

## What the Nov. 5 election could mean for the right to life in Minnesota

**WHAT'S AT STAKE** on Nov. 5? For the most vulnerable in Minnesota, it could be everything.

All seats in the Minnesota House are up for election, as well as one Minnesota Senate seat in a special election. **The results this fall will determine the balance of power in the legislature—and shape the bills on life that will be passed.**

### A chance to turn our state toward life

After winning narrow majorities in the Minnesota House and Senate in 2022, pro-abortion lawmakers passed abortion-up-to-birth, repealed protection for born-alive infants, and took numerous other anti-life actions (see pages 2 and 10). More pro-abortion victories in 2024 could lead to the enshrining of unlimited abortion in the state Constitution. Already,

abortions are increasing significantly in Minnesota, and abortion advocates aim to establish our state as an abortion haven for years to come.

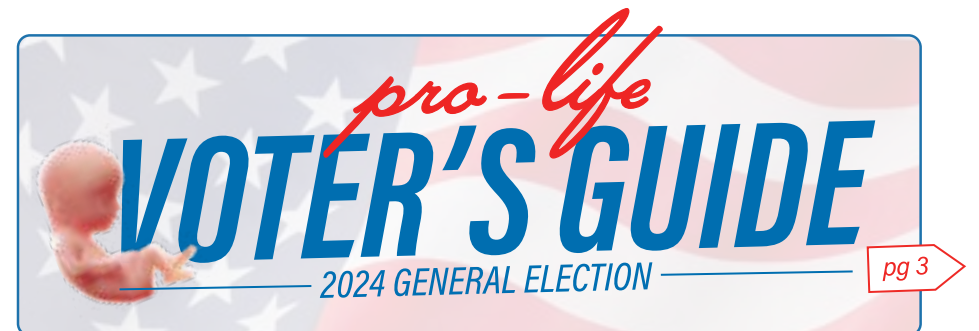
Nov. 5 is a chance to turn the tide. **It's a chance to elect pro-life lawmakers who will begin to move Minnesota back toward life—so that unborn babies and vulnerable patients are protected and pregnant mothers are supported and loved.**

### Lives are on the line

The Voter's Guide contained in this issue includes responses to MCCL's pro-life questionnaire from candidates for Minnesota

House and Senate, as well as U.S. House and Senate. **Please review where the candidates stand on the right to life, share the information with others, and vote on or before Nov. 5.** Don't skip any of these three critical steps: Review, share, and vote.

On Election Day, lives are on the line! **MCCL**



## MCCL launches new ad focused on loving mother and child

**IN EARLY** August, MCCL launched a major TV and digital advertisement in the Twin Cities and other areas throughout Minnesota. **The ad emphasizes the importance of serving both mother and child and urges viewers to use discernment when watching abortion ads that don't mention both.**

The new ad features a local family practice physician and spotlights the work of the 80+ pregnancy resource centers across the state. "As a doctor, I know abortion gravely affects two lives," the physician says in the ad. "Minnesotans want compassionate solutions for both the real challenges a woman faces and for her baby. So when ads only mention one or the other, ask yourself: Who are they leaving out, and why?"

**"The reality is that every pregnancy involves two human beings. And they both matter,"** commented

**MCCL Co-Executive Director Cathy Blaeser.**

"Pregnancy resource centers recognize and care for both of them, before and after birth. This new ad offers a better way forward for the conversation surrounding abortion—one that most Minnesotans can agree with."

