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Ruling is a monumental step forward, though abortion policy in Minnesota will not immediately change

..... BY PAUL STARK

ON JUNE 24, the U.S. Supreme Court decided in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and allow Americans to protect the human rights of unborn children.

"The decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* is a monumental victory for unborn children and their mothers and a big step for inclusion and equality under the law," said MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. "The Constitution does not mandate abortion-on-demand, as *Roe v. Wade* falsely claimed. Today's ruling returns to the American people the ability to decide their own abortion policies. Although *Dobbs* will not cause any immediate change in Minnesota, those of us in the pro-life movement will strive to protect the human rights of human beings in the womb and to support and empower their mothers. We will work harder than

ever to love both mother and child."

Cathy Blaeser, a longtime MCCL board member and leader, said: "In 1973, seven unelected men wiped away the democratic abortion laws of all 50 states, excluding a whole class of innocent human beings from protection against lethal violence. More than 63 million children have died as a result, and countless women, men, and families have been wounded. For almost five decades, in response to this extreme and destructive ruling, pro-life women and men across Minnesota and across the country have faithfully sought to help women, change hearts and minds, enact protective laws, and save lives. They have worked tirelessly for this day. We rejoice in the *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision while recognizing that, in many ways, our work to protect life is just beginning."

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Abortions stay level in 2021 as Minnesota begins post-*Roe* era

Latest state numbers show chemical abortion expansion, need for more protections

ABORTIONS IN MINNESOTA inched downward in 2021, according to a report released July 1 by the Minnesota Department of Health. A total of 10,136 abortions were performed in the state, a two percent drop from the 2020 total.

"Despite the challenges of the pandemic, abortions have not skyrocketed, and women continue to choose life and get the support they need in Minnesota," said MCCL Executive

Director Scott Fischbach. "Now, as we move into a post-*Roe v. Wade* era, it's important to support and empower women and to enact protections for unborn children."

A long-term decline

Abortions in Minnesota have dropped 47 percent since their peak in 1980 but have leveled off in recent years. **Chemical abortions, however, reached an all-time high of 6,154 in**

2021—61 percent of all abortions in the state. While the abortion totals for the main abortion centers in Minnesota stayed level or slightly dropped, the abortions attributed to "independent physicians" rose significantly, perhaps reflecting the rise in mail-order abortions offered by an online abortion practitioner in Minnesota.

Planned Parenthood, which had increased its abortion total for nine consecutive years, saw a slight decline in 2021. The group still performed 70 percent of all abortions in the state.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Let's get to work saving lives in a post-Roe Minnesota

BY SCOTT FISCHBACH

WHEN I HEARD the news that the Supreme Court had overturned *Roe v. Wade*, I was with a large group of pro-life leaders at the National Right to Life Convention in Atlanta. We were overjoyed. It's hard to put into words what this means for those of us in the pro-life movement.

***Roe v. Wade* wasn't just a constitutional mistake. It has also caused unbelievable human harm.** More than 63 million

lives have been lost, including close to 700,000 here in Minnesota. Women and men have been hurt.

You have made a difference

But so many of you have faithfully worked over the years to protect life and support women. Thank you, so much, for being part of this pro-life mission. **Your work, little by little, has made a difference for life—and, on June 24, it helped produce a landmark Supreme Court decision that will save lives.**

Make no mistake, though: Overturning *Roe* doesn't end abortion. It means that Americans are free to decide their abortion laws again. No longer is the Supreme Court imposing an extreme policy of abortion-on-demand across the nation.



THE STATE FAIR IS COMING!

MINNESOTANS FROM all across the state will soon descend on St. Paul for the Minnesota State Fair. Be sure to stop by MCCL's pro-life educational booth!

The Fair, which runs Aug. 25 through Sept. 5, offers a wonderful opportunity for pro-life outreach. MCCL's booth includes educational materials, life-size fetal models, a fetal development video, and a pro-life petition for visitors to sign.

Come say hello

Our booth is on the lower level of the Grandstand building, in the northwest section. Stop by to pick up literature, sign our petition, or just say hello!

Dozens of faithful volunteers will staff this year's booth. If you are interested in volunteering for a shift, you may contact the MCCL office. **MCCL**

Here in Minnesota, a state court ruling means that nothing will change for the time being. **We will still have legalized abortion—and lots of work left to do to protect unborn children and their mothers.**

Get out and vote

So where do we go from here? The first step is voting in the primary election on or before Aug. 9. **Use our Primary Election Voter's Guide in this newsletter to see where the candidates stand on life before you go to the polls.** While not every district or office features a competitive primary, some do, and it's crucial to support pro-life candidates. Remember, by voting for pro-life candidates on Aug. 9, we can ensure that they represent their parties on the general election ballot in November.

