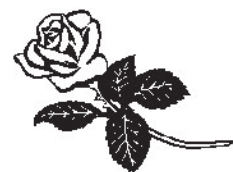




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“Abortion May Be Legal, But It Is Still Morally Wrong!”

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Daviess-Pike, Martin County Right to Life Announce Speaker for Right to Life Banquet on October 1

Daviess-Pike and Martin County Right to Life groups have announced that Lucas Miles, a board member of Turning Point USA, will be the speaker at the Right to Life Banquet on Thursday October 1, 6:30 PM at the Simon J. Graber Building off the Odon/Cannelburg Road south of Odon. Ticket sales will begin in August of this year and will be \$30 for adults and \$15 for high school and college students.

The speaker for this year's Banquet is **Lucas Miles who is the Senior Director of Turning Point USA Faith** and a passionate pro-life advocate, recognized as one of the leading pro-life speakers in America.



He is a trusted voice in the American church, consistently engaging with pressing issues surrounding theology, politics, and culture.

As the host of Church & State with Lucas Miles, which earned Program of the Year honors from the National Religious Broadcasters in 2023, Lucas shines a light on critical conversations that im-

impact both faith and society. With articles syndicated across major political and religious outlets like Newsmax, Fox News, and The Christian Post, Lucas has become a key figure in defending the sanctity of life. His pro-life stance is rooted in a deep respect for all human life, and he uses his platform as one of the influential life speakers to challenge cultural norms that undermine the value of the unborn.

Lucas is the author of several impactful books, including *Woke Jesus: The False Messiah Destroying Christianity* and *The Christian Left: How Liberal Thought Has Hijacked the Church*. He is currently preparing to release *The Pagan Threat: Confronting America's Godless Uprising*, continuing his commitment to exposing threats to Christian values in contemporary society.

An ordained minister since 2004, Miles is the lead pastor of Nfluence Church in Granger, Indiana, the president of The Nfluence Network, and the Senior Director of Turning Point USA Faith, having served under Charlie Kirk.

Banquet ticket sales are under way and you can call 812-486-3658. The price for adults is \$30 and \$15 for high school and college students.

Attention Pastors/Clergy

If pastors/clergy do not speak on the evil of abortion, how do they think the members sitting in the pews of their church will know that abortion is wrong! Don't be hoodwinked into believing that speaking on abortion is political; **it is not political, it is a matter of life and death.**

The pro-abortion media and liberal press are doing their best to promote abortion and silence anyone who speaks up for Life. So, it is past time for the clergy to step up and help in this battle. We need your voice for the unborn. God is watching.

New Study Highlights the Dangers of Chemical Abortion

By Bradley Mattes, Life Issues Institute

The abortion industry and its advocates, including two past presidents, have tried to hide the truth about chemical abortion pills. Working with the Obama administration, in 2015 the FDA no longer required abortionists or others dispensing abortion pills to report any complication, minor or major. The FDA is interested only if the woman dies.

The FDA states on the label of mifepristone (the abortion pill) that only 0.5 percent of women experienced serious adverse reactions. This is based on 10 clinical trials that are over a decade old, involving only 30,966 women.

President Biden jettisoned critical FDA safeguards for women who take chemical abortion pills.

This effectively shielded Danco, the maker of the death drug and the FDA from criticism regarding the drug's true impact on women.

Until now.

New research reveals that **over one in ten women who use chemical abortion pills will experience a serious adverse event.** Such as:

- Sepsis, Infection, Hemorrhaging, Transfusion, Hospitalization, ER Visit.
- Ectopic Pregnancy. Other life-threatening adverse events. Required surgical abortion.

What do they base these findings on?

Analysts from the Ethics and Public Policy Center studied actual insurance claims of 865,727 women who used chemical abortion between 2017 and 2023. **This is the most comprehensive analysis of the safety of chemical abortion in the nation.** The results are stunning but not surprising to those who have been fighting for the welfare of women who take these dangerous drugs.

Women are at least 22 times more likely to experience serious complications of chemical abortion pills than the FDA's label claims.

The research shows that these **chemical coat hangers** are dangerous for women and kill their unborn babies.

