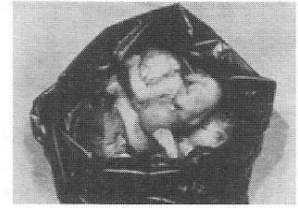


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## CELEBRATION FOR LIFE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

### **Why Should I Care About Abortion?**

“There are many causes today in which our generation can and should be involved. However, the issue of abortion deserves our utmost attention,” proclaims **Students for Life**.

“In 1973, our nation advanced the legalization of abortion on demand in all nine months of pregnancy. Since this time, **over 60 million preborn children have been killed**. Some were killed early on in their development, and others moments before they could have been born.

“Abortion does not kill only children; it also kills women. Moreover, over 347 women have died from supposedly ‘safe and legal’ abortions.

“[T]here is serious psychological trauma involved in abortion that is not always reflected in statistics. Many women who have had abortions say they regret them and suffer from Post-Abortion Syndrome (which can include substance abuse, suicidal thoughts or actions, depression, and other harms),” espouses Students for Life.

Members of this pro-life organization boldly proclaim: “[A]bortions are always deadly for the child. Abortion is not a women’s rights or reproductive rights issue. It is a human rights issue. **Does a preborn human being have the right to not be killed?**”

**“We believe that the preborn human being is a person deserving the full legal protection of the law – just like you and I. He or she is a whole, living being who is intrinsically valuable. We believe that size, level of development, environment, and degree of dependency do not determine someone’s personhood. We are all people simply because we are living human beings.**

**“Abortion is the greatest genocide that our world and our nation has ever known.** We believe that a new generation of pro-life leaders must be educated, trained,

and equipped with the tools that they need to abolish abortion once and for all.”

### **NKRTL 50th Annual Celebration for Life Sunday, October 1, 2023 Receptions - Erlanger**

### **GUEST SPEAKER: KRISTAN HAWKINS President, Students for Life**



(More details – see pages 2 and 3)



*Kristan and her family*

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## GUEST SPEAKER: KRISTAN HAWKINS

**President of Students for Life of America**

**Kristan Hawkins**, a Christian, wife, mother, author, speaker, and human rights advocate, serves as president of Students for Life of America, which serves more than 1,400 Students for Life chapters in all 50 states. Under her leadership, Students for Life exists to abolish abortion by transforming our culture by recruiting, training, and mobilizing the pro-life generation.

She and her husband, **Jonathan**, have four children, and in her "free time," she works for a cure for cystic fibrosis, a disease shared by two of her children.



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This year, NKRTL will again be donating 10% of the net proceeds from the Celebration for Life to the following four pro-life organizations: (1) Madonna House; (2) Rose Garden Home Mission; (3) Care Net Pregnancy Services; and (4) New Hope Center.

"The eyes of many have been blinded to that simple truth by the so-called 'single issue' argument, that we cannot vote for a candidate based solely on the abortion issue. These same people would not consider voting for a member of Congress convicted of misuse of public funds, or for a public official with a record of wiretapping or breaking and entering or misuse of public power, but think nothing of supporting for high office a public official who either agrees with, or refuses to do anything to stop, the modern 'holocaust' going on in this Nation. *Where is our 'sense of urgency' and our priorities?*

"We very much agree with the contrary philosophy, expressed by **Cardinal Archbishop Humberto Medeiros of Boston**: 'THOSE WHO MAKE ABORTIONS POSSIBLE BY LAW – SUCH AS LEGISLATORS AND THOSE WHO PROMOTE, DEFEND, AND ELECT THESE SAME LAWMAKERS – CANNOT SEPARATE THEMSELVES TOTALLY FROM THAT GUILT WHICH ACCOMPANIES THIS HORRENDOUS CRIME AND DEADLY SIN.'" *The late Robert C. Cetrulo, J.D., Co-Founder and President of NKRTL*

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## October 1, 2023

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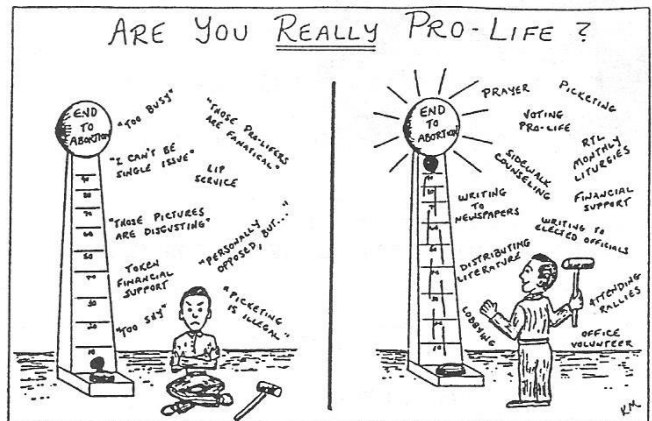
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## TAXPAYERS PAY FOR BESHEAR VIOLATION OF FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS

In April, the **U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati** upheld the federal district court decision requiring **Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear (D)** to pay the legal fees incurred by members of the **Maryville Baptist Church**, which will cost the taxpayers \$272,143.00.



