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Whole Women's Health vs. Hellerstedt

March 2nd the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments for and against *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*—pro-abortion activists' attack on a Texas law that abortionists follow medical health and safety standards to protect women seeking abortion. Abortionists must have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles, and operate under the same rules as any outpatient surgery clinic.

Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt is the first abortion case the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear since 2007, when it upheld the federal partial-birth abortion ban. The Court will decide whether abortionists must follow the law, like all other medical facilities. The Court's decision will affect other states. Currently, 29 states prescribe health and safety standards for abortion centers, and 15 require abortionists to have admitting privileges at a local hospital or a patient transfer agreement with another doctor with privileges to ensure knowledgeable care.

Early February, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine joined with 23 other states and filed an *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) brief in support of the Texas law, similar to Ohio's. Many other briefs have been filed on both sides of the aisle. The Obama administration also filed its own brief in opposition to the law. The Court is expected to release its decision in June.

Fetal Remains Disposition Bills

As of this printing, bills remain under consideration in both the Ohio House and Senate to provide clear laws regarding humane disposal of aborted babies' bodies. Senator Joe Uecker (Miami Township) has introduced Senate Bill 254 in the Senate. Two bills have been introduced in the House: HB 419 sponsored by Reps. Tim Ginter (Salem) and Barbara Sears (Toledo), and HB 417 sponsored by Reps. Kyle Koehler (Springfield) and Robert McColley (Napoleon).

Ohio Abortionists Still Unlicensed

With the exception of the newly licensed surgical abortion facility in Cuyahoga Falls, none of Ohio's surgical abortion facilities has a current ambulatory surgical facility license, including Cincinnati Planned Parenthood on Auburn Ave. Cleveland Women's Medical Group does abortions up to 19.6 weeks according to its website, has never applied for a license, yet remains in operation.

In 2014, Preterm in Cleveland performed an allegedly illegal late term abortion on 22-year-old Lakisha Wilson, where she died. Preterm altered records, yet was not cited by either the Ohio Department of Health or the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor despite whistleblower evidence.

Another Preterm Botched Abortion

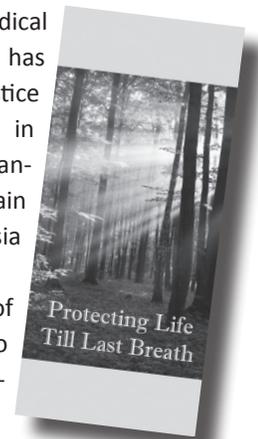
A 911 audio recording obtained by Operation Rescue has revealed that a 22-year old abortion patient suffered a life-threatening medical emergency during a late-term abortion at Preterm in Cleveland, Ohio on February 13th. This is the same abortion facility where 22-year old Lakisha Wilson died nearly two years ago from a botched abortion.

The young woman was 21.3 weeks pregnant, according to the Preterm worker that dialed 911. While this worker knew details of the patient's care, she did not report exactly what "went wrong" during the late-term abortion. As of this printing the fate of the patient is still unknown. This is the eleventh documented abortion injury at Preterm since 2010.

Proposed Ohio MOLST

As of this printing, Ohio Senate Bill 165, Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) has been introduced in Ohio's Senate Civil Justice Committee. The MOLST concept originated in Oregon with groups that helped enforce physician-assisted suicide in that state. Rather than sustain life, MOLST opens the door to covert euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide in Ohio.

S.B. 165, MOLST presents duplication of effort and potential conflict with current Ohio law and/or other advance care directives. End-of-life and critical care choices are covered in Ohio law under already-existing DNR orders, consent to treatment forms, patient declarations and health care durable power of attorney. See the action brochure at CincinnatiRightToLife.org, *Protecting Life Till Last Breath: Oppose S.B. 165 Ohio MOLST.*



Elected Officials' Meet & Greet

Representative federal, state, and local officials and candidates participated in a well-attended Elected Officials' Meet & Greet with Cincinnati and Dayton Right to Life board members plus interested parties January 29th. The event featured Bobby Schindler, President,



Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, and Rita Marker, Executive Director, Patients Rights Councils. Cautions and concerns for preventing an Ohio MOLST law (see above) were discussed.



