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Madison County Right To Life

KENTUCKY REMAINS ABORTION FREE -- FOR NOW

In 2019, an important pro-life law was enacted in the state of Kentucky. This law is commonly known as the Trigger Law. The trigger law states that should the United States Supreme Court reverse Roe v. Wade, thereby restoring to the Commonwealth of Kentucky the authority to prohibit abortion, no person may knowingly perform an abortion on a pregnant woman by either administration of medication or employment of an instrument or procedure. This law did provide an exception to prevent the death or substantial risk of death due to a physical condition, or to prevent the serious, permanent impairment of a life-sustaining organ of a pregnant woman. It is important to note that nothing in this law allows for a pregnant woman to be subject to any criminal conviction or penalty should an abortion be performed upon her in violation of this law. Upon the overturning of Roe v. Wade on June 24, 2022, Kentucky's trigger law became effective.

Nearly immediately following the overturning of Roe v. Wade, the ACLU and Planned Parenthood filed a request for a restraining order in state court to halt the enforcement of the Trigger Law and to allow abortions to continue. This request was granted on July 22, 2022 and abortions were temporarily allowed to proceed. Subsequently, Attorney General Daniel Cameron filed a request for emergency relief with the Kentucky Court of Appeals asking that the Court reinstate his ability to enforce the Trigger Law. The Court of Appeals, at a base level, agreed with Attorney General Cameron that by barring the state's chief law enforcement officer from enforcing duly-enacted state laws, his request met the Kentucky Supreme Court's definition needed to grant emergency relief in this context. An order was entered by the Kentucky Court of Appeals late on August 1, 2022 granting Cameron emergency relief to enforce the Trigger Law.

Currently, abortions remain illegal in the state of Kentucky, except for medical emergencies affecting the life of the mother as described above. As recently as February 16, 2023, the Kentucky Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the Kentucky Court of Appeals granting Attorney General Cameron the ability to enforce the abortion ban provided for though the Trigger Law. However, the Kentucky Supreme Court left the door open to hearing a future challenge on whether "the right to abortion exists by implication under the Kentucky Constitution."

No doubt the pro-abortion forces will continue the fight to regain unlimited abortion access in the state of Kentucky. As a result, we must remain prayerful, vigilant, and ready to take action to ensure that our state can continue to be a sanctuary for the unborn.

For more information on breaking news concerning life issues, please visit our website at madisoncountyrtrl.org.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF MADISON COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Madison County Right to Life, Inc. was incorporated on July 17, 2003, due to the dedicated work of its first officers: Joe Schwendeman, Roy Cataldo, Kathryn Moore, Ken Schwendeman, Mary Ann Strunc, and Chuck Luke. One month later, there were 34 members. Today, we have grown to 165 members! We are a volunteer, nonprofit organization composed of committed pro-life people who hold one common belief: that every human being has an inalienable right to life from conception to natural death.

I joined MCRTL in 2004 and became a member of the board six months later. I have served on that board continuously since then. Currently, I am the President. It has been both a struggle and a joy to witness the growth and changes throughout all these years. We have worked hard to make Right to Life visible in Madison County by participating in activities such as: the Richmond Christmas Parade, Madison County Fair, Spoonbread Festival and our Signature Ad in the local papers every January. In 2008, we began sponsoring a billboard along I-75. In 2009, we hosted our first annual Life Chain event on the 1st Sunday in October where we pray and hold pro-life signs along the bypass near the ECU football field. We worked diligently last year to help inform the public about the Yes For Life Amendment with yard signs and radio ads. Today, we distribute pro-life information through our Facebook page and our website: madisoncountyrighttolife.org. We still have work to do in Madison County to protect life. I invite you to help out by joining our board, (we meet on the 3rd Thursday each month at 7:00PM), recruiting new members at your church, and helping us plan our picnic event to celebrate our 20 Year Anniversary and the overturning of Roe v. Wade... **We need you!**
Connie Wason

KENTUCKY RIGHT TO LIFE VICTORY PAC ALERT ENDORSEMENTS FOR MAY 16, 2023 PRIMARY ELECTION

Daniel Cameron (R) - Endorsed * *100% ProLife Responses KRTL Candidate Questionnaire
*As Kentucky Attorney General, AG Cameron has been an unwavering defender of Kentucky's ProLife Laws

Mike Harmon (R) - Endorsed * *100% ProLife Responses KRTL Candidate Questionnaire
*100% ProLife Voting Record while serving in the Kentucky House

Ryan Quarles (R) - Endorsed * *100% ProLife Responses KRTL Candidate Questionnaire
*100% ProLife Voting Record while serving in the Kentucky House

Kelly Craft (R) and Senator Max Wise (R) - Recommended *Did not respond to all the questions on KRTL Candidate Questionnaire *Running-mate Senator Max Wise - did not submit any response to KRTL Candidate Questionnaire *Running-Mate Wise has a 100% ProLife Voting Record while serving in the KY Senate

For a full list of endorsements, please visit the PAC Alert on our website, madisoncountyrighttolife.org.



UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT ALLOWS SALE OF ABORTION PILL TO CONTINUE

On April 21, 2023, the United States Supreme Court issued a ruling allowing continued sales of the dangerous abortion pill, mifepristone, that kills babies and has killed and injured women. Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Erik Baptist told LifeNews he was disappointed by the ruling, but indicated he was not surprised the Supreme Court punted for now. "As is common practice, the Supreme Court has decided to maintain the status quo that existed prior to our lawsuit while our challenge to the FDA's illegal approval of chemical abortion drugs and its removal of critical safeguards for those drugs moves forward," he said. Baptist went on to say, "The FDA must answer for the damage it has caused to the health of countless women and girls and the rule of law by failing to study how dangerous the chemical abortion drug regimen is and unlawfully removing every meaningful safeguard, even allowing for mail-order abortions."

Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood director, said the ruling is a huge loss for women's health. "This decision isn't a win for women, as the abortion industry will say. In fact, none of the recent abortion pill rulings are wins for women because medication abortion is horrific and no one tells women the true nature of what will happen when they take those pills. I thought I was dying when I had my medication abortion and I was terrified. Women shouldn't be passing the remains of their children in their toilets at home. The trauma that causes is something no one is talking about nor are mental health professionals prepared to deal with."

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Join us for a Picnic

We will be having a picnic on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Madison County Fairgrounds to celebrate our 20th year. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more information as it becomes available concerning speakers and activities. We hope to see everyone there as we not only celebrate our 20 year anniversary but also the landmark decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.





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Please visit our website at madisoncountyrctl.org for pro-life resources, news, and events.

SUPPORT OUR BILLBOARD ON I-75.

PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING OF OUR NATION FOR THE SIN OF ABORTION.



Please join Madison County Right to Life today!
If you are already a member please be sure your dues are paid for 2023. Complete and return this form with payment or pay online at madisoncountyrctl.org.
Thank you for joining the fight for life!

2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____
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Past member: YES—NO

**Dues: \$25.00 for family,
\$15.00 individual**

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