Gov. Andy Beshear (D)

In 2020, Gov. Beshear warned that the state police would be “recording the license plate numbers of any vehicles seen at” church services, after which they would be required “to self-quarantine for 14 days,” forbidden to leave either the county or the state, and declaring any violation to be a misdemeanor.

In May, 2020, the Sixth Circuit barred the governor from enforcing such a prohibition of in-person services, stating: “The unexplained breadth of the ban on religious services, together with its haven for numerous secular exceptions, cannot co-exist with a society that places religious freedom in a place of honor in the Bill of Rights: The First Amendment.”

**Rep. Thomas Massie (R)** congratulated the plaintiffs’ attorneys, **Chris Wiest** and **T. J. Roberts**, who represented the victims of this governmental religious persecution. Massie tweeted that Beshear “infringed on civil rights when he shut down churches. Then he wasted tax dollars defending his behavior,” as reported by *The New American*.



U.S. Rep. Massie (R)

Gov. Beshear’s disregard for the constitutional rights of Marysville Baptist Church to worship God also cost Kentucky taxpayers over a quarter of a million dollars for their attorney fees. Additionally, the taxpayers are on the hook for the money the governor spent to pursue his unlawful practice and for the attorney fees, the amount of which is unknown, for him as governor, to defend his unlawful actions.

This is not the only incident where the government controlled by a pro-abortion Democrat willingly uses their public position and power entrusted to them by the taxpayers to enforce their “woke” ideology. As reported in the *April, 2022, NKRTL newsletter*, the **City of Louisville** paid \$75,000 to **Matthew Schrenger**, a 13-year veteran of the **Louisville Metro Police Department** and a father of four, who participated in **40 Days for Life** as an off-duty police officer. For this, he was suspended without pay.

**Matt Heffron with the Thomas More Society**, who was the guest speaker at the 2016 **43<sup>rd</sup> Northern Kentucky Right to Life Celebration for Life**, noted that the officer’s religious beliefs and political views were the

basis of the city’s disciplinary action, while on the other hand, the department had not “taken disciplinary action against on-duty, uniformed officers who marched with Black Lives Matter protesters and in LGBT parades. Heffron observed that officers with the department who engaged in protests affiliated with left-wing causes have “suffered no suspension, and, in fact, no discipline whatsoever,” reports *lifesitenews.com*.

With taxpayers’ funds, this pro-abortion governor can abuse the powers entrusted to him, and escape any financial harm to himself.

## JUSTICE GORSUCH WARNS

“Fear and desire for safety are powerful forces. They can lead to a clamor for action – almost any action – as long as someone does something to address a perceived threat,” writes **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch**. “A leader or an expert who claims he can fix everything, if only we do exactly as he says, can prove an irresistible force. We do not need to confront a bayonet, we need only a nudge, before we willingly abandon the nicety of requiring laws to be adopted by our legislative representatives and accept rule by decree.”



On May 18, Justice Gorsuch issued an eight-page statement in regards to a civil action the Supreme Court was dismissing as moot.

**The Justice continued: “Since March 2020, we have experienced the greatest intrusions on civil liberties in the peacetime history of this country.** Executive officials across the country issued emergency decrees on a breathtaking scale. Governors and local leaders imposed lockdown orders forcing people to remain in their homes. They shuttered businesses and schools, public and private. They closed churches even as they allowed casinos and other favored businesses to carry on. They threatened violators not just with civil penalties but with criminal sanctions, too. **They surveilled church parking lots, recorded license plates, and issued notices warning that attendance at even outdoor services satisfying all state social-distancing and hygiene requirements could amount to criminal conduct.**

“The concentration of power in the hands of so few may be efficient and sometimes popular. But it does not tend toward sound government. However wise one person or his advisors may be, that is no substitute for the wisdom of the whole of the American people that can be tapped in the legislative process. Decisions produced by those who indulge no criticism are rarely as good as those produced after robust and uncensored debate. Decisions announced on the fly are rarely as wise as those that come after careful deliberation. Decisions made by a few often yield unintended consequences that may be avoided when more are consulted. Autocracies have always suffered these defects. Maybe, hopefully, we have relearned these lessons, too,” concludes Justice Gorsuch.

## MEN REGRET ABORTION

"[T]he majority of men experience some negative impact from their abortion experiences," wrote **Support After Abortion Men's Task Force member Greg Mayo**, on the conclusions from the *April 2023 National Men's Abortion Study*.

