 40 week full-term, preborn baby. Think of what a woman who is eight months pregnant looks like – and

now think about dismembering that living child or crushing the skull to allow easier passage through partial-birth abortion. Or perhaps delivering a live infant and refusing to provide care afterwards. Why would this amendment allow abortion up until birth if it didn't intend to utilize it?

Prop 139 is extreme and prohibits any regulation which may restrict or interfere with the "right" of abortion. Medical regulations are standard for any medical practice, Surgi-center or hospital. If I have surgery, the State regulates the centers and mandates that only a qualified, licensed, medical doctor who follows medical and ethical standards may operate. PROP 139 does not require a medical doctor to perform surgical or late term abortions and the language is completely undefined and vague as to who can legally do so - a "healthcare professional". Exactly which healthcare professionals are qualified?

As a doctor who has taken care of women for 30 years, I am convinced that the rights of vulnerable women will NOT be respected if PROP 139 passes. Arizona women deserve far better than what the abortion industry is trying to sell. Let's pass laws that protect women's health and ensure women's safety, and not Prop 139.

Larissa Meyer, MD, Phoenix
Sponsored by Arizona Right to Life

If you think there should be limits and safety regulations for abortion, then vote no on Prop139. The proposed amendment claims it only legalizes abortion up to the point when a baby can survive outside the womb, but this isn't true. It allows abortions beyond this point for almost any reason under a broad "mental health" exception. Read the amendment and you will see how this will open the door to abortions well beyond viability.

According to recent surveys, the majority of people believe abortions should be limited to 15 weeks or earlier. In Arizona, abortion is currently legal for up to 15 weeks, with exceptions for medical emergencies to protect the woman's life. The State Attorney General has confirmed these exceptions. If Prop 139 passes, it will change the state constitution, making current abortion laws invalid and allowing unlimited late-term abortions up to birth for almost any reason. In other states with similar policies, there were over 10,000 late-term abortions last year.

Anyone worried about protecting minors and women from abusers should read the proposed amendment carefully. It states that "no law can penalize any individual who aids or assists" someone in getting an abortion. This means sex abusers who force victims to get abortions to hide their crimes won't be held accountable, making it easier for them to get away with their crimes. And parents won't be notified because the amendment removes the parental consent requirement.

Garrett Riley, Scottsdale

PROP 139 is extreme and puts women's health at risk. Voters deserve to know the truth so they can decide for themselves. This amendment will allow unrestricted abortion access through all nine months of pregnancy, enable ALL medical professionals to perform late-term abortions,

remove safeguards for minors seeking abortions, take away parental rights, and make abortions tax-payer funded.

Section 8.1, line A reads: “Every individual has a fundamental right to abortion...” “Every individual’ includes children, thus allowing them to seek and procure an abortion while leaving parents completely in the dark. This would also enable sex-traffickers to seek abortions for their innocent victims. Section 3, reads, “Denying, restricting or interfering with an abortion after fetal viability that, in the good faith judgment of a treating health care professional, is necessary to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual.” “Healthcare professional” is a broad term and can refer to not only a doctor but also a nurse, chiropractor, mental health worker, or anyone in the medical profession. To give such a wide group of individuals the power to prescribe or perform an abortion is harmful, as women will seek abortion advice from those who are not qualified professionals.

Mental health can refer to anything from anxiety to self-image issues resulting from weight gain during pregnancy. This would allow anyone to seek a late-term abortion. There are between 10,000 – 15,000 late term abortions performed annually in the U.S. according to the National Library of Medicine, Late-Term Abortion and Medical Necessity: A Failure of Science.

Current law allows abortion up to 15 weeks in Arizona and beyond that for medical emergencies. Today, Arizona law protects abortion-vulnerable individuals including minors, victims of sexual assault, and fetuses capable of surviving outside the womb. These protections will be eliminated under PROP 139. Voters deserve to know the facts of PROP 139.