"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

United States Declaration of Independence

#ProtestPP Rally April 23



National coordinators for the #ProtestPP rallies have decided to conduct an annual event, this year April 23rd. Area students and young-adults will be leading Cincinnati's #ProtestPP in front of Planned Parenthood on Auburn Ave., Saturday, April 23rd, 9-11 a.m. Join in this annual demonstration to #ProtestPP and the abortion deception.

Thank you Participants!

Sincere gratitude to all who participated in the spring 40 Days for Life campaign in front of Planned Parenthood's abortion headquarters on Auburn Ave. 40 Days for Life's caring witness continues to save lives and convert hearts worldwide to know the beautiful gift of life. Plan now to be part of the fall campaign (contact, Mary Clark, cincy40days@fuse.net, 513/791-4039, 40daysforlife.com/Cincinnati).



Cross the Bridge for Life 2016

Sunday, June 5th, 1:30 p.m., thousands from the tri-state area will join the 11th annual Cross the Bridge for Life to honor human life from conception to natural death with a peaceful walk across the "Purple People Bridge" spanning the Ohio River. Join in the celebration at Festival Park, Riverboat Row, Newport Riverfront area—on the river behind Newport on the Levee—ending with music by Easter Rising, a free JTM picnic, food trucks, and more! Parking is available at the Levee and surrounding parking lots. (CrossTheBridgeForLife.com)

Evening for Life Keynote Ryan Bomberger

Get ready to enjoy Evening for Life 2016, Thursday, October 13th at the Sharonville Convention Center! This popular annual gala will feature in-hall reception, delicious buffet dinner, Right to Life in Brief update, plus dynamic Ryan Bomberger of the Radiance Foundation. Ryan's creative work, including the bold TooManyAborted.com initiative, has received extensive media coverage by the NY Times, CNN, MSNBC, the Associated Press, ABC World News, Huffington Post, NPR, JET, BET, and many other traditional and new media news outlets.



Grab Those Running Shoes



All ages are revving up for Cincinnati Right to Life's Pro-Life Saver 5K Run/Walk plus better-than-ever Kid's Dash, Saturday, November 5, 2016, Lunken Playfield at Lunken Airport with food, fun, and fellowship! The attractive 5K course and Kid's Dash area are traffic free, well marked, and fully contained within the park. Onsite amenities include restroom facilities, ample parking and

a sheltered before and after-event celebration.

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Beautiful potted flowers can be delivered to your church in time for our Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale. Sell beautiful blooms and raise funds to protect life at the same time! Contact Rosemary Beckman at 513-598-4809 to schedule delivery today!



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UPCOMING AREA PRO-LIFE EVENTS

Son Rise Morning Show 740AM/89.5FM, Tues., 7:20 a.m., pro-life news spot with host Matt Swaim and CRTL Executive Director Paula Westwood (SonRiseMorningShow.com)

Women's Med Center Weekday Prayer Vigils, Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Women's Med Center, 11250 Lebanon Rd., Sharonville, OH 45241; held on grassy strip that runs between driveway and LaRosa's (513/378-4262)

Women's Med Center Saturday Morning Prayer Vigils, Sharonville, OH; Rosary led by different parishes in the Archdiocese every Sat. morning on the grassy area in front of the abortion mill beginning at 9:15 a.m., except for the 4th Saturday when it begins at 9.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood, April 16 & 23 and May 7, 21 & 28; 8 a.m., Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati; April 9 and May 14, 8:30 a.m., St. Teresa of Avila Church, Western Hills (513/984-6742)

First Saturday Pro-Life Rosary & Mass, May 7, 9 a.m., followed by coffee and speaker (513/522-7247)

Couples for Christ Rosary for Life, May 7, 2 p.m., All Saints Parish, 8939 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati

H.E.A.R.T. (Healing & Educating in Abortion Related Trauma), Begins April 7, a 12-week program to find healing and wholeness; weekly group meetings, daily study to find forgiveness, begin to overcome depression, anger, and low self-image (513/985-9959, gro.reneceve@traeh)

Mary's Mantle 2nd & 5th Saturday Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood, April 9 and May 14, 8 a.m. at Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati (513/258-7620)

St. Vincent Ferrer 2nd Wednesday Witness for Life Prayer Vigil, April 13 and May 11, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Planned Parenthood, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, OH

Life Forward Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati Banquet, April 14, Savannah Center, West Chester, OH; 5:15 p.m. silent auction, 6:30 p.m. dinner & program; speaker Melinda Delahoyde, music Natalie Grant (513/487-7777, lifeforwardcincy.org)

Pregnancy Center East Annual Banquet for Life, April 14, Hyatt Regency, Cincinnati; speaker Laura Ingraham; (513/321-3103)

Third Friday Right to Life Mass, April 15 & May 20, noon; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH

Clark County Right to Life Pro-Life Education Day, April 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m., St. Teresa Catholic Church, 1827 N. Limestone, Springfield, OH; speakers Cindy Hill of Silent No More, Greg Schutte of Marriage Works! Ohio (ClarkCountyRightToLife.com)

#ProtestPP Rally at Planned Parenthood, April 23, 9-11 a.m., Auburn Ave., Cincinnati (513/703-7408)

Life's 5th Quarter Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood, April 30, 8 a.m. at Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., (513/703-7408)

Healthy Beginnings' Banquet, May 3, 2016, Sharonville Convention Center; speaker Gianna Jessen (513/559-3412)

CareNet Pregnancy Services of NKY Banquet, May 5, 2016, Receptions, Erlanger, KY; speaker Abby Johnson (859/431-9178, beth@carenetky.org)

Reach Out Pregnancy Center Banquet, May 10, Creation Museum, Petersburg, KY; speaker Kirk Walden (513/367-7710; www.reachoutpregnancy.com)

Cenacle for Life, every Sunday, 3-4 PM, The Church of the Resurrection, First Street, Price Hill; includes Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and other prayers (513/922-4231, CenaclesofLife.org)

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House Hearings on “Baby Body Parts”

Early March, the U.S. House of Representatives’ Select Panel on Infant Lives began hearings into allegations that the abortion industry profits from the sale of aborted babies’ organs and tissue. The panel was formed in response to the Center for Medical Progress investigative videos that expose Planned Parenthood officials discussing the sale of aborted babies’ body parts. The panel is hearing testimony from expert witnesses on bioethics and fetal tissue related to abortion facilities profiting from the sale of aborted babies’ remains and illegally altering surgical abortion procedures to obtain “live,” “intact” babies to sell to research companies.

U.S. Late Term Abortion Numbers

March 15th the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee conducted a hearing entitled Late-Term Abortion: Protecting Babies Born Alive and Capable of Pain, during consideration of late term abortion ban legislation. In conjunction, Operation Rescue released a report on the number of late term abortion facilities in the country. Currently in the U.S. there are 511 active surgical abortion facilities. Of those, 162 surgical abortion centers abort babies at 20 weeks gestation or later, and 122 of those say they do not abort babies after 24 weeks. Five abortion facilities openly abort babies throughout all nine months of pregnancy, including Martin Haskell’s Women’s Med Center in Dayton, Ohio.

Americans Oppose Abortion

A November Marist poll indicated 81% of Americans support banning abortion at least after the first trimester of pregnancy, even those who identify as “pro-choice,” while two-thirds oppose second and third trimester abortions and say they should be illegal.

Alaska Senate Bans PP from Schools

Alaska’s Senate has passed a bill requiring parental permission before public school students can attend sex education classes, and to permit parents to withdraw their children from sex education and standardized testing. Most importantly, the bill bans schools from using educational material on human sexuality or STDs from any abortion provider, including Planned Parenthood, which says it currently provides sex education to 2,000 Alaskan school children. As of this printing, the bill is in the Alaska House of Representatives for review and vote.