Mayo, who has experienced personal grief and trauma in regards to two post-abortion experiences, stated: "[S]ome men are deeply impacted by abortion, regardless of their personal views on abortion or whether or not they had a voice in the decision."

The study stated that 71% of respondents who said they experienced an "adverse change" following the abortion decision broke down into 31% pro-choice-identifying and 40% pro-life-identifying.

"That pain manifests in many ways, as with any grief or trauma," Mayo said. "Men in the study reported depression, sadness, guilt, regret, anxiety, anger, thoughts of what could have been, emptiness, substance abuse, a sense of lost fatherhood, and other emotions."

"Men have been minimized, if not completely overlooked, in the [abortion] conversation," states **Dr. Brian Nguyen, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Southern California**, reports *The New York Times*.



Capri Thompson/Getty Images

"Almost 10 years ago I got my girlfriend pregnant. She didn't want to keep it. Being a dad is what I always wanted," one man in the study shared. "To this day, it haunts me to the core. I sunk into a depression and lost who I was. I still have trouble being around babies. I still would like a family of my own, but I need to get around this first. Please, help me." Other statements of men reported by *lifesitenews* are:

"...absolute worst thing I have ever done."

"Words can't describe the pain and overwhelming guilt that is always with me. I have no one to blame but myself."

"I wonder what my child would've been like today. This really got bad after the birth of my only child. Major feelings of guilt and regret."

From the study, Mayo concluded: "Men need safe spaces and compassionate support to tell their stories, grieve, and move forward on their path to healing."

## 70% OF ABORTIONS ARE COERCED

**Charlotte Lozier Institute's Unwanted Abortion Studies** concluded that over 60% of women who had abortions report high levels of pressure to abort from one or more sources, and report subsequent mental health issues, reports *lifesitenews*.

"This study confirms earlier findings that the hidden epidemic of unwanted abortions is real, and far larger than most people imagine," said lead author **David Reardon, Ph.D., a Lozier Institute associate scholar and director of the Elliot Institute**.

Noting that "negative and positive reactions frequently co-exist," Reardon's team set out to conduct a more nuanced assessment of women's feelings and mental health outcomes. Key findings include:

- 67% of women described their abortions as "accepted but inconsistent with their values and preferences" (43%) or "unwanted or coerced" (24%).
- Only 33% identified their abortions as wanted.
- 60% would have preferred to give birth if they had received either more emotional support or had more financial security.

"We need to discard the dangerous assumption that 'freedom of choice' reflects the reality behind most women's experiences with abortion," said Reardon. "Only the minority of abortions are freely chosen absent outside pressures."

## PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE



EVERY SATURDAY we join together at 8:00 a.m. at **Holy Name Church**, Auburn and McMillan Avenues, Cincinnati, starting with Mass, Eucharistic Exposition, and Rosary procession to **Planned Parenthood** abortion site, where innocent blood is shed.

"Can you not watch one hour with Me?"  
*Mt. 26:40*

# LEGALIZED CHILD ABUSE

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**"Conditioning children into believing a lifetime of chemical or surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful, is child abuse."**

**~American College of Pediatrics**

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## ***Those Who Have Been Harmed***

"There's no point of contentment during a gender transition. We get fleeting moments of euphoria, but, ultimately, one step leads straight into the next. I thought that, in the end, I could really become a man. **But all I became was a mutilated and abused version of my old self,**" testified **Katie Lennon** before New Hampshire legislators.

Starting with a "social transition," asking "everyone in my life to call me by a new name and use male pronouns, she relates that the lifestyle change "eventually wasn't enough." At age 18 she had a double mastectomy, and at age 21 "a total hysterectomy, including the removal of my uterus, cervix, fallopian tubes, and both ovaries."

Her testimony continued: **"[Gender] transition is a big deal, and we're lying when we say that any of this is reversible. This is a big decision with lifelong consequences."**

**Chloe Cole** shared her experience of being encouraged into taking puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and a double mastectomy before the age of 18, while the medical professionals from whom she sought help ignored her mental health issues, as reported by *lifesitenews.com*.



Chloe Cole

"The best data we have on social-transitioned minors, from the AAP [American Academy of Pediatrics], says that when social transition is affirmed, around 90 percent or more will continue on to medicalization," Cole said. "And another study: If the child's identity is not affirmed, the vast majority of kids will desist before the age of 18. They grow out of it when they are just given the chance to be kids.

"How are teachers qualified to administer complex psychological interventions like social transition knowing **that the eventual outcome will be lifelong medical experimentation?**"

## ***What Are We Doing to Our Children?***

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**For others pretending that he is somehow a woman would do him a great disservice, assisting him in escaping from the reality that he is a man and encouraging him to live a delusion.**

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It is a lie that someone can simply imagine that they are biologically a different sex. Since there is no real limit on the "reality" one can create by one's imagination, this lie proclaims that one can not only change one's biological sex, but can do so as often as one chooses.

