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**VOTE TO PROTECT WOMEN AND BABIES IN MINNESOTA.
ON AUGUST 11, VOTE LISA DEMUTH, TAD JUDE, AND NATE GEORGE!**

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LISA DEMUTH & RYAN WILSON
FOR GOVERNOR & LIEUT. GOVERNOR

NATE GEORGE
FOR STATE AUDITOR

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Here's what you need to know before the primary election on August 11

MINNESOTA'S PRIMARY ELECTION takes place on August 11. This edition of MCCL News provides you with the information and resources you need to use your vote to save lives.

Why does the primary election matter? It determines the candidates who will represent each party on the ballot in the November general election. **Will those candidates be strongly pro-life? Can they win over voters in tight general election races against well-funded pro-abortion opponents?** Will we see a pro-life legislature elected in November—one that that will stop abortion extremism in Minnesota and begin restoring protections for the vulnerable? That all depends on who we choose in August!

In this newsletter, you can find MCCL's Primary Election Voter's Guide. It contains responses to our pro-life questionnaire from candidates for Minnesota House and Senate; U.S. House and Senate; and the state offices of governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and auditor. **The Voter's Guide is also available online at mccl.org/election.**

Please note that Minnesota House and Senate districts without contested primaries are *not* included (since only one candidate from each party is running). Even if your own legislative districts are not contested, however,

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your vote in the contested races for governor, auditor, secretary of state, and U.S. senator is crucial to ensure we have pro-life candidates who can win statewide. Your vote matters!

Use this Voter's Guide to learn where the candidates stand—and then share that information with others. **Plan to vote on or before August 11, and take pro-life friends, family, and neighbors to the polls with you!** [MCCL](https://mccl.org)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What's at stake on August 11?

BY SCOTT FISCHBACH

ON AUGUST 11, you have a chance to make a difference for Life even greater than the difference you make by voting in the November general election. Let me explain.

The outcome in November depends on the primary election in August

You may already know why the general election matters so much. Among other things, it will determine control of the Minnesota House, Senate, and governorship. And that control will shape Minnesota's policies on Life going forward.

Will abortion-up-to-birth be enshrined (almost permanently) in the state Constitution? **Will we continue to see 14,000 babies die from abortion each and every year?** Or will Minnesota begin to restore essential protections for vulnerable human life? It depends on what happens in November.

But what happens in November depends (to a significant degree) on what happens in August. The Aug. 11 primary election is when we decide who appears on the general election ballot representing each party. Oftentimes, the "pro-life" candidate who wins the

primary isn't likely to be successful in the general election, or isn't solidly pro-life. The result is that pro-lifers—and unborn babies—lose in November.

Tiny vote margins determine huge policies

Keep this in mind: Elections in Minnesota often come down to tiny margins. **Over the last two elections, multiple state legislative races have been decided by just a dozen or two votes.** During the same period, power in the state legislature has hinged on a single legislative seat!

After the 2022 election, a one-seat pro-abortion Senate majority enabled abortion advocates to pass abortion-up-to-birth and repeal protection for born-alive infants. Then, after the 2024 election, a tie in the House stopped (for now) those abortion advocates from enshrining unlimited abortion in the Constitution.

A small number of votes, in single district, can have massive life-or-death implications. Let's put the strongest pro-life candidates on the ballot in November.

Why you are needed

All this is why your vote on Aug. 11 is so needed. **And because most people don't vote in primary elections, you will have a disproportionate influence on the outcome.**

Please use our Primary Election Voter's Guide to learn about the candidates and find information about voting. Make plans right now to vote on Election Day (Aug. 11) or beforehand through early voting. And when you go to the polls, do not go alone. Bring other pro-lifers you know with you!

Please also consider supporting MCCL's general election outreach in the coming weeks and months (see page 7). This is a pivotal year for Life, and MCCL is working harder than ever to make it a success. But we can't do it without you.