Heather Litchfield, Pacific Southwest Regional Coordinator, Students for Life of America, Chandler

Sponsored by Arizona Right to Life

Abortion is legal now up to 15 weeks in Arizona, with exceptions beyond the limit for medical reasons to protect the mother's life. According to polls, most people support safety and healthcare regulations for abortion. Prop 139 would make important existing regulations unconstitutional and unenforceable. This includes laws like the 24-hour waiting period, offering women an ultrasound image before an abortion, and parental notification laws. According to Crisis Pregnancy Center data about 87% of women who were considered abortion-minded and viewed an ultrasound chose to continue their pregnancy. Without this option, more women will proceed with abortions and then suffer later from regret, depression, and emotional trauma.

Prop139 removes parental consent law, so parents won't be involved when their minor daughter needs support and guidance. This leaves young women to undergo abortions or take abortion pills alone, experiencing cramping and bleeding without doctor supervision. Healthcare data show that 1 in 25 women who take the abortion pill end up in the emergency room.

Because the amendment creates a fundamental right to abortion, any restriction on a government health care insurance plan would be seen as interfering with this right. This could lead to doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers being forced to participate in abortions against their conscience and result in taxpayers funding abortions.

Prop139 removes the requirement for a medical doctor, allowing anyone with a healthcare license to perform abortions, prescribe the abortion pill, or approve third-trimester abortions, thus eliminating crucial safety measures. The terms "doctor" or "physician" are not mentioned.

The amendment also stipulates; "no law can penalize any individual who aids or assists" an abortion. This will allow sexual predators and abusers who coerce victims into having abortions to cover up their crimes to go unpunished, allowing them to escape justice. Consider these facts before voting.

Garrett Riley, Executive Director, Arizona Life Coalition, Scottsdale; Mona McDonald, Chair of the Board, Arizona Life Coalition, Chandler; Jill McCabe, Secretary of the Board, Arizona Life Coalition, Scottsdale; and Leslie Morrison, Board Member, Treasurer, Arizona Life Coalition, Wickenburg

If you believe in God, Vote No on the Abortion Initiative.
God is Pro Life and your parents are Pro Life. That is why you and I were born.

Pro Life recognizes that God, the Father, is the Creator and gives each of us Life. Therefore, we must feel a profound Reverence for Life. Pro Life recognizes that a mother and father are co-creators with God. The mother has a sacred privilege, with God, to nurture the child in the womb.

Abortion does not recognize God, the Father, as the Creator and recognizes that birth is only a biological phenomenon. Therefore, the life of a child can be snuffed out. Pro Life recognizes that the child, being sent from God, is endowed by its Creator with certain unalienable rights: Life, Liberty (to make choices) and the pursuit of Happiness. This is truly "Pro Choice".

For Abortion, one's selfish choice is the only importance. The future choice and freedom of the child is irrelevant. The child can be killed because "it's my body". This is against all to have a right to choice and freedom. Therefore, Abortion is not "Pro Choice" rather should be labeled "Pro Death"

God, our Heavenly Father, loves each child more than any of us can imagine. God, our Heavenly Father, is grieved and weeps at every abortion, at the death of one of His children.

Each child that is born is overjoyed to have its long-awaited life. Each child that is killed cries, feeling the pains of death and for losing its opportunity for life and freedom.

We believe in God and thank God every day for our lives. God is Pro Life and your parents are Pro Life. That is why we need to Vote No on the Abortion Initiative.

Michael Puhlmann, Mesa and Charmon Puhlmann, Mesa

Vote "NO" on Prop 139- "Arizonans for Abortion Access"

This act goes too far Arizonans!

Abortion is already legal in Arizona up to 15 months and beyond for medical emergencies. Some important things to know about this out-of-state funded, constitutional amendment:

- It strips parental rights currently required by existing law, eliminating parental involvement for a minor seeking an abortion.
- It would protect sexual predators and child abusers by eliminating any consequences for someone that aids or assists “someone getting an abortion”.
- It removes the requirement of a doctor or physician – you will not find the term “doctor” or “physician” in the amendment; rather it allows an undefined broad range of unqualified “health care professionals” to perform abortions.
- Legalizes late term abortion...up to viability and beyond – it's clear the goal is to allow unrestricted, unregulated abortion on demand.