If a man perceives himself to be a woman, removes or mutilates parts of his body through surgery, ingests hormones, dresses in women's clothes, and/or conducts himself in a manner normal of a woman, it is not going to change the reality that he in fact is a man. For others pretending that he is somehow a woman would do him a great disservice, assisting him in escaping from the reality that he is a man and encouraging him to live a delusion.

"If you ask proponents of transgenderism to state the scientific evidence that proves a person can change his or her sex, you are branded a 'bigot.' But the simple fact is that transgender ideology is truly anti-science," explains **David C. Mackereth, M.D.**



David C. Mackereth, M.D.

He continues:

"Science tells us it is impossible to change gender; that taking cross-sex hormones, having surgery, living as a member of the opposite sex (and, in the future, transplanting the organs of dead people), all put together cannot render such a change."

What evil we are doing to children and young adults who are confused about their gender, when we encourage them to accept this lie that they are a woman trapped in a man's body, or that they have a right to choose their sex, by claiming that they can simply change, by their desire, from being a girl to a boy? Are we helping children, or are we destroying them?

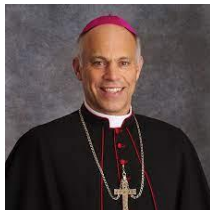
The **American College of Pediatrics** recently released the statement: "Children who use puberty blockers to impersonate the opposite sex will require cross-sex hormones in late adolescence. Cross-sex hormones (testosterone and estrogen) are associated with dangerous health risks, including, but not limited to, high blood pressure, blood clots, stroke, and cancer."

The doctors argue that "Conditioning children into believing a lifetime of chemical or surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful, is child abuse."

### **Common Sense**

Whatever happened to common sense? No medical expert or medical study needs to be cited to prove what is so obvious.

"I don't know how anyone could think that something that's so obvious as 'a boy is a boy, and he needs to grow into being a man,' ...can be a question," expresses **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco.**



Archbishop Cordileone

"Don't be deceived. No amount of using preferred pronouns, changing sex assignments on birth certificates, or destroying women's sports by allowing males to compete against females can undo what God

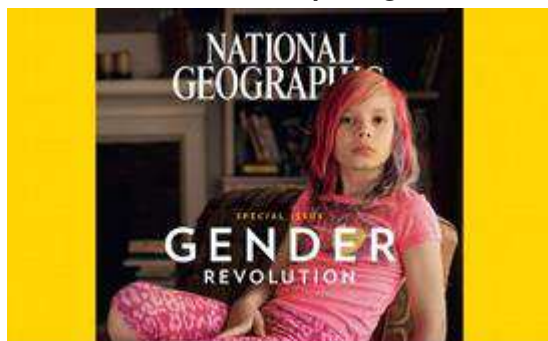
does when He creates a human being in the mother's womb," teaches **Rev. Franklin Graham** in his article published in *Decision*. He continues: "**Biology and common sense have always recognized the simple reality that a person is born either male or female.**"



Rev. Franklin Graham

World-renowned scientist and atheist **Richard Dawkins** observed: "As a biologist, there are two sexes, and that's all there is to it."

### **The State Has a Compelling Interest**



#### *National Geographic's promotion of transgenderism*

A letter released December, 2017, initiated by the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**, and joined by faith leaders from the Lutherans, Anglicans, Orthodox, Presbyterians, and Southern Baptists, addressed the great harm we are doing to our children by promoting what today is called "transgenderism."

"We come together to join our voices on a more fundamental precept of our shared existence, namely, that human beings are male or female and that the socio-cultural reality of gender cannot be separated from one's sex as male or female," the letter begins.

"Children especially are harmed when they are told that they can 'change' their sex or, further, be given hormones that will affect their development and possibly render them infertile as adults. Parents deserve better guidance on these important decisions, and we urge our medical institutions to honor the basic medical principle

of 'first, do no harm.' Gender ideology harms individuals and societies by sowing confusion and self-doubt."

"The state itself has a compelling interest, therefore, in maintaining policies that uphold the scientific fact of human biology and supporting the social institutions and norms that surround it," as stated in the above letter.

The letter continues: "The movement today to enforce the false idea - that a man can be or become a woman or vice versa - is deeply troubling. It compels people to either go against reason - that is, to agree with something that is not true or face ridicule, marginalization, and other forms of retaliation. "

### **Kentucky Leads the Way**

Thanks to the 2023 **Kentucky General Assembly**, the "Do No Harm Act" is now law in Kentucky.

Some of the important provisions of this newly enacted law addresses the following:

#### **1. Parental Rights**

The public school is required to give notification to a student's parents, listing each of the health services and mental health services related to human sexuality, contraception, or family planning available at the student's school, and the parent's right to withhold consent and decline any of these specified so-called services.