**In conjunction with the ad, MCCL also launched new billboards in the Twin Cities (at 22 different locations) directing viewers to a webpage at [WhoAreTheyLeavingOut.com](http://WhoAreTheyLeavingOut.com).**

The webpage draws attention to vulnerable human beings who have been left out by recent actions of Minnesota lawmakers—including unborn babies, newborn babies, pregnant women, and nursing home patients (see page 10). **MCCL**

## MCCL'S NEW TV AD!



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



## We're working to rebuild a pro-life Minnesota—on Nov. 5 and beyond

BY SCOTT FISCHBACH

**TO UNDERSTAND** the pivotal importance of this election in Minnesota, just think back to the last one.

In 2022, voters elected a pro-abortion governor and narrow pro-abortion majorities in both the Minnesota House and Senate. **Those lawmakers and Gov. Tim Walz then quickly proceeded to enact abortion-up-to-birth and to repeal many commonsense pro-life laws**, like Positive Alternatives (which supported pregnant women in need) and even lifesaving care for born-alive infants (see page 10). Minnesota's abortion policy is now as extreme as any in the world.

**All that devastation came from one election.** Elections have consequences. And bad elections have heartbreaking and horrifying ones.

### The stakes in this election

But abortion advocates want to go even further. They want to permanently enshrine unlimited abortion in our state Constitution—so that future lawmakers won't be able to restore protection for unborn babies (even viable babies late in pregnancy!). MCCL and pro-lifers across the state helped stop this proposed constitutional amendment earlier this year, but the election of another pro-abortion majority on Nov. 5 could transform Minnesota into a place of unlimited abortion for years or decades to come.

**The question of this election is: Which direction do we go?** Will we make abortion extremism permanent in Minnesota and see abortion numbers continue to rise? Or will we begin to restore protections for unborn children and their mothers?

### MCCL's multi-faceted mission

At MCCL, we're working vigorously to rebuild a pro-life Minnesota. That mission includes

our new Center for a Pro-Life Minnesota, which is reaching out to different communities with a compelling pro-life message and creating a culture of conversation on the issue of abortion. It includes all of our educational events, activities, and programs, like our Life Leadership Camp for young people and our outreach at county fairs across the state. It also includes our new TV ad and billboards urging support for both mother and child (see page 1). **And it includes our work at the Capitol opposing anti-life legislation, supporting pro-life protections, and organizing and rallying pro-life Minnesotans to take action.**

But—for unborn children and other vulnerable members of the human family—so much depends on the election in November. Here's what you can do.

### Share election information with others

First, use this Voter's Guide to learn where candidates stand on life, and share that information with others (you can also find shareable materials on our website at [mccl.org/election](http://mccl.org/election)). **The presidential race gets most of the media attention, but in Minnesota we have crucial races for Minnesota House and one special election for a seat in the Minnesota Senate.** Many of those races are expected to be extremely close, and they will help shape Minnesota's policies on life going forward. We also have federal races for U.S. House and Senate that will influence life-related legislation in Washington and could have sweeping implications.

Second, vote on or before Nov. 5, and strongly urge every pro-lifer you know to do the same. See page 5 or visit [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) for more information about voting (including how to vote early).

Third, connect with MCCL to stay up-to-date with important pro-life news, events, ways to help save lives, and more. Follow us on social media (see below) and share our content with others, and please sign up for our emails if you haven't already (just visit [mccl.org/email](http://mccl.org/email)).

### Partner with us

Finally, consider contributing to MCCL's work to rebuild a pro-life Minnesota (see page 11). We can't do any of what we do without faithful pro-life Minnesotans like you. You make it all possible. And make no mistake: Our efforts together have made a difference. Yet the challenge we now face in Minnesota is enormous, and we all have a role to play.

Thank you for partnering with us to impact our state in defense of the most vulnerable. **Now go out and vote pro-life!** **MCCL**



*Every election year since 1972, MCCL has polled those seeking to represent Minnesotans in public office on their views regarding right-to-life issues. The survey is an effort to help inform citizens so they may better participate in the democratic process by basing judgments on factual information about candidates' stands. The survey results are presented in this Voter's Guide. Candidates were told that space would not allow printing of comments; all comments are kept on file at the MCCL office.*

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 3. To inform the public on abortion and related subjects.  
 4. To foster high standards of medical care in the state of Minnesota.  
 5. To promote and encourage assistance in the care and rearing of children with birth defects.  
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# MN STATE CANDIDATES ANSWER PRO-LIFE SURVEY



Candidates for the Minnesota House of Representatives and Senate were asked the following questions. A short explanation precedes each question. Use the response key on page 5 to interpret the chart.

