

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narrow majorities in the Minnesota House and Senate in 2022, pro-abortion lawmakers passed abortion-up-to-birth, repealed protection for born-alive infants, and took numerous other anti-life actions (see pages 2 and 10).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.

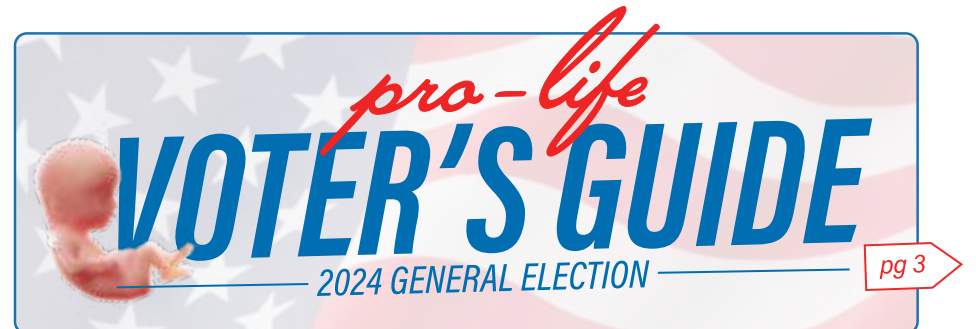
Nov. 5 is a chance to turn the tide. **It's a chance to elect pro-life lawmakers who will begin to move Minnesota back toward life—so that unborn babies and vulnerable patients are protected and pregnant mothers are supported and loved.**

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.

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). **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 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).

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**



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2. To foster and increase protection of the right to life of mother and child.
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.
6. To promote enlightened care and assistance to mother and child in crisis pregnancies.
7. To cause to be published and to distribute treatises, articles, addresses, reports and other publications on any or all subjects related to those above.

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VOTER'S GUIDE

MINNESOTA CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR LIFE

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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CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES ANSWER PRO-LIFE SURVEY

Candidates for the U.S. 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.

ABORTION POLICIES

With the 2022 landmark ruling in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court* decision that overruled *Roe v. Wade*, the Court held that "the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives." The role of Congress regarding abortion can now include a broader scope of possibilities.

- 1. As an elected representative, do you recognize a Federal role in protecting unborn children?**
- 2. Would you vote against any legislation that would weaken any pro-life law or policy that is in effect on the day that you are elected?**
- 3. Would you vote against any federal legislation that would place new limits on the ability of states to regulate abortion—for example, the so-called "Women's Health Protection Act" (S. 1975/H.R. 3755 in the 117th Congress), sometimes referred to by critics as the "Abortion Without Limits Until Birth Act," which is a successor to the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act"?**

BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (S. 204/H.R. 26) would enact an explicit requirement that a baby born alive during an abortion must be afforded "the same degree" of care that would apply "to any other child born alive at the same gestational age," including transportation to a hospital. In addition, the bill applies the existing penalties of 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1111 (the federal murder statute) to anyone who performs "an overt act that kills a child born alive."

The bill also empowers women with a right to sue their abortionists and others for harm caused by violations of the act.

- 4. Would you vote for the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to protect babies born alive in an attempted abortion?**

CHEMICAL ABORTION DRUGS

Perhaps nothing has altered America's abortion landscape as much as chemical abortions. It has changed the public's image and women's perceptions of abortion, as well as the way they are performed.

Loosened government regulations on their distribution, coupled with telemedicine, has made chemical abortions easier to get, more widespread, and harder to track. Currently, about 53% of recorded abortions are chemical abortions. Not only do a percentage of abortions go unreported, but current reporting fails to gather data on failed chemical abortions, complications, and deaths prompted by these deadly drugs. This will especially be the case if patients do not reveal their use of these chemical abortions to doctors at the emergency room when they seek treatment for incomplete abortions, infections, ruptured ectopic pregnancies, or uncontrolled bleeding.

- 5. Would you vote for chemical abortion legislation related to restricting its use, supporting the collecting and reporting of data on complications, or increasing safeguards for women?**

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES FOR ABORTION

Congress votes from time to time on the "Hyde Amendment," a law that prohibits federal Medicaid money from being used to pay for abortions or for health care plans that include abortion, except to save the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest.

Other similar provisions restrict federal subsidies for abortion in certain other federal health programs, including those covering the military and federal employees, but, regrettably, not major components of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 ("ObamaCare").

- 6. Would you oppose any legislation that would weaken the Hyde Amendment or other current laws that restrict federal subsidies for abortion; and would you support measures to ensure the fullest possible enforcement of such laws and applications, wherever appropriate, of their underlying principles?**

CONSCIENCE PROTECTION

For many years, pro-abortion officials and advocacy groups have sought to use the compulsory powers of government to compel health care providers to participate in abortion. The Obama Administration broadened the assault on conscience rights by issuing "ObamaCare" regulations that require employers

(including religious schools and hospitals) to provide health coverage that will provide drugs and procedures to which the employers have religious or moral objections. In response, pro-life members of Congress have proposed the Conscience Protection Act (S. 401 in the 117th Congress), which would greatly strengthen the rights of private individuals and employers to refuse to participate in abortion or other procedures that violate their deeply held beliefs.

Among other things, the bill would prohibit any government agency—federal, state, or local—from penalizing health care providers for refusing to participate in providing abortions and would allow health care providers to sue when subjected to such attacks from government entities.