Women and girls in Arizona deserve better. This amendment is egregious in its overreach and puts women and girls at risk.

Please VOTE NO – Protect girls & women from harm!

Maria Lopez, Tucson

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, Vote No on the Abortion Initiative.

A Pro Life follower lives God's law to love God and love your neighbor as yourself. A child in the womb surely qualifies as one's neighbor. (Luke 10: 35-37)

A Pro Life advocate follows Christ's teaching to serve and share with others by feeding the hungry, giving the thirsty drink, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick and the prisoner, even by serving the least of these. Doesn't a child in the womb have all these needs and isn't he/she the least of all of us? (Matthew 25: 31-46)

A Pro Life believer will “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not to your own understanding. In all ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path.” (Proverbs 3: 5, 6) All mothers are concerned: (1) about finances, (2) their ability to care for the child, and (3) the baby's future; however, a Pro Life believer: (1) has faith that God's grace will provide and (2) that God will strengthen the mother to be able to nurture the child, or (3) believes that adoption to parents (many that can't have children) is the best option.

Due to consequences following our choices, most Pro Life mothers and fathers are very grateful for their child and find great joy and happiness in them for a lifetime.

Christ called a little child and set him with his disciples. He taught that we must humble ourselves and become as little children. (Matthew 18: 1-4)

We are disciples of Jesus Christ. We must strive to follow His teachings. We love all the children, even the unborn. That is why we need to Vote No on the Abortion Initiative.

Michael Puhmann, Mesa and Charmon Puhmann, Mesa

As a young woman who came face to face with the utter shock of an unplanned and unwanted pregnancy, I know firsthand what it is like to realize your life as you know it has changed. I can relate to women and girls facing an unexpected pregnancy. I know the trauma of an unhealthy relationship. As a single, working mother I know the feelings of being alone, vulnerable and afraid of what the future may hold.

I understand what it feels like to be pregnant with a baby you were not planning for and unsure you could take care of. My desire for anyone who is facing an unplanned pregnancy is to know this: despite the emotional turmoil through pregnancy, once my baby was born, he changed my life in ways I could have never imagined. I have never known such joy, fulfillment, love, and purpose. I could never imagine my life without him – and to think I could have missed out. There is so much goodness in life as a mother and though it comes with challenges, it is so worth it.

Women are strong and capable- we don't need the abortion industry selling us reproductive freedom; we have that. The truth is, there is real emotional trauma when women choose an abortion- falsely believing this solves everything. Tossing them back into the world with no support is not reproductive healthcare. Real change can happen when we put resources towards supporting women facing this situation. If we put half the resources that fuels the abortion industry into pregnancy centers, more women would feel empowered to choose their preborn child and lead fulfilling lives as mothers.

We don't need abortion as a fundamental right. I am voting NO on Proposition 139.

Alicia Gasser, Scottsdale

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This unrestricted and unregulated abortion measure takes the professional care of a physician out of the picture which could be dangerous in cases where a woman has an ectopic pregnancy, and she would not be able to know this with the lack of a physician's care and the woman could die.

As a mental health professional, I know the importance of providing the limits of a certain therapeutic technique. This abortion amendment takes a woman's right to knowing the risks of having an abortion away which prevents the ability to make an informed decision.

I am also very concerned this amendment will allow women in domestic violence or trafficking situations to be easily manipulated and coerced to have an abortion with the lack of clear rules protecting women.. It will also change our Arizona constitution similar to what happened in Ohio, and it will be very difficult to reverse. We already have a 15-week (almost six month) abortion bill. Vote "No" on this unlimited and dangerous abortion amendment.

**Naomi Ruppel, MA LMFT, (AZ), & (CA) Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist,
Christian Family Solutions, Phoenix**
Sponsored by AZ Right to Life

I do not understand how any person that has any belief in Deity can not understand that we as a people were brought to this earth to procreate and populate this beautiful birth. I can appreciate the agony and grief one may have on trying to make a decision to abort pregnancy knowing there are serious concerns as regards to the health or physical issues with the fetus. That being said our Father in Heaven has long since had a plan to deal with such issues. Having 26 Greats and 13 Grands I would be so ungrateful if I thought their parents ever considered such an action. I think we should respect and protect those precious gifts from God.