The analysts recommend:

- Require three in-person office visits
- Prescribed only by physicians
- Administered only in an abortion facility, medical office, or hospital
- Assess the gestational age of the baby and rule out ectopic pregnancies
- Physicians must have the skillset to do a surgical abortion when parts of the baby or placenta are left behind – a common complication
- Equipped to provide blood transfusions and resuscitation
- Report all serious complications to the FDA
- Used only during the first seven weeks of pregnancy

These findings should embolden HHS Secretary Robert F Kennedy, Jr. and President Trump to thoroughly investigate the dangers chemical abortion pills present to women and take immediate appropriate action to protect their health and lives.

Pro-Life Americans Must Tell Congress to Defund Planned Parenthood Again

By Frank Pavone, Washington, DC

Planned Parenthood is still working to raise funds after losing hundreds of millions of dollars in Medicaid reimbursement, thanks to the One Big Beautiful Bill President Trump signed last July 4. Fifty-one Planned Parenthood "health centers" in 18 states closed as a result of the Trump-Republican-pro-life effort, and the nation's number one abortion seller is warning that another 150 could close.

But beyond praying for the day Planned Parenthood will close its last killing center, we need to remind our U.S. senators and members of the House of Representatives that they need to pass a new budget resolution that will continue protecting our tax dollars from funding abortion.

One thing Americans are united about is that we don't want our tax dollars paying for abortion, and Congress needs to know that is still our priority. Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley last week introduced an amendment to the ongoing budget resolution that would have blocked funding for another year. The Democrats and two fake Republicans – Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska – killed the amendment before it even came up for a vote.

That is unacceptable. Together, we can do this!

And please pass this along to those who may be interested in helping!



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Republicans Discuss Potential 4th Reconciliation Bill to Defund Planned Parenthood

By Steven Ertelt

House Speaker Mike Johnson is advancing plans for a potential fourth budget reconciliation package that could block Medicaid reimbursements to Planned Parenthood, after a one-year restriction expired earlier this month and taxpayer funds began flowing again to the nation's largest abortion business.

The temporary ban, enacted in the 2025 One Big Beautiful Bill Act, prohibited Planned Parenthood clinics from receiving federal Medicaid payments.

It lapsed around July 4–5, 2026, restoring an estimated hundreds of millions of dollars in annual reimbursements. Pro-life advocates had pushed for a longer or permanent prohibition, but Senate rules limited the measure to one year.

Leading pro-life groups were unable to extend the restriction in subsequent reconciliation efforts because Republicans focused on immigration and other priorities.

On July 22, the House narrowly approved a \$95 billion budget resolution framework for reconciliation 3.0 by a 216–214 vote. That package directs funding toward national defense, agricultural aid, and election-integrity incentives but omits any renewal of the Planned Parenthood funding ban.

Johnson, Majority Leader Steve Scalise, and Budget Committee Chairman Jodey Arrington have indicated that a fourth reconciliation bill remains under discussion to address priorities left out of the third package, including defunding Planned Parenthood. While some pro-life lawmakers see it as a realistic vehicle, budget experts note procedural challenges under Senate rules that generally limit reconciliation opportunities per budget cycle. No fourth bill has yet been formally introduced.

Troy Newman, president of Operation Rescue and co-founder of the Center for Medical Progress, issued a strong statement of frustration and a call to action:

"I remain outraged – and I know you do too," saying that



Republicans in Congress "continue to refuse to defund Planned Parenthood in the reconciliation bill or any meaningful legislation. The temporary ban has lapsed, and taxpayer blood money is pouring back into the abortion industry once more."

"There is still time to pressure Congress to take away blood money from Planned Parenthood before it's too late. Call Congress right away at (202) 224-3121. Urge your Senators and Representative: Remove all taxpayer funding from Planned Parenthood in the reconciliation bill immediately! End the slaughter funded by our taxes while foreign wars get blank checks. Stand for life!"

Pro-life groups continue pressing Republican leadership to prioritize a lasting cutoff of taxpayer support for Planned Parenthood, arguing that the temporary measure already demonstrated the impact of restricting funds and that further delay allows the organization to resume receiving public dollars while performing hundreds of thousands of abortions annually. Any fourth reconciliation effort would still need to clear both the House and Senate.