#### **2. Pronouns**

The **Kentucky Board of Education** or the **Kentucky Department of Education** or a local school district shall not require school personnel or students to use pronouns for students that do not conform with that of a particular student's biological sex.

#### **3. Sex Education**

Any student, regardless of age level, shall not receive instruction which has the purpose of the student studying or exploring gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

#### **4. Restrooms, Locker Rooms, or Showers**

"Biological sex is defined to mean the physical condition of being male or female, which is determined by a child's chromosomes, and is identified at birth by a person's anatomy." The Act acknowledges that a parent has reasonable expectations that schools will not allow minor children to be viewed in various states of undress by members of the opposite sex, or allow minor children to view members of the opposite sex in various states of undress. Plus, the school in fact has a duty to respect the privacy rights of students which includes the right not to be compelled to undress or to be unclothed in the presence of members of the opposite sex.

Public schools shall not allow students to use restrooms, locker rooms, or shower rooms that are reserved for students of a different biological sex.

### 5. *Changing One's Sex*

"Sex" means the biological indication of a male and female as evidenced by sex chromosomes, naturally occurring sex hormones, gonads, and non-ambiguous internal and external genitalia presented at birth.

The Act states that any so-called healthcare provider shall not, for the purpose of attempting to alter the appearance of or to validate a minor's perception of the minor's sex that is inconsistent with the minor's sex:

- Prescribe any drug to delay or stop normal puberty.
- Prescribe hormones in amounts greater than would normally be produced in a healthy person of the same age and sex.
- Perform any sterilizing surgery.
- Perform any surgery that artificially constructs tissue having the appearance of genitalia differing from the minor's sex.
- Remove any healthy or non-diseased body part or tissue.

**Northern Kentucky Right to Life**, with much gratitude, acknowledges the pro-life efforts of the members of the Kentucky General Assembly to enact this legislation for the protection of our children and to support the rights of parents to instill their values in the lives of their children.

As expected, the Kentucky pro-abortion **Gov. Andy Beshear (D)** vetoed this legislation.

Of the members of the **Kentucky House of Representatives**, the following **representatives** from Northern Kentucky voted **yes** to override Beshear's veto:

<b>Mike Clines (R)</b>	<b>Savannah Maddox (R)</b>
<b>Steven Doan (R)</b>	<b>Marianne Proctor (R)</b>
<b>Mark Hart (R)</b>	<b>Steve Rawlings (R)</b>

Those voting **no**:

<b>Kimberly Banta (R)</b>	<b>Kimberly Poore Moser (R)</b>
<b>Stephanie Dietz (R)</b>	<b>Rachel Roberts (D)</b>

All of the **senators** from Northern Kentucky voted **yes** to override the veto:

<b>Shelley Funke Frommeyer (R)</b>	<b>Damon Thayer (R)</b>
<b>Christian McDaniel (R)</b>	<b>Gex Williams (R)</b>
<b>John Schickel (R)</b>	



Ref. Matthew 19:14

### *President Biden*

The **Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**, following **President Joe Biden's** instructions, announced that it will enforce federal healthcare and anti-discrimination laws to apply to sexual orientation and gender identity, reinstating the **Obama** administration policy, and reversing **Trump's** rule protecting conscience rights of medical providers.

The pro-abortion former attorney general of California, now HHS secretary, **Xavier Becerra**, filed a suit to force doctors and hospitals to perform transgender surgeries, regardless of any religious or conscience objections.

"Catholic hospitals and doctors are likely to come under pressure and scrutiny as a result. The Biden administration has invented a phony crisis in order to launch another attack on faith-based private healthcare," warns **Brian Burch, president of CatholicVote**.

"Becerra is threatening to put doctors and hospitals that disagree with current transgender ideology out of business, including those with medical, religious, or moral objections to conducting sex-reassignment surgeries on minors," commented **Roger Severino**, at the **Ethics & Public Policy Center**.

It should be noted that the **U.S. Food and Drug Administration** has never approved cross-sex hormones or puberty blockers for children with gender dysphoria, and that no long-term study has ever been completed on children subject to such practices.

### *Governor Ron DeSantis*



"If you take a man and they dress up as a woman, and you tell me I have to accept that they're a woman, then you're asking me to be complicit in a lie, and I just refuse to do that," espouses **Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R)**. "So, we've got to tell the truth, you know, I think the truth will set you free, and let's just be honest about what's going on here.

"It's part of a larger thing where corporate America is trying to change our country, trying to change policy, trying to change culture," DeSantis said. "I think pushback is in order, including with Bud Light."

Gov. DeSantis supported and signed into law legislation protecting women's sports that prohibits men, who claim they are women, from competing against women.