Wendell Allison, Grand parent, Self, Mesa
Sponsored by Az Right to Life

Soon after Roe v. Wade legalized the murder of the unborn, our first son was born. He lived just one day. I was angry. So many mothers were murdering their babies, and I wanted our son to live. Since then I have seen pictures of how the instrument inserted into the woman rips the unborn baby's body apart. I have seen pictures of babies chemically burned to detach. I watched a video of a partial birth abortion. An instrument was jammed into the baby's skull, and its brain was sucked out. How can this barbarism be allowed in a civilized society? What did these babies do to deserve to be murdered? How could anyone vote to allow this in our state? Vote "No" on this Abortion on Demand Bill!

James Ruppel, Pastor, Self, Mesa
Sponsored by AZ Right to Life

Currently Arizona law allows abortion up to 15 weeks and beyond that for medical emergencies. The extreme abortion amendment would legalize abortion up until 24 weeks (six months!) and be allowable up until birth! This proposed amendment uses the term "every individual" which would include minors. Parental consent will not be required thus the rights of parents to keep their daughters safe will be denied.

Also the terms "doctor" or "physician" are not used in the amendment which means the decision to allow a late term abortion is in the hands of any "healthcare professional" which is the vague term used in the amendment. No medical doctor would even be necessary to review a minor's decision to have an abortion and the parents would not be informed.

This amendment is poorly written. It includes countless examples of safety issues and health risks that are contrary to it being "women's healthcare". It removes informed consent concerning risks, allows unrestricted and unregulated abortions and excludes parental oversight/consent.

This amendment goes too far and should NOT be codified in our constitution.

Anna Johnson, AZ Voter, Self, Mesa
Sponsored by AZ Right to Life

Women and anyone who cares about women and girls: Read for yourself the proposed “Arizona for Abortion Access Amendment” (AAAA), Proposition 139, and you’ll be shocked. There’s nothing more damaging and disrespectful to women than the AAAA! It’s a permanent constitutional amendment that would do horrible damage to women and girls.

It removes basic long-standing medical protections, enables sex abusers to cover their crimes, and keeps out moms and dads when their underage daughters need them most. The only way the sponsors of this dangerous amendment can convince women to vote for this is by hiding the facts: That a licensed medical doctor is NOT required to perform an abortion. That sex traffickers will have an easier time pushing their victims to get abortions. That there’s no requirement for basic parental knowledge if underage girls face a crisis pregnancy, so they’re left isolated and without loving care.

So much more about this amendment is dangerous and heartless. Arizona women already have access to abortions. Whether you are pro-choice or pro-life, Arizona Women of Action urges all women to VOTE NO on Proposition 139 – the Arizona for Abortion Access Amendment! Arizonans don’t want to have the most extreme abortion law in the country, and Arizona women deserve better.

Kimberly Miller, Founder & President, Arizona Women of Action, Phoenix

As a husband, father, and grandfather, I ask voters to use their right judgement and read the language of Prop 139. History tells us we will be judged by how we treat each other- especially the most vulnerable among us. Do we want to leave a legacy for generations to come allowing ABORTION UP TO BIRTH? Prop 139 states... “After fetal viability” which means abortion up to birth.

What about safeguarding our teenage daughters and granddaughters? The requirement to inform women and girls of the risks involved with an abortion will be eliminated- including parental consent. Do we wish to remove the family from the equation entirely and put our daughters into the hands of the abortion industry to give counsel? They will always say abort. I want to be part of the conversation with my daughter or grandchild and not kept in the dark because the law now demands that I have no parental consent regarding my scared, pregnant teenager daughter whom I love more than life itself. Prop 139 takes away my parental rights.

As a Catholic man of faith, I say to all men everywhere- stand up for your families: your wives, your sisters and your daughters. Men and Fathers Matter. Stand up to protect women and girls- stand up for them and stand by them. Men of faith – walk into this breach of silence to counsel, to assist and be at the side of a woman in need- whether she is in your own family, or your neighbor’s family or in your community. Take a stand for women and help her choose life. We have a role to play as leaders of the family and as fathers. Now is not the time to stay silent.