If You Vote for Candidates who Support Abortion, then You are Supporting Abortion!

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

We have found that some people who believe abortion is wrong still go to the polls on election day and vote for candidates for public office who are 100% pro-abortion. These candidates, when they get into office, work to push abortion up to the time of birth. We have found that nearly all Democrats running for office on the state and national level are 100% pro-abortion and support abortion up to the time of birth. **It is safe to say that voting for Democrats on the state and national level will result in more abortion.**

So, if you say you are pro-life and do not believe in abortion, please don't go to the polls on election day and vote for these candidates who plan to push abortion up to the time of

birth.

Please note that one political party and their candidates are pushing abortion up until the time of birth while the other political party does not. This should help to make your decision much easier if you respect the right to life for all. ***Remember, that if you vote for candidates who support abortion, you are supporting abortion!***

We ask you to defend the lives of the unborn with your vote. So, Please vote Pro-Life.

**"WITHOUT A GUARANTEED RIGHT TO LIFE,
ALL OTHER RIGHTS ARE LEGAL FICTIONS."**

**PLEASE REMEMBER: NO OTHER LIFE ISSUE IS MORE
IMPORTANT THAN THE ISSUE OF ABORTION.
THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE!
SO PLEASE, ALWAYS VOTE PRO-LIFE!**

Key Fall Election Races Are Set *By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.*

The races for U.S. Congress, State Senate and State Representative are set now set for the fall elections in our area after the results from the spring primary. The races for state offices, secretary of state, state treasurer and state auditor will be decided at the State Convention for both Democrat and Republican parties sometime in June. Here are the results from the spring primary and the Democrat and Republican Conventions.

Secretary of State of Indiana

Max Engling will be the Republican nominee and Beau Bayh will be the Democrat in this race. It is rumored that if Bayh wins, he will then run for Governor like his dad, Evan, did years ago.

Treasurer for State of Indiana,

Daniel Elliott will be the Republican nominee and Coumba Kebe will be the Democrat in this race.

State Comptroller (Auditor for State of Indiana)

Elise Nieshalla will be the Republican nominee and Jessica Bailey will be the Democrat in this race.

U.S. Congress 8th District

Pro-life Mark Messmer was unopposed in the spring primary and will face Mary Allen in the fall election. Allen was the win-

ner of the Democrat Primary but did not respond to the Questionnaire from Ind. RTL PAC.

State Senate District 39

Former State Representative Jeff Ellington was the winner over Kristi Risk and Tanner Bouchie and will face Democrat Joe Yochum in the fall election. All three Republicans were pro-life in the Spring Primary but Democrat Joseph Baughman did not respond to the survey and his views are not known.

State Senate District 48

Incumbent pro-life State Senator Daryl Schmitt will be running against Bradley (Brad) Hochgesang. Senator Daryl Schmitt has a pro-life voting record while Hochgesang did not respond to the survey and views are unknown.

State Representative District 45

Kellie Streeter was the winner in the spring primary and will face Rebecca Dawn Mayfield in the general election.

State Representative District 63

Amy Kippenbrock was the winner of the Republican primary and will face Tiffanie Arthur in the fall election. Kippenbrock was the winner and Kippenbrock was endorsed by the Indiana RTLPAC in the spring primary. Arthur did not respond to the questionnaire from IRTLPAC and views are unknown.

Pro-Life Awards to Be Presented at Right to Life Banquet in October *By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.*

The pro-life award winners for 2026 have been released and for the first time it will be three former members of the Daviess County Right to Life board that passed away in 2025-2026.

The first two recipients are sisters Mary Jean "Murphy" Bassler and Sharon "Murphy" Herring.

Mary Jean Bassler passed away in January of 2026 and Sharon Herring passed away in December of 2025. The third recipient is Phyllis Daily who passed away in July of 2025. All three of the recipients served on the Right to Life board for many years helping to sell banquet ads and banquet tickets and were available for any duties they were called on to do. We are truly honored to make this special presentation to family members of these three special in-



Mary Bassler (L) and Sharon Herring (R)



Phyllis Daily

dividuals. It is with great sadness that we are presenting these special awards to these fine individuals after they have departed this world. We say: "Well done, good and faithful servants."