Thank you for joining us to save lives in Minnesota! [MCCL](#)

Explaining MCCL's statewide endorsements

AS YOU CAN SEE on page 1, the MCCL State Victory Fund has endorsed three candidates for statewide offices. Lisa Demuth has been an unwavering advocate for Life as Speaker of the House. Both she and Secretary of State candidate Tad Jude were sponsors of important pro-life bills while in the legislature. And State Auditor candidate Nate George (like Demuth and Jude) has a 100 percent response to our pro-life questionnaire (see pages 3-7 for all the candidate questionnaire responses).

These candidates have the name identification, the ability to raise campaign funds, and the values that it will take to win their statewide races in November. Those are qualities sometimes forgotten when choosing candidates, but they are critically important if we are going to win.

The race for governor

A note on two of the races: **Lisa Demuth was the initial favorite of delegates at the state Republican convention, leading on the first four ballots until the voting machine system at the convention broke down on the 5th and 6th ballots.** Inexplicably, Demuth's vote totals dropped significantly on those flawed ballots, giving an impression of shifting momentum to another candidate that led him to get the required 60 percent a few ballots later.

Many delegates (including an MCCL leader) didn't have their votes counted on those ballots, so we were glad to see the state Republican Party chair at one point issue a statement releasing candidates from any earlier pledges to not run in the primary. For those delegates who justifiably felt burned, it was the only fair outcome.

The race for state auditor

We also want to reiterate what we've been saying about State Auditor candidate Scott Jensen since last year. **Jensen was once pro-life, but in 2023 he flip-flopped to supporting the worst possible situation for the unborn**—he called for a right to abortion in the first trimester (when the vast majority of abortions occur) to be written into our state Constitution!

That extreme position drove him out of the race for governor earlier this year; then he switched to the State Auditor race. **MCCL's Victory Fund believes the impressive experience and values Nate George brings to this important position earn him our support.** [MCCL](#)



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2. To foster and increase protection of the right to life of mother and child.
3. To inform the public on abortion and related subjects.
4. To foster high standards of medical care in the state of Minnesota.
5. To promote and encourage assistance in the care and rearing of children with birth defects.
6. To promote enlightened care and assistance to mother and child in crisis pregnancies.
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Governor, State Office Candidates Answer Pro-Life Survey

Candidates for Minnesota constitutional offices were asked the following questions (detailed explanations of the questions are available at mccl.org/election). Use the response key on page 3 to interpret the chart.

1. Will you support or sign legislation in circumstances where the state Supreme Court might uphold protections that help women and protect unborn lives (such as protection for babies later in pregnancy when they can feel pain)?

2. Will you work with MCCL to convince legislators to reject any constitutional amendment that enshrines the killing of any unborn children in our state's highest document?

3. Will you support or sign efforts to restore lifesaving laws that have recently been repealed or blocked (parental notice, enhanced informed consent, some abortion reporting requirements, and grants to organizations offering positive alternatives to abortion)?
4. Will you support MCCL-backed legislation to restore a duty to treat newborns whose medical condition would allow them to survive with treatment?

5. Will you support MCCL-backed legislation to protect women and girls from common forms of coerced abortions?

6. Do you believe that the state should provide protections for nascent humans against life-taking biological research and technologies?

7. Will you veto or oppose any bills that would weaken MCCL-supported laws protecting medically vulnerable Minnesotans from assisted suicide or from denial of requested life-sustaining nutrition, hydration, or health care?
8. Will you oppose or veto the legalization of assisted suicide in Minnesota?

9. Do you oppose efforts that replace the patient (or his or her chosen proxy) with government standards in regard to medical decision-making, resulting in rationing of care?

10. Will you support MCCL in maintaining free-speech rights for non-profits and PACs and insisting on fair, secure elections between competing candidates?

11. Will you appoint only justices who will interpret and rule based upon what the state Constitution actually says, rather than creating law not found in the Constitution, which is the proper role of the legislature and not the judiciary?