**The unchangeable reality is that God, our Creator, created them male and female (Genesis 5:2).**



# CHEMICAL ABORTIONS

## *Women Who Suffer from Abortion Pills*

**“I birthed my dead baby into my toilet. I was heartbroken when I saw that it had tiny fingers and toes. I bled a lot, and the abortion was excruciatingly painful, almost as painful as my two unmedicated full-term births,”** relates **Jessica** after taking the abortion pills purchased from **Planned Parenthood**. She continues: “Every time I saw a baby, tears would rush down my face uncontrollably. I totaled my car on accident, because I was crying while leaving my cousin’s baby shower...I was jealous of my now sister-in-law throughout her pregnancy, because we would have been pregnant at the same time.

“The feminists who say that abortions are empowering are lying to you. We are ashamed of our choices and live with the guilt and shame,” as reported by [lifesitenews.com](http://lifesitenews.com).



6-week-old unborn baby

**Why is it ever necessary to kill me?**

“I was in the worst physical pain of my life, worse than childbirth. The worst part of my experience was when I was sitting on the toilet and I felt myself pass a clot that felt strange. I looked into the toilet and saw my baby. It had a head, body, and tiny arms and legs. The shame and guilt that I felt at that moment, as I was forced to flush my aborted baby down the toilet, is impossible to describe,” explains **Patricia**, who relates experiencing not only depression, but severe bleeding in the weeks following her abortion, which included numerous doctor visits to resolve other medical complications from the abortion pills.

“I feel a burden to reach out to women who may be in similar situations as I was,” Patricia writes, “and to help them to understand that abortion is never the answer. My ultimate goal is to open my own pro-life pregnancy center in my hometown one day.”

## **Judge Matthew J. Kacsmaryk**

**U.S. District Judge Matthew J. Kacsmaryk in Texas**, after hearing months of testimony, ruled in favor of the **Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine**, a group of pro-life physicians, in its action against the **Federal Drug Administration (FDA)**. The judge ruled



that the FDA’s two-decade old approval of the abortion pill **Mifepristone** violated the federal rule that allowed for accelerated approval for certain drugs and, along with subsequent action by the agency, was unlawful. His ruling would result in this abortion pill being removed from the market.

After hearing the evidence presented by both sides, Judge Kacsmaryk noted the following in his decision:

- Over twenty years ago, the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) approved chemical abortion (“2000 Approval”). The legality of the 2000 Approval is now before this Court. Why did it take two decades for judicial review in federal court? After all, Plaintiffs’ petitions challenging the 2000 Approval date back to the year 2002, right? Simply put, the FDA stonewalled judicial review – until now. Before Plaintiffs filed this case, FDA ignored their petitions for over sixteen years, even though the law requires an agency response within “180 days of receipt of the petition.” (pg. 1)
- Most readers would not define pregnancy to be a serious or life-threatening illness. Even the FDA does not earnestly defend that position. True, complications can arise during pregnancy, and said complications can be serious or life-threatening. **But that does not make pregnancy itself an illness.** (pg. 44)
- One study revealed the overall incidence of adverse events is “fourfold higher” in chemical abortions when compared to surgical abortions. Women who underwent chemical abortions also experienced far higher rates of hemorrhaging, incomplete abortion, and unplanned surgical evacuation. (pg. 45)
- Contrary to popular belief and talking points, the evidence shows chemical abortion is not “as easy as taking Advil.” **Compelling evidence suggests the statistics provided by FDA on the adverse effects of chemical abortion understate the negative impact the chemical abortion regimen has on women and girls.** When women seek emergency care after receiving the chemical abortion pills, the abortionist that prescribed the drugs is usually not the provider to manage the mother’s complications. Consequently, the treating physician may not know the adverse event is due to mifepristone. Studies support this conclusion by finding over sixty percent of women and girls’ emergency room visits after chemical abortions are miscoded as “miscarriages” rather than adverse effects to mifepristone. Simply put, FDA’s data are incomplete and potentially misleading, as are the statistics touted by mifepristone advocates. (pg. 47)

- The Court does not second-guess FDA's decision-making lightly. **But here, the FDA acquiesced on its legitimate safety concerns – in violation of its statutory duty – based on plainly unsound reasoning and studies that did not support its conclusions. There is also evidence indicating FDA faced significant political pressure to forego its proposed safety precautions to better advance the political objective of increased “access” to chemical abortion – which was the “whole idea of mifepristone.”** (pg. 57)

### **Complications**

Not only did the FDA ignore its own studies, as noted by Judge Kacsmaryk, but also numerous other studies documenting complications from this abortion pill.

**Mifepristone**, used with **Misoprostol**, a prostaglandin, results in a chemical abortion. The first drug blocks progesterone, causing the death of the unborn child, and the second drug causes uterine contractions, expelling the dead or dying baby.