## PRO-LIFE LAWS

Minnesota law (HF1, SF1 in 2023) allows for unlimited abortion up to birth, and for any reason, a policy so extreme it is only found in 7 other states and in 8 nations world-wide.

1. Will you vote for legislation to expand the number of unborn children whose lives are protected by law, as long as the mother's life is also protected?

## CENTER FUNDING

The legislature in 2023 eliminated the Positive Alternatives Act, a law that gave state grants to qualifying pregnancy resource centers that help mothers, pregnant women and born and unborn children with support services that help women choose life over abortion.

2. Will you vote to return state funding to exclusively life-affirming pregnancy resource centers?

## END-OF-LIFE PROTECTIONS

MCCL has worked with elected officials to protect vulnerable Minnesotans and those who are nearing the end of their lives. Many protective laws have been passed including a prohibition on assisting suicide or assisting an attempted suicide (MN Statute 609.215), and a provision requiring health care providers to "take all reasonable steps" to comply with requests for nutrition, hydration, or health care that "has a significant possibility of sustaining" a patient's life and allowing for transfer of such patients to receive care

## STATE HOUSE ANSWERS

Table with 13 columns: District, Candidate, Party, 1-10, V1, V2. Rows include candidates like John Burkel, James Sceville, Mike Christopherson, Steve Gander, Bidal Duran Jr., and Reed Olson.

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## HEALTHCARE RATIONING

MCCL respects the right of patients and/or their proxies to make medical decisions. Additionally, MCCL is opposed to any efforts that seek to force medical decisions on others which are based on quality-of-life criteria.

7. Will you oppose efforts that replace the patient (or proxy) with government standards in regard to medical decision-making, resulting in rationing of care?

## FREE SPEECH RIGHTS

As a grassroots advocacy organization committed to working within the legislative and judicial processes, MCCL has an interest in issues that affect elections. We are strongly committed to maintaining free-speech rights to maximize our ability to communicate with our members and the public without restrictive administrative burdens, and we support fair, secure elections between competing candidates.

8. Do you share MCCL's commitment to maintaining free-speech rights for non-profits and PACs and to insisting on fair, secure elections between competing candidates?

## DENIAL OF LIFESAVING CARE

Legislation passed in 2023 (SF2995) allows newborn babies to be left to die without medical treatment to save their lives if the baby survived an attempted abortion.

9. Will you support legislation to protect the lives of children born alive after an attempted abortion?

Parents of newborn babies born with a disability are sometimes pressured to leave their child to die without medical treatment that might save the baby's life.

10. Will you support legislation that would protect parents from undue pressure by medical personnel or others to deny their children medical treatment that the parents want to save their baby's life and health?

elsewhere if the provider is unwilling to provide the care (MN Statute 145C.15).

3. Will you vote to maintain the MCCL-supported laws cited above?

## TAX-FUNDED ABORTION

Even many who support abortion are opposed to taxpayer funding of abortion.

4. Will you vote to limit and/or prohibit taxpayer funding of abortion in Minnesota?

## LIFE-DESTROYING RESEARCH

Biological-related technologies have been advancing rapidly in recent years. While most of these developments offer great promise, some require that another human life at an early stage of development be harmed or killed (e.g., embryonic stem cell research, human cloning).

5. Do you believe that the state should provide protections for nascent humans against biological research and technologies that threaten their lives?

## ASSISTING SUICIDE

Legislation was introduced to legalize assisted suicide (H.F. 1930, S.F. 1813) for certain individuals.

6. Will you vote against any attempts to legalize assisted suicide in Minnesota?

## STATE HOUSE ANSWERS (cont.)

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STATE SENATE ANSWERS (SPECIAL ELECTION)

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# WHO ARE THEY LEAVING OUT ... AND WHY?

