

News & Events

Biden Administration Continues its Assault on Life and Liberty

In our March newsletter, we itemized the initial steps taken by President Biden to promote abortion and overturn the solidly pro-life record of the Trump Administration. Two months later, it is safe to conclude that the Biden Administration and its Congressional allies are governed by a left-wing ideology which promotes abortion, extols homosexuality, and crushes individual rights. Here we provide a brief update to our March article:



- The massive (\$1.9 trillion) *American Rescue Plan* was passed and signed in March without the traditional Hyde Amendment which banned the use of federal dollars to fund abortions. This broke some four decades of bipartisan consensus on federal appropriations.
- The Administration is now on record as supporting the radical *Equality Act* (HR 5) which already passed the House with *unanimous* support from Democrats. Among many other dangers, the *Equality Act* opens the door to permanent taxpayer funding of abortions. The bill has no conscience protections for those with moral or religious objections to funding or performing abortions, or other procedures such as sex-change operations.
- In April the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced it will no longer enforce safety precautions that require doctors to dispense abortion-inducing drugs (e.g., mifepristone) at an *in-person visit*. This action reflects the power of the pro-abortion lobby which has exploited the COVID-19 pandemic to expand abortion drugs through “telehealth,” despite known severe side-effects for women.

For a more detailed accounting, go to the website of our colleagues at the Susan B. Anthony List, specifically **Biden-Harris: Tracking the Most Pro-Abortion Administration Ever** (<https://www.sba-list.org/biden-harris>).

Ohio's Pro-Life Victories Stalled in the Courts

Our regular readers recall that the Ohio legislature passed two significant pro-life bills in its lame-duck session after the November election. The first was the Disposition of Fetal Remains Act (SB 27), which requires abortionists to arrange for either burial or cremation of any aborted infant, consistent with its dignity as a human person. The second bill (SB 260), crafted to prevent abuses in “telemedicine,” prohibits a physician from providing an abortion-inducing drug to a pregnant woman unless he or she is physically present when the initial dose of the drug is taken. After signature by Governor DeWine, both bills were due to become effective in April. However, in both cases, Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison Hatheway intervened, blocking implementation. On April 19, in response to a lawsuit by Planned Parenthood over the “telemed” abortion ban, Hatheway issued a preliminary injunction until her court has an opportunity to “resolve” the case. Previously, on April 6, Hatheway had granted a preliminary injunction to the pro-abortion plaintiffs on the “fetal remains” act, because the Ohio Health Department had failed to create the necessary forms and rules needed for abortion clinics to follow the law. Meanwhile, we note that, along with the Heartbeat Bill and two other laws, this represents the fifth time in recent years that an Ohio pro-life law (including the Heartbeat Bill) has been at least temporarily halted in the courts.

Supreme Court to Revisit Roe v. Wade

In encouraging news from Washington, the Supreme Court announced on May 17 that it will consider a challenge to a significant new pro-life law from Mississippi. The law bans abortions past 15 weeks for

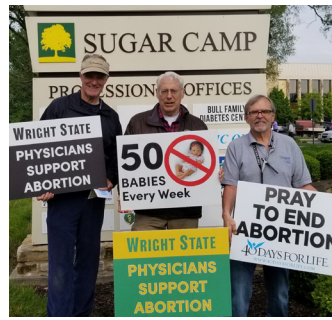
any reason other than physical medical emergencies or severe fetal abnormalities. Because the law changes the “viability” threshold of current legal precedent, the case could set the stage for a Supreme Court decision which could potentially overturn or at least modify *Roe v. Wade*. The court will likely hear the case in the fall and announce its decision in 2022.



Passing the Baton

This month marks a change in our leadership at Dayton Right to Life. Board of Trustees chairman Gary Taphorn steps down after five years “in the saddle” and is replaced by Gary Whitted, as confirmed at our May board meeting. Gary Taphorn, of Holy Family Parish, joined DRTL after his retirement as a US Army officer and government civilian at Wright-Patterson AFB. He will remain in a volunteer capacity while also taking on the role of Vice President for our statewide Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio (RTLACO). Gary Whitted, of Victory Christian Church, rejoins our board after his retirement from a long and distinguished career as an engineer with Ball Aerospace. Please join us

in praying for both men in their future endeavors for the right to life.



Gary Taphorn
(center)

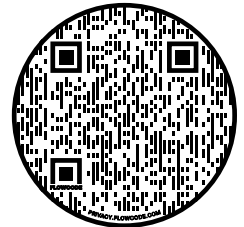


Gary Whitted
(far left)

2021 Yox Scholarship

Dayton Right to Life is pleased to announce its 2021 Yox Scholarship winner—**Lisa Lazarus**. Lisa was pregnant in high school and decided to keep her son who is now 13 years old. After much hard work, she completed her GED and then a medical assisting degree 5 years ago. She now wants to return to nursing and work towards her goal of a being a labor and delivery nurse. She writes in her essay, “*I have a wonderful family now with 3 children and I want them to know that school is important and how far I have come.*” On behalf of the Yox family, we are blessed to be able to help Lisa achieve her goal.

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