“Mifepristone was created to starve unborn babies to death – that’s how it works – and poses significant risks to the mother’s health,” states pro-life **U.S. Congressman Chris Smith (R) from New Jersey**. “Beginning with President (Bill) Clinton, the FDA – supposedly our gatekeeper for drug safety – has actively promoted the abortion poison/baby starvation pill and failed to strictly adhere to its own testing protocols that should have been designed to protect women and girls.”

In the case before Judge Kacsmaryk, the **Alliance Defending Freedom** presented studies documenting in addition to the starvation of the baby:

- Chemical abortion has a complication rate four times higher than surgical abortions – with chemical-abortion-related ER visits increasing over 500% between 2002 and 2015, as reported in a study by **Charlotte Lozier Institute**.
- One in five women who undergo a chemical abortion will suffer a complication, including life-threatening hemorrhage, infection, need for emergency surgery, inability to have future successful pregnancies, or even death; and
- Taking mifepristone with an unknown ectopic pregnancy is life-threatening. An ultrasound is the best way to confirm the baby’s age and to make sure the pregnancy is not ectopic, which mifepristone cannot treat; however, the FDA has never required an ultrasound prior to a chemical abortion.

A 2020 open letter from a coalition of pro-life groups to **then-FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn** noted that the FDA’s own reporting system says the “abortion pill has resulted in over 4,000 reported adverse events since 2000, including 24 maternal deaths. Adverse events are notoriously underreported to the FDA, and as of 2016, the FDA only requires abortion pill manufacturers to report maternal deaths,” reports *lifesitenews*.

A study from the **University of Toronto** published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* concluded that one in ten women who took the abortion pill had to go to the emergency room.

Long-term studies coming out of **Finland** concluded that 15% of women experience severe hemorrhaging after their chemical abortion.



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“Overlooked Dangers of  
Mifepristone,” **Charlotte  
Lozier Institute**

### **Fifth Circuit**

The **Biden administration** appealed Judge Kacsmaryk’s decision to the **U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit**. This Court of Appeals decided, while the case is argued before it on its merits, that the abortion pill cannot be entirely removed from the market, although the Court of Appeals reinstated prior safety regulations, which had recently been removed by the FDA. The safety requirements included an in-person visit with the treating physician so that the gestational age of the baby could be determined, and that the pregnancy was not an ectopic pregnancy. The Court also limited the timeframe in which the pill could be taken to seven weeks of gestation, instead of the ten weeks recently expanded by the FDA.

“FDA’s principal contention to the contrary is that mifepristone is comparable to ‘ibuprofen,’” the Fifth Circuit wrote. “The theory appears to be that we cannot recognize plaintiffs’ standing here without opening a Pandora’s box in which doctors have standing to litigate everything at all times, including the banalities of over-the-counter Advil. **We disagree because FDA’s own documents show that mifepristone bears no resemblance to ibuprofen. In the 2000 Approval, FDA imposed a ‘Black Box’ warning on mifepristone. FDA requires ‘Black Box’ warnings when a drug ‘may lead to death or serious injury.’**”

### **U.S. Supreme Court**

The Biden administration then appealed the Fifth Circuit’s decision to the **U.S. Supreme Court**, which sadly upheld access to the abortion pill while the litigation continued. **Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito** dissented.

### **Back to the Fifth Circuit**

So the case went back to the Fifth Circuit to be decided on its merits. The case was brought by the

**Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine**, a nonprofit organization representing nearly 30,000 healthcare professionals. They partner with the **Catholic Medical Association**, the **Coptic Medical Association of North America**, the **American College of Pediatricians**, **American Association of Pro-Life OBGYNs**, and the **Christian Medical and Dental Associations**.



**Judge James Ho**, one of the three judges, questioned the FDA's rushed approval of mifepristone, noting that such approval is usually limited to drugs treating serious illnesses or life-threatening illnesses. "Pregnancy is not a serious illness," Judge Ho said to the lawyer for Danco, the manufacturer of the drug. "When we celebrate Mother's Day, are we celebrating illness?" noted Judge Ho.

**"Pregnancy is not a serious illness. When we celebrate Mother's Day, are we celebrating illness?" writes Judge James Ho, Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.**

A second judge, **Judge Cory T. Wilson**, challenged the FDA's removal of some of the safety standards. "It just strikes me that what the FDA has done in making this more available is you've made it much more likely that patients are going to go to emergency care of a medical clinic where one of these doctors is a member."

After the Fifth Circuit renders its opinion, the case will surely go back to the **U.S. Supreme Court**.

**Will the justices have the courage to hold that a federal agency, such as the FDA, has no authority to ignore its own rules, its legitimate safety concerns, and its statutory duties in approving a drug, regardless of what kind of drug it is or for what purpose it is approved? Or, will the aborting of an unborn child be elevated to a level that allows a federal agency to do as it wants, in order to please those who hold the reins of power?**



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## "WE CAN WIN ON ABORTION."