Here are some of the extreme anti-life policies recently enacted in Minnesota

MCCL has launched a new TV ad (see page 1), billboard, and website asking the question, "Who are they leaving out ... and why?" The webpage shows how Minnesota lawmakers are excluding vulnerable members of the human family. Some of this information is provided below. For more, and to see which lawmakers have voted for these extreme policies, visit [WhoAreTheyLeavingOut.com](http://WhoAreTheyLeavingOut.com).

## Pregnant women

In 2023, the Minnesota legislature and Gov. Walz eliminated the Positive Alternatives program, which provided grants to support pregnant women and new mothers who need help and practical assistance. In addition, lawmakers and Walz repealed the Woman's Right to Know informed consent law, which ensured that women receive basic factual information prior to undergoing abortion. They also repealed the requirement that only physicians perform abortion procedures. Now, without these longstanding laws, pregnant women are less supported, less empowered, and less protected.

## Viable unborn babies

The Minnesota legislature and Gov. Walz enacted the PRO Act (HF 1), which created in state statute a "fundamental right" to abortion without any limits. Lawmakers and Walz also repealed a 1974 law that had previously limited abortion after viability (SF 2995). As a result of these changes, abortion is legal for any reason (not just health reasons) and at any time throughout pregnancy—including late in pregnancy when unborn children can feel pain.

## Newborns

Minnesota law now allows newborns to be set aside to die. Previously, the law guaranteed medically appropriate lifesaving treatment for infants who survive abortion. In 2023, though, the legislature and Gov. Tim Walz repealed the requirement that "reasonable measures consistent with good medical practice" be taken "to preserve the life and health of the born alive infant." They replaced the requirement for lifesaving measures with a requirement for only "care" (which the bill's author described as "comfort" care throughout committee discussions and floor debate). Moreover, the new law (SF 2995) no longer applies specifically to babies who survive abortion, but rather to all babies who are born alive. Under the new language, then,

any viable infant could be denied lifesaving care and allowed to die. Babies born with disabilities, whose lives are often devalued, are especially at risk.

Lawmakers and Walz went even further by repealing the requirement that practitioners of abortion report cases of born-alive infants and the measures taken to care for them (five born-alive infants were reported in 2021, for example). Now, Minnesotans won't know when babies are born alive and left to die.

## Parents and minor girls

Because of a 2022 court ruling, Minnesota no longer requires that parents even be notified prior to an abortion on a minor girl. Some lawmakers have gone further by seeking to erase Minnesota's parental notification law from the books and deny parents their right to know. But parental involvement helps support minors and protect girls caught in human trafficking (traffickers often use abortion to hide their victims). Girls are harmed when parents are taken out of the equation.

## Nursing home patients

Nursing homes are consistently underfunded, leaving vulnerable patients too often without necessary care. In 2023, Minnesota House members voted against considering a measure to provide nursing homes with the funding they need. (HF 733)

## Minnesota voters

In 2023, lawmakers and Walz repealed numerous parts of Minnesota's longstanding abortion reporting law (SF 2995). Now, the public will not know about complications women suffer, babies who survive abortion, and more. The new law also delays the reporting date so that Minnesotans won't learn the latest abortion numbers—which will show the effect of the recent legal changes—until late in the year (after the 2024 election). Minnesota lawmakers are hiding important information and keeping Minnesota voters in the dark. **MCCL**



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## Help MCCL rebuild a pro-life Minnesota

With increasing abortions and extreme abortion-up-to-birth laws, pro-lifers face real challenges in Minnesota. **This year's election is pivotal for the cause of life, but it's one part of a much larger effort to rebuild a pro-life Minnesota.**

We invite you to join with MCCL in our work today. Any small donation is all that is necessary for membership and a free subscription to MCCL NEWS, which will keep you up-to-date with the latest pro-life news and MCCL events.

If you received an envelope with this Voter's Guide, please use it to send a donation today with the coupon on the left. **You may also donate online through our secure website at [mccl.org/donate](http://mccl.org/donate), or call MCCL at 612-825-6831 and donate with a credit card.**

Thank you for joining this work to defend the lives of those who need us!

