



# Muskegon County Right to Life News

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## 24-Hour Waiting Period and Informed Consent Law for Abortion wiped off the books in Michigan after 30 years!

On Tuesday evening, June 25, Judge Sima G. Patel placed a preliminary injunction on the 24-hour waiting period and informed consent for abortion law. This dangerous move comes on the heels of Governor Gretchen Whitmer and her allies in Lansing removing common-sense health and safety standards for abortion clinics. There is no question that women are at greater risk when they enter an abortion clinic today than they were even a year ago. This law provided women seeking an abortion with medically accurate information, including common risks associated with the procedure. As a result of this dangerous development and disregard for patients' rights, women in Michigan are no longer guaranteed

access to important facts about their pregnancy.

According to Genevieve Marnon, Legislative Director for Michigan Right to Life, the next likely step would be for a hearing on the merits of the case OR a settlement/consent agreement signed by both sides and signed by the judge. After a hearing, the judge will issue an injunction to permanently remove it from Michigan Law. Unfortunately, with the language of Proposal 3, it's pretty much a done deal.

***This news comes as no surprise. Our May newsletter headlined with an article that our Governor and her supporters were seeking to overturn this common sense protection for women which was an element of Proposal 3. It was not passed with the original package due to the "no" vote by Democratic Representative Karen Whitsett (Detroit) who wanted to keep the 24 hour waiting period on the books.***



# We Need You!

- For choice to truly exist, women must have every opportunity to make a choice for life.**
- ✓ Vote
  - ✓ Make Calls
  - ✓ Knock on Doors
  - ✓ Share on Social Media



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Since 2022, the abortion obsessed majority in Lansing has systematically stripped Michigan's women and children of their rights by removing longstanding, commonsense protections for their health and safety.

Today, they are promising to go further and revoke informed consent, parental consent, guardrails against using taxpayer dollars for abortions and more.

**Flipping just 2 MI House seats can stop their overreach and bring MI abortion policy back in line with the will of the people.**



## **Don't underestimate the importance of School Board Elections!**

Although our main focus right now at Muskegon County Right to Life is the high-profile Federal and State elections, we know that local elections, especially for school board members also need close attention. It is imperative that we elect people who hold our values of protecting life, liberty and the family. These officials set the rules for what our students hear and do during the school day. **Case in Point:** Recently the Caledonia School Board attempted to change the wording of policy that would actually allow teachers to take girls out of school and get abortions without parental consent. Before a recent meeting where a vote was to be taken, the word got out and the next meeting was filled to the brim with concerned parents and community members. As a result of their voice of objections, this language was stripped and the new version was very similar to what had been in effect before Governor in an interview with us. Stay tuned Whitmer took office. RTL Muskegon is committed to endorsing School Board candidates that will protect our children and ensure parents are involved in what happens to their child during the school day. We will be reaching out to candidates with the opportunity to fill out a questionnaire and take part for those results before you vote in November!

# **LIFE! The Other Choice**

## **Make sure your vote supports pro-life leaders!**



### **Fun and fellowship at the 2024 Fruitport Old Fashioned Days Parade**

Special thanks to Kristine and Pawel Babiarz, annual organizers of this event, and the 80+ participants who braved a very windy and chilly Memorial Day to celebrate with us and speak up for Life! 40 gift bags for expectant and new moms were distributed along the parade route. Each bag, valued at \$25, included a package of 32 diapers, a container of wipes, an inspirational book called "Time for God with Mothers," a ½ pound bag of "Lifeboat" coffee, a pro-life coffee company, along with a few other little tokens that affirm LIFE.

**We are grateful to the donors who helped with covering some of the cost of these gift bags.**



## **Why We Vote**

### **1. Elections have Consequences**

The results of every election have outcomes that span multiple generations. The cause of life is being attacked on all fronts and overwhelming turnout is needed to correct it.

### **2. Your Vote Matters**

A single vote can sway election outcomes.

In 2022, 3 MI Senate seats and 5 MI House seats were determined by less than 1,000 votes each.