Transgender Activists Are Losing the Fight Over Boys Playing in Girls' Sports

From LifeSiteNews

There are few policy positions Americans agree on more wholeheartedly than keeping trans-identifying males out of female sports. According to Gallup, 90 percent of Republicans agree with this sentiment, 72 percent of independents, and 69 percent of U.S. adults overall. A *New York Times*/Ipsos poll put support even higher, at nearly 80 percent and a whopping 67 percent of Democrats.

The polls have done nothing to decrease trans activist extremism on the issue. If anything, many Democratic politicians are merely doubling down (in part, no doubt, due to the growing number of Democrat pols who identify as LGBT themselves).

But House candidate Christina Bohannon is likely displeased to have her views from several years ago resurface as she tries to flip one of the nation's most competitive congressional seats in Iowa. During a 2021 legislative forum, Bohannon condemned a Republican proposal to bar trans-identifying males from female sports. Bohannon was running for the House; this is her third attempt to unseat Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks.

"(Republicans are) introducing these bills and making these comments to try to make a point," Bohannon stated. "And I think even that is really damaging to people and sends a very bad message about our state that's going to make the state look like a backwater." The following year, GOP Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a ban on biological males in female sports, thus transforming Iowa into Bohannon's "backwater."

Fox News noted that this isn't the first time Bohannon has condemned her state; in fact, she appears to resent Iowa for not resembling California or New York. She claimed that Iowa

would be viewed as "this backwards state that doesn't understand there are things like systemic racism" if the state banned DEI training and public schools and universities (that, too, passed). Bohannon was a prominent supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement.

The 2026 congressional race will be close, and Republicans were delighted at being handed yet another gift by Bohannon. "Liberal Christina Bohannon didn't just vote against protecting girls' sports, she mocked Iowans for standing up for women and girls," said Emily Tuttle, spokeswoman for the National Republican Congressional Committee. "Bohannon has made it clear she's for they/them, not Iowa families."

Trans activist extremism was also on display on Tuesday night when the co-owner of the WNBA team Seattle Storm melted down at two young fans who showed up at Climate Pledge Arena for the home game against Indiana Fever wearing shirts from XX-XY Athletics (a brand that advocates for sex-based categories in sports) and a sign thanking Indiana Fever guard Sophie Cunningham for her stand against males in female sports.

Cunningham caused controversy recently – and garnered praise – by stating that she wants to "protect young girls in a locker room, or young girls in sport who shouldn't have to go against biological men." Asked about the comments by reporters, Cunningham was firm. "I said what I said," she stated. "I think it's kind of common sense. And I think I'll always believe in that. I think it's really important to protect children, and that's little girls who are also involved in that category. I stand on what I said."

Abortion Data Drives Better Decisions for Women and Families

From Right to Life of Indianapolis News Update

In Indiana, we have always relied heavily on abortion data collection, Termination of Pregnancy Reports, to steer our efforts toward meaningful support for pregnant mothers and effective accountability and enforcement of abortion laws. Termination of Pregnancy Reports (TPRs) contain facility and location data, demographic information, a record of past pregnancies and abortions, type of abortion procedure, and any fetal demographics or medical diagnoses.

It's important to understand what these reports have never included: patient names or any personally identifiable information. TPRs were compiled in full compliance with HIPAA, containing only anonymous demographic and statistical data, never anything that could identify an individual patient. That anonymous data is exactly what allowed us to see where education and resources were most needed across the state, all without compromising anyone's privacy.

Right to Life of Indianapolis processed and documented these findings for years until our partners at Voices for Life took

on this task in 2019. We are very disheartened by the news coming from the Indiana Supreme Court Blocking the Release of State Abortion Records.

"Exposing patients' medical records to the public is as disturbing as it is unlawful," said Stephanie Toti, the executive director of the New York-based Lawyering Project. "We will continue to stand with our clients and their patients to ensure people's private medical information is kept out of the hands of anti-abortion activists."