## Tim Walz's record on life: Elderly, newborns, and others pay the price for absolutism and neglect

**TIM WALZ**, Kamala Harris' choice as running mate, brings to the presidential race a long track record of abortion-up-to-birth extremism, opposition to protection for vulnerable newborns, and policies that harm elderly and disabled patients.

"Tim Walz isn't like your favorite grandpa," said Cathy Blaeser, co-executive director of MCCL. "He's a threat to your grandpa—and to unborn and newborn children, too. **He's a strident ideologue, an abortion absolutist, and an ominous sign of what a Harris administration would portend.**"

### Threats during Covid

As governor during the pandemic, Walz persistently allowed the transfer of Covid-infected patients back into long-term care centers, even centers with known infection-control problems, despite the risks to the most vulnerable patients. Walz's administration also gave nearly \$100,000 of Covid relief money to a non-profit specializing in "abortion doulas," and it temporarily suspended all elective medical procedures (to conserve resources and reduce transmission of the virus)—but made a conspicuous exception for elective abortion.

Later, Walz—who has described his record as "so pro-choice Nancy Pelosi asked me if I should tone it down"—signed into law the PRO Act to establish a "fundamental right" to abortion for any reason and at any time during pregnancy. He then signed a bill repealing numerous longstanding and commonsense abortion policies, including informed consent for women and Minnesota's

Positive Alternatives program that had supported pregnant women and new mothers.

### No lifesaving care for infants

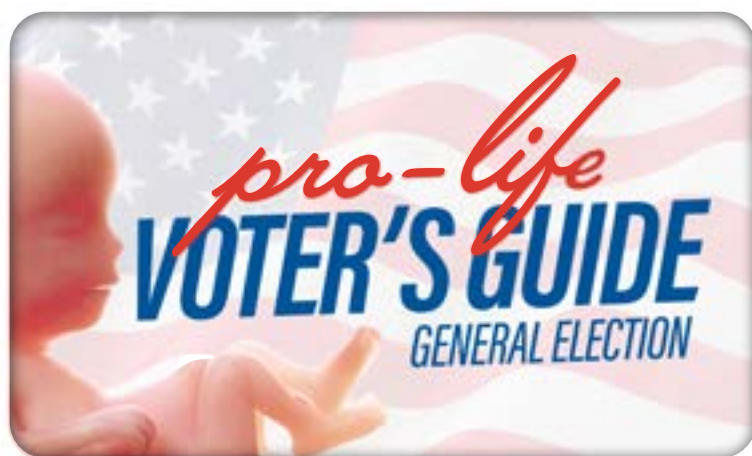
Walz also repealed Minnesota's requirement that reasonable measures be taken to "preserve the life and health" of born-alive infants, replacing it with a requirement for "care," which the bill's author described as just "comfort" care. **Under the new language, an infant could be denied lifesaving treatment and allowed to die.**

In recent years, five born-alive abortion survivors were reported in 2015, five in 2016, three in 2017, three in 2018, three in 2019, and five in 2021, according to the Minnesota Department of Health. This information, however, will no longer be available; Walz repealed the requirement that practitioners of abortion report cases of born-alive infants and the measures taken to care for them.

### Making Minnesota an abortion haven

"Abortions in Minnesota are increasing sharply under Gov. Walz," said Blaeser. "He even recently visited an abortion facility with Kamala Harris to promote the center's work. **All throughout his time in government, Walz has shown his commitment to making our state and our nation a haven for unlimited abortion. Women and children deserve better.**"

When Walz served in Congress, he repeatedly voted in favor of taxpayer funding of abortion and repeatedly voted against protecting unborn children later in pregnancy when they can feel pain. He co-sponsored legislation that would invalidate nearly all state and federal limits on abortion. And he voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would ensure that newborn babies who survive abortion be treated with the same degree of care as other babies born at the same age (so that they are not neglected, abandoned, or killed). **MCCL**



*Inside: Find where the candidates stand on life*



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