Euthanasia Activists Target New York State

New York State is the next battleground for euthanasia activists, now that California has legalized assisted suicide. New York State legislature committees are considering two pro-suicide bills—the End of Life Options Act and Patient Self-Determination Act. If New York State legalizes this deadly practice, it is expected that euthanasia efforts in other states will snowball. A broad coalition of groups have banded together to oppose as New York Alliance Against Assisted Suicide. Former Iraq Marine officer and brain cancer survivor, J. J. Hanson, is leading lobbying lawmakers opposite public-suicide victim Brittany Maynard’s widower, Dan Diaz, to keep New York state euthanasia-free.

Potential Wider Window to the Womb

Ultrasound has opened a window on the womb for developing babies but cannot provide visuals as far back as embryonic stage, when many have difficulty accepting the humanity of an unborn child. DNA phenotyping is an emerging technology being used by some U.S. and international law enforcement agencies to build visual models of suspects and unidentified victims using adult DNA samples. According to some, if adult DNA can lead to a sketch of a person’s face, safely obtained gestational DNA, might be used to sketch the future face of an unborn child. Others caution that DNA phenotyping could cause some parents to reject their child because of an unwanted expected future appearance, which could lead to further treatment of children as a consumer designer product.

Former Abortionist Exposes Procedures

Live Action’s AbortionProcedures.com website unmask propaganda and secrecy surrounding the abortion industry. The videos feature former abortionist, now pro-life Dr. Anthony Levatino, who exposes abortion procedures’ violence and risks to women. Dr. Levatino performed over 1,200 abortions in the early part of his career as a OB/GYN. Upon release online, the four-video project went viral, with over three million views within the first 24 hours on Facebook, even resulting in some pro-abortion viewers openly questioning and reversing their stance.

Abortion Facilities Rapidly Closing

Bloomberg Businessweek has released a report stating that approximately 45 abortion centers have closed or stopped providing abortions since 2011. About one-third were operated by Planned Parenthood, which did more than 300,000 abortions last year. Reasons for the closings include: state legislatures passing more protective laws, such as requiring abortion centers to follow the same health and safety standards as other medical facilities, and/or requiring abortionists to have admitting privileges with a nearby hospital to cover patient emergencies. Some abortion centers are consolidating, while many have closed because they no longer make enough to cover expenses due to decreased demand (according to latest statistics, between 2010-2014 abortion rate dropped 12%).

Almost Organ Donor Survives

Fourteen-year-old Abigail Kopf was a victim of the February gun massacre in Michigan, which killed four and left Abigail herself declared brain-dead. Abigail was scheduled to have her organs harvested when she squeezed her mother’s hand, then responded to doctors’ questions with a thumbs-up sign. Mid-March Abigail was transferred to a rehabilitation facility to continue her recovery to learn how to walk and talk again. The question of what constitutes brain-death is under growing scrutiny, including dispute over the legal definition, as reports increase of patients diagnosed brain-dead who later gain consciousness, and many remember hearing conversations regarding ending their lives.

March of Dimes Concerns

The March of Dimes continues to promote amniocentesis to test for fetal defects, results of which can be used to refer for abortion. The organization also supports research using fetal tissue, fetal tissue transplants, and embryonic research. After the Center for Medical Progress’ investigative videos exposed Planned Parenthood officials discussing the sale of aborted babies’ body parts for research, Joy Barr, a March of Dimes community director, uncovered that MOD does permit its researchers to use aborted babies’ remains. Barr was fired for objecting. See full story on MOD and use of aborted babies’ tissue at <http://www.wnd.com/2015/09/march-of-dimes-hiding-own-dark-secrets-on-baby-parts/>. A pro-life alternative is The Michael Fund (<http://www.michaelfund.org>).

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