This framing repeats a false narrative under the guise of compassion, one that undermines our efforts to help Hoosier women and babies. These reports were never a threat to patient privacy. Blocking them will make it significantly harder to identify where limited resources are needed and to hold healthcare professionals to the lawful standards of our state.

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200 Women Whose Babies Were Saved Celebrate Abortion Pill Reversals

By Lisa Bourne, Sacramento, California

After more than 200 women whose children were saved following Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) treatment voiced gratitude for the assistance they received from the Abortion Pill Rescue Network (APRN) – and disagreement with government officials suing to quash speech about APR – markedly more people have joined in to back APR.

More than 200 APR moms signed an open letter conveying public gratitude for the care, information, and hope they received from the APRN just as the first lawsuit over APR to reach trial in the U.S. began in late June. Since that time public show of support for reversal has broadened beyond APR moms and increased tenfold Heartbeat International and RealOptions Obria Medical Clinics, represented by legal non-profit Thomas More Society, are on trial in California defending the right to share information about APR. The case has implications for free speech extending beyond California.

Attorney General Rob Bonta sued in September 2023 to block both organizations from “advertising Abortion Pill Reversal as safe and effective.” Heartbeat manages the Abortion Pill Rescue Network (APRN), a network of nearly 1,500 healthcare professionals, pregnancy centers and hospitals that administer the APR protocol.

Heartbeat is the largest network of pregnancy help organizations in the U.S. and globally, and Real Options has four licensed medical clinics the San Francisco Bay Area that provide comprehensive medical services to both men and women, along with holistic health services, health and healthy relationship education, life-affirming outreach to students, and wide-ranging reproductive loss support.

Bonta accuses the two organizations of false advertising, dismisses APR as medical misinformation, and is seeking nearly \$20 million in penalties. Heartbeat and RealOptions argue that the state’s case is an unprecedented use of consumer protection law to restrict the free flow of medical information and that no woman should be forced to complete an abortion that she no longer wants.

The State of California has conceded that it has received no complaints from California women regarding APR. At press time the total number of moms served by the APRN signing on stood at 226 with 50-plus from California.

Since the 200-plus women signed the open letter, more than 40 who were from California, Heartbeat made a broader open letter of support of the Abortion Pill Rescue Network available and is receiving remarkable response.

Now 350 healthcare providers have signed on to the broader letter, with 45-plus from California.

Additionally, 1,478 people from the general public, including more than 225 from California, have signed the open letter. The letter notes that women contact the APRN voluntarily, and that current efforts to cast sharing information about APR as misconduct are “deeply concerning.”

“In a free society, women should be able to seek second opinions, ask questions, explore alternatives, and make decisions in consultation with healthcare professionals,” the letter

states. “Restricting access to information does not empower women. It limits their choices.”

Of the 200-plus women who signed the open letter voicing thankfulness for the care, information, and hope they received from the APRN, over 90 of these mothers shared photos of their children, underscoring both the moms’ appreciation and the impact of APR.

“We stand together to affirm that women deserve to know all of their options,” the moms’ letter says. “We are grateful for the care we received, and we support the continued availability of Abortion Pill Rescue Network services for women who may one day find themselves in the same position.”

To date, statistics show that more than 8000 lives have been saved thanks to the APRN.

Testimony in the California trial over APR was set to conclude at the end of July.

Democrat Candidates Generally Do Not Support the Pro-Life Viewpoint

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

As we prepare to vote in the fall election we should look seriously at who is running and vote pro-life. It used to be we had a small group of Democrats running for elected office who supported the pro-life viewpoint and would vote for pro-life legislation, but that is not the case anymore. Nearly 100% of Democrats don’t answer the questionnaire sent out by pro-life organizations so we won’t know how they stand on the issue, while other Democrats state 100% they support abortion; and we are finding that many support it up to the time of birth of the child. So, if you are thinking about voting, you need to reflect on how your vote will affect the unborn child.

It is so true that if you vote for a Democrat, no matter what level, you are voting for someone who will push for abortion. The National Democrats are supporting abortion up to the time of birth, so we ask you to vote pro-life at all levels of the election process.

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