- 7. Would you vote for legislation, such as the Conscience Protection Act, to protect the conscience rights of pro-life health care providers and others, and advocate for vigorous enforcement of existing laws to protect conscience rights?**

RATIONING IN HEALTH CARE

Single-payer health care, similar to what is being proposed in many of the Medicare for All proposals, would eliminate privately-funded health plans, will lead to government price setting, and will lessen access to healthcare.

- 8. Would you oppose any Medicare for All plan that did not allow the option of private health insurance (both individual or employer sponsored) as an alternative?**

Use of the Quality-Adjusted Life Year (QALY) or similar metrics in health coverage has been banned in several places in Federal Law (including the Affordable Care Act). QALYs are an inherently discriminatory system of rationing used to assess a person's anticipated lifespan and whether treatment will be "cost effective." QALYs apply a score to a person's health and penalize a person who has a disability. QALYs and similar metrics are being used by some health care systems and payers to determine whether a patient who is judged—by others—to have a "diminished quality of life" should receive health care coverage.

- 9. Would you support legislation to prohibit the use of quality-adjusted life years and similar measures in coverage and payment determinations under all Federal health care programs?**

ASSISTING SUICIDE

Nine states and the District of Columbia have adopted laws affirmatively legalizing prescription of lethal drugs to assist suicide in certain cases.

- 10. Would you oppose the Federal legalization of assisting suicide through lethal prescription?**

STATE HOUSE ANSWERS (cont.)

District	Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	V1	V2
50B	Bob Gust	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
	Steve Elkins	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
51A	Michael Howard	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Jeffrey Thompson	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
51B	Lion Dale Johnson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	NR	Y	Y	NR	Y		
	Nathan Coulter	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
52A	Liz Reyer	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Diane Anderson	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
52B	Douglas Willetts	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
	Bianca Virnig	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
53A	Mary Frances Clardy	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Nathan Herschbach	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
53B	Aaron M. Brooksby	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Rick Hansen	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
54A	Brad Tabke	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Aaron Paul	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
54B	Ben Bakeberg	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	+
	Jean Lee	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
55A	Jessica Hanson	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Gabriela Kroetch	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
55B	Van Holston	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Kaela Berg	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
56A	Robert Bierman	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Angela Zorn	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
56B	Angeline Anderson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	John Huot	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
57A	Veda Kanitz	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
	Jon Koznick	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	+
57B	Jeff Witte	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	+	+
	Brian Cohn	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
58A	Kristi Pursell	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Rita Hillmann Olson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
58B	Drew Roach	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
	Ian English	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
59A	Fue Lee	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Kenneth Smoron	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
59B	Esther Agbaje	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Sydney Jordan	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
60A	Mary Holmberg	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Abigail Wolters	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
60B	Mohamud Noor	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Katie Jones	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
61A	Toya Lopez	GR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
	Bob "Again" Carney Jr	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
61B	Jamie Long	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Aisha Gomez	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
62A	Alexandra (ZaZa) Hoffman Novick	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		

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62B	Bob Sullentrop	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Anquam Mahamoud	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
63A	Samantha Sencer—Mura	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
63B	Diane Napper	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
	Emma Greenman	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
64A	Kaohly Vang Her	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Dan Walsh	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
64B	Peter Donahue	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
	Dave Pinto	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
65A	Samakab Hussein	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
65B	Mike Hilborn	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
	Maria Isa Perez—Vega	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
66A	Leigh Finke	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Fadil Jama	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
66B	Greg Copeland	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Athena Hollins	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
67A	Liz Lee	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-
	Scott Hesselgrave	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
67B	Sharon Anderson	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
	Jay Xiong	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	-	-

STATE SENATE ANSWERS (SPECIAL ELECTION)

District	Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
45	Kathleen Fowke	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Ann Johnson Stewart	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Don't forget!
ELECTION DAY IS
NOVEMBER 5



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.

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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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.**

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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

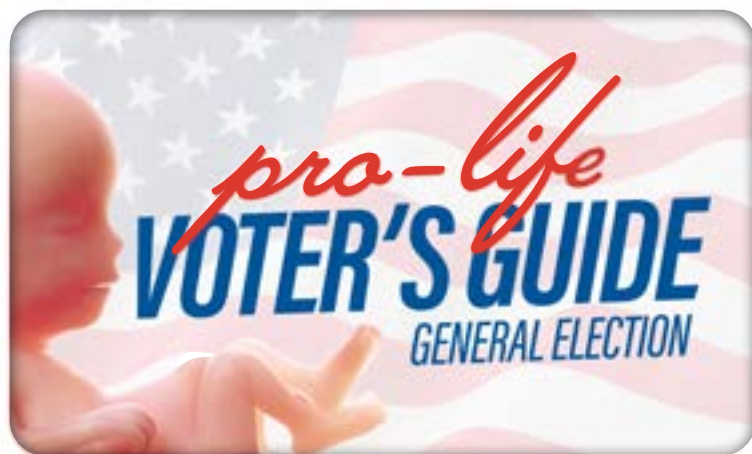
Walz also repealed Minnesota's requirement that reasonable measures be taken to "preserve the life and health" of born-alive infants, replacing it with a requirement for "care," which the bill's author described as just "comfort" care. **Under the new language, an infant could be denied lifesaving treatment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



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Learn where the candidates stand on life and share this Voter's Guide with others (it is also available online at mccl.org/election).

Vote on or before Nov. 5, and strongly urge other pro-lifers to do the same.

Encourage others to view MCCL's new TV ad and webpage (WhoAreTheyLeavingOut.com) (see page 1).

Contribute to MCCL's efforts to rebuild a pro-life Minnesota (see page 11).

Connect with MCCL on social media and share our posts and resources (see page 2).

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