Vote NO on Prop 139.

Jesse Romero, Catholics for Catholics, Queen Creek

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Voters have a right to know the realities of Prop 139. With its vague and limited language, it does the following: Legalizes the barbaric, dismemberment of a living, pre-born fetus inside the womb up until the moment of birth, based upon the “mental health” and “good faith judgment of a healthcare professional”, terms which are not defined.

The U.S. statistic on late term abortions averages 12,500 per year (Studnicki ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). The latest Arizona poll (Noble Predictive) reports 60% of respondents continue to reject abortion on demand, only 9% support it up to 24 weeks, and just 1% at full term.

Women facing unexpected pregnancy should be assisted, supported and given real choices which support both the mother and her preborn child. With 50 Pregnancy Resource Centers in Arizona supporting women pre and post birth, women do find they are stronger than abortion.

As Arizonans, we should demand a civil and just society- not an amended constitution allowing a pain-capable, preborn baby to be dismembered limb by limb, in an extreme, painful late-term abortion. The 2023 Arizona Abortion Report stated “92%” of the unborn babies killed by abortion were not given anesthesia, and “7 abortion reports involving fetus or embryos delivered alive”. New research has demonstrated a fetus can feel pain as early as 12 weeks.

Voters, read the entire text of the proposed Constitutional Amendment in its entirety to know the realities of PROP 139. All current Arizona medical safeguards, including a licensed physician will be stripped away for women and girls. Parental consent for their minor daughter considering a monumental abortion decision is eliminated.

Intelligence, reasoning and common sense tell us Abortion is not Healthcare, Abortion is not Birth Control or Reproductive Freedom. Abortion kills a unique, unrepeatabe human being and alters the woman’s heart and psyche forever.

Susan Haugland, Arizona Resident, Scottsdale

Vote NO On Prop 139. This amendment would make it so that our state constitution includes a “fundamental right” to end the lives of precious babies through all nine months of pregnancy! If passed, this amendment would force taxpayers to fund the death penalty for innocent children made in the image of God. If passed, mothers and fathers would be shackled with lifelong guilt for doing the unthinkable to their own sons and daughters. If passed, physicians that do not agree would be made to comply with a practice that violates their oath to “do no harm.”No one has the fundamental right to do what is fundamentally wrong. No one is allowed to use their bodily autonomy to violate the bodily autonomy of someone else. Healthcare, choice and reproductive rights are all slogans that have been used for decades to desensitize the conscience of our culture to the heinous nature of abortion. It is way past time to speak the truth clearly on this matter. Vocal activists have fought hard to civilize this ancient practice. But abortion remains the barbaric murder of innocent human beings in the womb. Do not be fooled. A vote for PROP 139 is a vote to make citizens complicit in legalized child murder. Now is the time. Arizonans must stand with a unified voice to protect the right to life for all people equally and end this modern

day holocaust. Call on your government to do their God given duty and uphold the sanctity of life for all persons, born and unborn. A civilization that slaughters its own posterity has no future. Vote NO On Prop 139

Zachary Conover, Communications Director, End Abortion Now, Chandler

For far too long Americans have been misled by the left who claim that abortion is “healthcare,” “choice,” and “reproductive freedom.” Yet we all know the truth. Abortion is the brutal murder of innocent human beings made in the image of God. There are those in Arizona seeking to change our state constitution and make the destruction of these precious babies a “fundamental right” all the way through the ninth month of pregnancy! Do you want to protect the life of the most defenseless among us? Please, do your duty and make your voice heard against legalized child murder. Stand with us against the tide of bloodshed in Arizona.
Vote No on 139

Daryl Groves, Vice President, Red State Reform, Mesa

Attorneys examining this initiative have found it to be vague in many areas and could be the cause of unsafe abortions. Any "health care professional" can provide abortions. Health care professionals could include nurses or physician's assistants, or others who do not have the proper training. Language which would protect and give pregnant women safeguards is not in this initiative. The law also prevents the legislature from enacting any law made for pregnant women's protection.

