



# LIFE DEFENSE FUND

**ALERT:** Pro-abortion groups are working to put a radical proposal on the South Dakota ballot to approve abortion from conception all the way to birth. The proposal would also block almost all of our state's pro-life protections for unborn babies and their mothers. What's worse, this deadly measure would be written into the South Dakota Constitution. This constitutional amendment would cost the lives of countless unborn children. **Pro-life South Dakotans must join together now to defend life and defeat this amendment.**

Dear Pro-Life South Dakotans,

The overturning of Roe vs. Wade was a huge victory for life in South Dakota! When Roe was overturned, South Dakota's pro-life "trigger law" immediately went into effect, which prevents the termination of unborn life except when necessary to save the life of the mother.

With this success, some might be thinking that pro-lifers have won and the fight to defend unborn life is over. Sadly, that could not be further from the truth.

When the Supreme Court overturned Roe, the Court said, "the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives." **That means the responsibility to defend life falls directly on our shoulders, and ours alone.** The real fight to defend life has now just begun.

That brings us to why we are writing to you today. There is an enormous threat to the life of unborn children coming to South Dakota. **Democrats and pro-abortion groups are working to put a radical proposal on the South Dakota ballot to approve abortion from conception all the way to birth, and they want to put it into the South Dakota Constitution.**

It cannot be emphasized enough: although the proponents will say this measure merely "codifies Roe vs. Wade," this abortion amendment is far more extreme than Roe vs. Wade itself. Under this proposed constitutional amendment:

- Abortion from conception to birth—even horrific late term abortions—will be legalized.
- Informed consent protections, which have saved many lives in our state because they require Planned Parenthood to tell the truth to mothers about the risks and consequences of abortion, will be banned.
- Conscience protections for doctors and nurses who don't want to perform abortions will be banned, and medical professionals could face being forced to perform an abortion against their will or else be fired or sued.
- Parental notification laws will be banned.

The list of horrible consequences goes on. **The bottom line is that this measure is truly extreme and a grave threat to life in our state.**

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Right now, these pro-abortion groups are already recruiting people to gather the signatures necessary to put the measure on the ballot. They will be well funded with millions of dollars flowing in from big, out of state, liberal special interest groups. These groups rely on it being easy to circulate petitions and put measures on our ballot. They rely on deceptive media marketing and liberal reporters to sell their measures. **They rely on us sitting on the sidelines, not stepping up to mount a campaign against them.**

**That's why we've created the Life Defense Fund.** Through the Life Defense Fund, we will oppose this deadly constitutional amendment at every step. Beginning this November, we must stand next to their petition circulators, explain to the public how radical this amendment is, and encourage our fellow citizens not to sign the petition. We must tell the truth to people rather than leave them to sort through the lies of the liberal press and misleading ad campaigns for themselves. We must hold the pro-abortion groups accountable and sue them when they break our campaign finance and petition circulation laws. We must match their campaign with such a massive effort that these liberal groups will think twice before ever proposing to legalize the killing of these precious lives ever again.

If we have a chance at stopping this constitutional amendment from passing, we need to fund a large campaign war chest. To be blunt: we can't rely on the promise of some rich out-of-state donor to come fund our resistance. **The obligation to defend life is now on us.**

This is where you can play a vital role in the defense of life. **Please consider donating to the Life Defense Fund.** Even if you can't afford a large donation, you can also donate smaller, ongoing monthly contributions to fund this effort. Contributing \$5, \$10, \$20, or \$50 a month in a recurring donation will build our campaign to defend the most innocent life among us. If we all come together, we can defeat this constitutional amendment.

**All that we have fought for is at stake.** The Lord will bless our effort if we answer his call to defend life. We're up against a lot, but if we work together and contribute what we can, we can prevail. Your donation will be used to fund this resistance campaign at every step of the way.

Thank you for stepping up to defend life. God bless you and the unborn we defend,



**Representative Jon Hansen**  
Co-Chair, Life Defense Fund  
Speaker Pro Tempore, S.D. House of Representatives



**Leslee Unruh**  
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P.S. If we work together, we can defeat this constitutional amendment in South Dakota and help stop its spread across the entire country.