"We've seen what happens when we let Democrats define who we are and what we stand for," said **Republican National Committee Chair Ronna McDaniel** during a speech in April, 2023, at the Reagan Library. In 2022, "A lot of Republican candidates took their D.C. consultants' bad advice to ignore the subject. Then what happened? Democrats spent \$360 million running ads filled with lies about abortion, and most Republicans had no response.

"Let's talk about abortion, which has become a huge issue coming after the Dobbs decision," McDaniel exhorted Republican candidates, as reported by *lifeneews.com*. "When you don't respond, the lies become the truth. We are the pro-life, pro-woman, pro-family party, and we can win on abortion. But that means putting Democrats on the defense and forcing them to own their own extreme positions," she concluded.

## MEET THE ABORTION PROVIDER

In an interview with **Live Action president and founder Lila Rose**, former abortionist **Dr. John Bruchalski** acknowledged he was living a double life. He would volunteer at a pro-life pregnancy center, and then as an OB/GYN at a Virginia hospital, he was performing abortions.



He relates that he once had two pregnant patients in neighboring hospital rooms, both about 22 to 23 weeks gestation. While working to delay the labor of the mother who wanted her child so her child could develop enough to survive, in the next room he was completing an abortion. However, the unwanted child was born prematurely, alive and crying. "Do you know what my first instinct was? To suffocate it and put a towel on it so the mom wouldn't suffer," he said.

Realizing that the child was bigger than he thought, he realized that under state law, he had to notify neonatal intensive care to resuscitate the child. As reported by *lifeneews.com*, the NICU doctor who came in to care for the boy was a "wonderful, smart, articulate" woman. "She looked quickly and realized what I did, and she said, 'Hey Bruchalski, stop treating my patients like little tumors.'"

By the grace of God, he repented and founded an organization to help educate other medical professionals about providing care to women in need.

As Lila Rose pointed out: "Laws are powers to save, and that law prevented that child from being killed. Ultimately, that law saved that child's life because it would have been left to die as many children are in these abortions."



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On March 1, 2023, the Falmouth Police responded to a vacant residence because of a report of an abandoned newborn infant. Upon entry, the officer found a newborn baby unresponsive and not breathing. After being transported to Harrison Memorial Hospital, the newborn baby was declared deceased upon arrival.

## SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX

A baby box is a safety device/box provided under the state's **Safe Haven Law** that legally permits a mother in crisis to safely, securely, and anonymously surrender the custody of the newborn child. A baby box is installed in an exterior wall of a designated fire station, hospital, or EMS building. It has an interior door with multiple alarms which allows a medical staff member to secure the surrendered newborn from inside the designated building.

Founder, **Monica Kelsey**, started **Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc.** (<https://shbb.org>), after learning she was abandoned as an infant. After seeing a baby box in operation at a church in Cape Town, South Africa, she has made it her personal mission to educate others.

Although the organization's primary goal is to raise awareness of the Safe Haven Laws enacted throughout the country, women in crisis can call the national 24-hour hotline (1-866-99BABY1) and receive counseling and assistance free of charge. To date, the hotline has received over 8,000 calls from every state in the United States. Safe Haven Baby Boxes has referred over 500 women to crisis pregnancy centers, assisted in nine adoption referrals, and has had over 120 legal Safe Haven surrenders. **Twenty-five babies have been surrendered in the Baby Boxes.**



Kent Klee, Lisa Klee,  
Fred Summe, President of NKRTL, and  
Boone County Judge/Exec. Gary Moore

The first Baby Box was installed at the **Fort Mitchell Fire Department** at 2355 Dixie Highway, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. On June 8, the second Northern Kentucky Safe Haven Baby Box was installed at the **Hebron Fire Department** at 3120 North Bend Road, Hebron, Kentucky. A Baby Box is also located at the **Delhi Fire Department**, 697 Neeb Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The local volunteer advocate for Safe Haven Baby Boxes, **Lisa Klee**, found substantial community support for these life-saving boxes, and as funds become available, boxes will be located in Carrollton, Warsaw, Ludlow, and Falmouth, and hopefully additional sites throughout the Northern Kentucky area. At the opening of the Baby Box in Hebron, **Kent Klee with Grace Fellowship Church in Florence** offered the blessing of the box. **Boone County Judge Gary Moore** welcomed Monica Kelsey, who offered words of encouragement and gratitude to all those who support this baby-saving effort. **Northern Kentucky Right to Life** was honored to contribute from the generous funds received from its supporters to offset some of the cost of this Safe Haven Baby Box.

To support a ministry dedicated to assisting women in need, contact Lisa Klee (Tel. 859-466-1192, Email [list@presleyhouse.com](mailto:list@presleyhouse.com)), or send your donation to Safe Haven Baby Boxes, P.O. Box 185, Woodburn, IN 46797, and **note that you are interested in having a box located in the Northern Kentucky area, or specify a particular city in which you would like one located.**