Even an obstetrician/gynecologist who previously performed abortions feels this is an "intentionally overbroad initiative." ("I once performed abortions. Why I'd vote against Arizona's abortion initiative," by Anthony Levatino, AZ Central, March 12, 2024.)

Vote NO on Prop 139 which has the majority of its donors and donations from out of state. (As of the beginning of January the Fairness Project from Washington, D.C. had contributed \$3,124,502 toward this initiative. That was 54% of the total at that time.)

Florence Smith, Phoenix

Voters deserve to know the facts so they can decide for themselves whether Prop 139 goes too far. Arizona already has legalized no-excuse abortion up until 15wks - the 2nd trimester. At this stage of development, a baby can already feel pain, has tastebuds, and starts to be able to breathe. A baby's reproductive systems are developing.

While Arizonans have different opinions on abortion, we can all agree that girls and women should know their medical provider is a legitimate doctor following commonsense safety protocols and standard medical procedures. Unfortunately, Prop 139 eliminates these safeguards for women and what's worse, they won't even be informed of the risks or alternative medical options.

With Prop 139, loving moms and dads get shut out of the medical decisions of their minor daughters leaving them vulnerable to suffering in silence.

- Voting No on Prop 139 does NOT impact birth control, the use of any means to terminate an ectopic pregnancy, or to remove a dead fetus. Birth control and life saving medical procedures are not defined in Arizona as an abortion.
- Voting NO on Prop 139 protects girls and women from sex abusers who will not be prosecuted for their crimes if this passes.
- Voting NO on Prop 139 protects born babies that need medical treatment.
- Voting NO on Prop 139 protects healthcare workers from being forced to violate their conscience or perform unsafe procedures on women and girls.
- Voting NO on Prop 139 protects women and girls to have access to safe healthcare with qualified doctors caring for them.
- Voting NO on Prop 139 protects the parent/child relationship so parents can be there for their children in difficult or life-threatening circumstances.

Don't let special interests that profit off misery redefine what healthcare means.

Merissa Hamilton, The ROAR PAC, Phoenix
Sponsored by The ROAR PAC

Como mujer Hispana, conozco los peligros que la Propuesta 139 representa para nuestras familias. El 45 % de los abortos en Arizona se realizan en bebés hispanos (AZ DEPT. HEALTH SERVICES 2023). Esto elimina casi la mitad de las nuevas vidas Hispánicas para nosotros. La industria del aborto quiere tener el control total sobre la vida de nuestros hijos, para eliminarla en cualquier momento para enriquecerse.

La Propuesta 139 legaliza el aborto hasta la "viabilidad fetal", es decir, hasta el nacimiento, utilizando vagamente la salud mental. Durante 30 años he trabajado con mujeres que sufren mucho después de un aborto. El aborto elegido afecta salud mental: depresión, adicciones y alto riesgo de suicidio. Vea: Fact Sheet Lozier institute Abortion and Mental Health.

La Propuesta 139 es engañosa y ataca los derechos de las mujeres: Elimina las leyes actuales para informar y proteger a las mujeres y la obligación de informar a las mujeres sobre los riesgos del aborto (útero perforado, sepsis, infertilidad, etc.) Además, cualquier técnico de un centro de abortos podría realizar el aborto.

La Proposición 139 promueve el aborto sin anestesia de los bebés hasta los 9 meses de gestación. A las 7 semanas, la pequeña niña ya tiene ovarios. A las 8 semanas, tiene brazos y pies. A las 10 semanas, tiene huellas digitales. A las 12 semanas reacciona al dolor. A las 18 semanas escucha la voz de su madre.

Como madre Hispana, me opongo a la Proposición 139 porque elimina los derechos de los padres a decidir sobre la salud de sus hijos. Es un precedente inconstitucional y peligroso. Un empleado de escuela o un pedófilo podría llevar a una niña a abortar sin el conocimiento o permiso de los padres.

“No se metan con nuestras familias. Los Hispanos defendemos la vida”.