Governor

Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Amy Klobuchar	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Bill Gates	DFL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Christopher Seymore	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Kobey Layne	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Po Vang	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Mohammad Wazwaz	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
John Krhin	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kendall Qualls	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lisa Demuth	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mike Lindell	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Patrick Knight	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	Y	Y	Y	Y
Raul Estrada	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Loner Blue	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ross Nova	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Attorney General

Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Keith Ellison	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
David Madgett	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ron Schutz	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Secretary of State

Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tad Jude	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wendy Phillips	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Steve Simon	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

State Auditor

Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nate George	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Will Finn	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Scott Jensen	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Zack Filipovich	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR



Congressional Candidates Answer Pro-Life Survey

Candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate were asked the following questions.
Use the response key on page 3 to interpret the chart.

1. In *Dobbs v. Jackson* (2022), the Supreme Court returned authority to regulate abortion to elected officials. The role of Congress regarding abortion is now much broader. Do you support a federal role in protecting unborn children?

2. Will you oppose federal laws like the “Women’s Health Protection Act” that limit states’ ability to regulate abortion?

3. The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act requires care for infants who survive abortion and allows legal action for violations. Will you vote for the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act?
4. Chemical abortions now account for over half of all abortions. Loosened regulations and telemedicine make them harder to track and more dangerous. Will you support legislation to regulate or restrict chemical abortion drugs?

5. The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7) would apply the Hyde Amendment permanently to all federal programs, including Obamacare. Will you support the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act?

6. The Hyde Amendment and similar laws prohibit federal funding for most abortions across various programs. Will you oppose any efforts to weaken these laws and support full enforcement?
7. Will you oppose any new ERA unless it includes clear language that it does not affect abortion policy?

8. Will you support legislation to prohibit federal subsidies or mandates for abortion in health plans?

9. Do you agree: “Federal law should not restrict private spending on life-saving treatment”?

10. Will you oppose any effort to federally legalize assisted suicide?

11. Will you oppose laws that punish non profit organizations for exercising constitutionally protected political speech?

U.S. House

District	Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Brad Finstad	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Gregory Goetzman	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Oliver Morlan	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Jake Johnson	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Alex Eaton	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
2	Matt Klein	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Matt Little	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Kaela Berg	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Abdi Abdulle	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Hugh McTavish	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Eric Pratt	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
3	Tyler Bass	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Quentin Wittrock	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Kelly Morrison	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
4	Betty McCollum	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Aswar Rahman	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Paul Wikstrom	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Gene Rehtzigel	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Paul Xiong	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
5	John Nagel	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Angie Windhauser	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Dalia Al-Aqidi	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Abbey Zieska	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Ilhan Omar	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Nate Schluter	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Julie Trang Le	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Adena McKenzie	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Latonya Reeves	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

District	Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
6	Doug Chapin	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Mike Foley	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Tom Emmer	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Chris Corey	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
7	Michelle Fischbach	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Steve Carlson	DFL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Erik Osberg	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
8	Luke Gulbranson	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	John Munter	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Trina Swanson	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Pete Stauber	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Anthony Hamilton	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

U.S. Senate

Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Bob Carney	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Cynthia Gail	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ahmed Hassan	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joyce Lacey	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Patrick Munro	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Mohamed Muse	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Adam Schwarze	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michele Tafoya	R	NR	Y	Y	NR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Weiler	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Royce White	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Kurt Anderson	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR



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Vote in the August 11 primary election. Use our Voter’s Guide to find where the candidates stand on Life (see pages 3–7 or visit mccl.org/election).

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Urge your pro-life friends, family, and neighbors to vote on August 11. Consider going together to your poll location.

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Promote MCCL’s Life Leadership Camp for middle school students Aug. 9-12 (see page 7).

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Support MCCL’s crucial work to inform the public this election season (see page 7).

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