In 2023, a prolife city councilman in the Grand Rapids area won his race by just four votes.

### **3. It's the Right Thing to Do**

Even though recent election results have been disappointing and controversial, the duty of every conscientious U.S. Citizen to vote is more important than ever. To deny this duty is to surrender innocent lives to those who wish them harm.

"Our political leaders will know our priorities only if we tell them, again and again, and if those priorities begin to show up in the polls" - Peggy Noonan, Speechwriter to President Ronald Reagan

For more information on voting and prolife candidates, visit [RTL.org/elections](https://RTL.org/elections).



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## **NEW THIS YEAR! Silent Auction**

### **At the 2024 Focus on Life Dinner**

We are thrilled to announce a new element to our dinner this year! We will be holding a silent auction with bidding beginning at 5:30 p.m. until the start of our program at 6:30. We are currently accepting donations of new household and handcrafted items, gift cards, event tickets or services for our auction. Please call 231-733-6300 or email [office@muskegonrtl.org](mailto:office@muskegonrtl.org) if you can help us with a donation. All proceeds from the auction stay directly with our local office here in Muskegon. Thank you!


**See the enclosed flyer for all the dinner details and get your tickets now!**

*Many thanks to our Generous Supporters  
May Through July, 2024*

**2024 Memberships**

Katherine Cron	Tom and Kathy McEnhill
Kevin & Ruth Kiley	Ron Friday
John & Barb Mullally	Bill Hyma
Larry & Eileen Vanhall	David & Peggy Sorenson
Chuck Loss	

**General Donors**

Joanna Kuhn (Monthly Donor)		
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Joe & Ella Lochinski (Mother's Care Gift Bags)		
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Ron Friday (Mother's Care Gift Bags)		

**Memorials**

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Ron Friday	Barbara Friday
Gregory Miller	Marcia L. Trackx
Kevin & Ruth Kiley	Leo & Claire Kiley
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**The 2024 Election is Coming**

**Are you prepared?**

Only **55%** of Michigan voters cast their ballot in 2022.

3 MI Senate seats and 5 MI House seats were decided by **less than 1,000** votes each in 2022.

Every election hundreds of thousands of prolife Michiganders **do not** vote.

Your vote could **save a life.**

**Make your plan to vote today!**

1. Get Registered
2. Sign Up for Your Permanent Absentee Ballot
3. Find Your Polling Place



All this and more can be done at **MI.GOV/VOTE**

**The Right to Life website has been updated!**  
We hope you take the time to check out our new site!  
Go to [muskegonrtl.org](http://muskegonrtl.org) where you will find our current legislatives news, pictures from our annual events, resources and information, as well as links to volunteering and donating to Muskegon County Right to Life.

**PRO-LIFE BILLBOARDS ARE GOING UP AROUND TOWN!**

We are excited to offer our Pro-Life message with 6 separate billboards throughout the Muskegon area this summer! The first two below are our July messages at Seaway and Bayou and North of Sherman on Peck. The third is our August billboard which will be located at the west side of Seaway South of Laketon. In September the first two messages will be repeated at Harvey North of M-46 and Getty at Apple. The third will go up for the month of October at Apple and Pine. Please pray that they will be seen by those who are considering a decision to potentially end the life of their unborn child.



This year's billboards were a larger than normal expense, but necessary in the times we live. We are still accepting donations to help cover our costs. **Please consider a donation to our 2024 Billboard Fund.** Your check can be mailed to Muskegon County Right to Life ~ 427 Seminole Road, Suite 108 ~ Norton Shores ~ 49444.

**Thank You!**

## 2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes! I want to help save lives.

Please enroll me as a member of *Muskegon County  
Right to Life and Right to Life of Michigan.*

email \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

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### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Individual

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Bronze

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Silver

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Gold

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Platinum

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member

\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

As a member, you will receive the Muskegon County  
and the Michigan *Right to Life* Newsletters

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THANK YOU!

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