Vea: www.laverdadaz.org

Rosie Villegas-Smith, Directora y Fundadora, Voces Unidas por la Vida, Phoenix
Sponsored by Arizona Right to Life

The Arizona Abortion Access Act is not reflective of the beliefs of Arizonans. This proposal would remove any laws regarding the safety of the woman pursuing an abortion, allowing “any medical professional” to perform an abortion - not only a trained doctor.

While the Maricopa County Young Republicans are proudly pro-life, we recognize that not all Arizonans may hold that same belief. We however, urge all Arizonans to stand against this overreaching ballot initiative that endangers women across the state and removes restrictions after fetal viability.

In I-05-2024, Fetal Viability is defined as “the point in pregnancy when, in the good faith judgment of a treating health care professional and based on the particular facts of the case, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus’s sustained survival outside of the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.” The initiative requires only that a health care professional - not necessarily a doctor, deems that this is necessary to protect the physical or mental health of a woman for an abortion to occur after fetal viability. This includes even the anxiety of parenthood. Removing any further requirement from late term abortions is an extremely radical change that will have lasting consequences on the health and safety of the women of our state.

In second or third trimester abortions, 1 in a 1000 women experience major complications such as heavy bleeding, sepsis, infertility, or a perforated uterus or bowel. In removing medical requirements to perform an abortion, it begs the question whether these complications will only become more common, endangering the lives and wellbeing of countless more Arizona women with the passing of this initiative.

Do not remove the safety regulations that protect women - join the Maricopa County Young Republicans in voting NO on this egregious submission to the electorate.

Hannah Toth, Chairwoman, Maricopa County Young Republicans, Fountain Hills; Rachel Hope, Vice Chair, Maricopa County Young Republicans, Fountain Hills; Jedidiah Lyons, Development Manager, The Dandy Charitable Foundation, Gilbert; Luke Mosiman, Chairman Emeritus, Maricopa County Young Republicans, Mesa; Jenna Librandi, Chairwoman, West Valley Young Republicans, Peoria; Maggie Smith, Chairwoman, East

Valley Young Republicans, Phoenix; and Chris Chavez, Chair, Scottsdale Young Republicans, Scottsdale

Throughout my life, I have had the honor of working in Arizona to provide a better life for Latino youth and their families and building our communities. I cannot bear to watch the destruction of Arizona families being torn apart by an amendment that enshrines unlimited, unregulated abortion into our state Constitution.

This abortion amendment is not simply legalizing abortion. That's done. Whether you like it or not, abortion is legal in Arizona up to 15-weeks and past that for medical emergencies. What this amendment does is destroy families by legalizing abortion through all nine months for virtually any reason, while shutting parents out of the process.

Currently, Arizona law ensures parents are notified and consent to their minor daughter having an abortion, but that goes away under this amendment, leaving parents in the dark and girls all alone. This is no way to protect our families.

In addition, the amendment states that anyone who "aids or assists" a girl or woman getting an abortion cannot be punished. This means a stranger, or a boyfriend or anyone else in your child's life who sexually assaults your daughter can take her to get an abortion to cover his heinous crime, and he wouldn't be punished for the cover up - and you would never be notified.

We must protect our daughters, babies and honor our creator by taking a stand and rejecting this extreme abortion amendment.

Your vote matters. Our Latino community will make up 21% of the vote in November. Let's use it for the good of all Arizona families. Please vote No.

Tommy Espinoza Sr., Voter, AZ resident, Phoenix

Please vote NO on the Arizona Abortion Initiative if you care about women!

Every human life is precious. But even if you agree with current Arizona law allowing abortion up to 15 weeks (more in some circumstances), you don't want to approve a law that endangers women!

The abortion amendment language is extremely vague and it reads like a corporate wish list, promoting maximum profits for abortionists and removing common sense safety standards and protections for women. This includes the required medical doctor.

A doctor would no longer be required. The word doctor or physician isn't even mentioned in this proposed amendment. It leaves girls and women in the hands of any "treating healthcare professional," which includes a long list of occupations that could potentially dispense the abortion pill or sign off on a late-term abortion!

The amendment also removes current health and safety protections for women, such as informed consent requirements, laws protecting minors, and medical standards to ensure clinics are safe and critical medical checks are done to avoid complications.

It is important to remember that Arizona has the Voter Protection Act, which makes it nearly impossible to fix any problems. We will be stuck with unlimited, unregulated abortion in Arizona. This new “fundamental right” opens the door to taxpayer-funded abortions and forcing healthcare professionals to participate in abortions against their consciences.

This abortion proposition is not meant to benefit women, and it is not right for Arizona. Please vote NO!

Mary Bevilacqua, Tempe

As a Latina immigrant, and a woman, I know the dangers for our families with Prop 1-05-2024 . 45% of abortion in Arizona are performed on Latino babies. (AZ Dept of Health Abortion Report 2023).” This eliminates almost half of new Latino life for us. The racist abortion industry wants full control over Life- to stamp it out completely, anytime, for profit.

Prop 1-05-2024 . legalizes abortion up to “fetal viability,” meaning birth, using a wide mental health exemption. In my 20+ years of experience as a journalist and newspaper's Publisher, I have witnessed women and men greatly suffering after going through abortion. Elective Abortion impairs mental health outcomes: severe depression, and high risk of suicide. Find these facts: Lozier Institute Fact Sheet Abortion and Mental Health.

Prop 1-05-2024 misleads and takes away women’s reproductive rights. Avoids informing women of abortion risks (perforated uterus, sepsis, infertility, even death, etc.). Current laws that inform and safeguard women will be gone. No doctor would be required to perform an abortion; any employee of an abortion facility could perform it.

Prop 1-05-2024 promotes the dismemberment of fully formed preborn babies without anesthesia up to birth.. At 8 weeks the baby already has arms and feet. At 10 weeks the baby has fingerprints. At 12 weeks the baby reacts to painful procedures. At 18 weeks the baby can hear the mother’s voice.

As a Latina immigrant, and as a mother, I am deeply concerned about Prop 1-05-2024 because it eliminates parents’ rights to decide about the health of their children. It would set an unconstitutional and very dangerous precedent. A school employee or a pedophile could take a young girl to get an abortion without the parent’s knowledge or permission.

As a Latina immigrant,

Elvira Ortiz, Voter, AZ Resident, Phoenix

This misguided Abortion Amendment contains three cleverly crafted massive legal loopholes for third trimester abortions that may not be obvious to voters, but that courts must follow.

1. It removes the doctor from the doctor-patient relationship.

Instead of “doctor” or “physician”, it uses the term “treating health care professional”, which under Arizona law, includes chiropractors, dentists, nurses, veterinarians, etc. It leaves decisions for late-term abortions – preborn babies’ viability and women’s health -- to profiting abortionists, whether or not they have medical training in obstetrics.

2. It subtly re-defines viability into the ninth month of pregnancy.

Roe v. Wade defined viability as when the fetus is “POTENTIALLY able to live outside the mother’s womb, albeit WITH ARTIFICIAL AID.” This Amendment re-defines viability to require “a SIGNIFICANT LIKELIHOOD of the fetus’s sustained survival outside the uterus WITHOUT THE APPLICATION OF EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL MEASURES.” The undeniable reality, confirmed by the World Health Organization, is that most preterm babies (born before 37 weeks) need extra medical measures beyond the ordinary. I personally can attest to this, having given birth to two babies in the 8th month of pregnancy -- both needed incubators for regulating body temperature, invasive treatments, and my just 5-week early son needed a ventilator to breathe.

3. It steals all Arizonans’ compelling interests before and after viability.

Arizonans’ compelling interests in mitigating fetal pain, preserving parental rights, protecting young girls from sexual predators, preventing racial discrimination in abortion, etc., are all ripped away. Only an abortion seeker’s decision to abort will be considered compelling.

The Abortion Amendment’s deceptive legal loopholes will make Arizona a late-term abortion destination. Moreover, taxpayers will foot the bill, because government health insurance plans providing maternal care would be accused of interfering with a fundamental right if they do not also cover late-term abortions.

VOTE NO!

Dawn Grove, Attorney, (Personal), Phoenix