That's when the stakes will be especially high. **Only by electing a pro-life governor and state Legislature can we enact new lifesaving legislation in Minnesota.** And what happens, instead, if abortion supporters control not just the governor's office, but both chambers of the Legislature? They could actually expand abortion in Minnesota and eliminate the existing protective laws that we have worked hard to put in place.

Be equipped at Fall Tour

The second step is to attend (and bring others with you) one of MCCL's Fall Tour meetings in September or October (see page 3). At the meeting, we will explain the Court's *Dobbs v. Jackson* ruling and the stakes in the upcoming election. We'll talk about the future of the pro-life effort in Minnesota—and how you can be part of it.

Because our pro-life mission continues. In fact, it's as important as ever! We've come a long way (farther than some even dreamed)—and we won't stop until every innocent human being is respected and protected by law. **MCCL**

REMINDER

Our pro-life camp for students takes place Aug. 7-10

LIFE LEADERSHIP CAMP, MCCL's pro-life summer camp for high school students, will take place Aug. 7-10 in Paynesville, Minnesota. There may still be time for students to register to take part in this informative, inspiring, and fun camp experience! Just go to mccl.org/camp to learn more or register online. You may also contact the MCCL office.

LIFE LEADERSHIP CAMP 2022

Find, connect with MCCL on social media

SOCIAL MEDIA is a growing avenue of pro-life outreach for MCCL, and it's a great way for you to stay informed and connected with us—and to share our information with your own friends, family, and acquaintances.

Find us on Facebook (facebook.com/mnprolife), Twitter (@MCCL_org), and Instagram (@MCCL_org), and bookmark our mccl.org website too!



pro-life update

BY PAUL STARK

MCCL'S OFFICE was vandalized twice in the weeks leading up to the Supreme Court's ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson*.

In May, vandals spray-painted a pro-abortion message and left pro-abortion signs taped to our building. Then in June, vandals broke several windows and left more graffiti on the outside of the building, spray-painting the message "abortion is liberation."

A violent group called Jane's Revenge took credit for the second incident. Jane's Revenge is credited with numerous acts of vandalism across the country, often directed toward pro-life pregnancy care centers.

MCCL responded to the incidents by working with the police, taking additional security precautions, and continuing our pro-life work. We are grateful that we are all safe, and that so many people have offered their support and encouragement during this time.



v. Minnesota case in Ramsey County District Court, abortion advocates are seeking to eliminate most of Minnesota's existing abortion-related laws, including our Woman's Right

MCCL office targeted for vandalism

Lawsuit against pro-life laws postponed

A lawsuit against Minnesota's pro-life laws was put on hold indefinitely this summer. In the *Doe*

to Know informed consent law and our parental notification law.

The case was scheduled to go to trial in June, but was delayed while questions of standing are resolved. Minnesota's existing protections remain in place, helping to support and empower women and save lives.

Pro-life leaders urge compassion for post-abortive women

In May, MCCL joined an open letter from the National Right to Life Committee and leaders of more than 70 other pro-life organizations. The letter urged state lawmakers across the country to reject legislation and policy initiatives that would impose criminal penalties on women who have abortions.

"**There are two victims in every abortion: the unborn child who loses her life, and her mother who is left abandoned by the abortion industry to deal with any physical complications, as well as the emotional and psychological pain of the abortion trauma for months or even years to come,**" said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "This joint letter recognizes that women who have abortions require our compassion and support, not criminalization."

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1. To improve and further personal and social responsibility for human life.
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.
7. To cause to be published and to distribute treatises, articles, addresses, reports and other publications on any or all subjects related to those above.

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Join us for an essential Fall Tour as we look ahead after Roe

MCCL's ANNUAL Fall Tour will again crisscross the state this September and October delivering informative pro-life presentations in dozens of cities and towns!

This year's meetings will focus on how we can save lives in a post-Roe

Minnesota. In our one-hour presentation, we'll talk about the Supreme Court's landmark *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision, what it means for Minnesota, the latest abortion numbers and trends, and why the fall elections are so important for protecting unborn children and supporting their mothers.

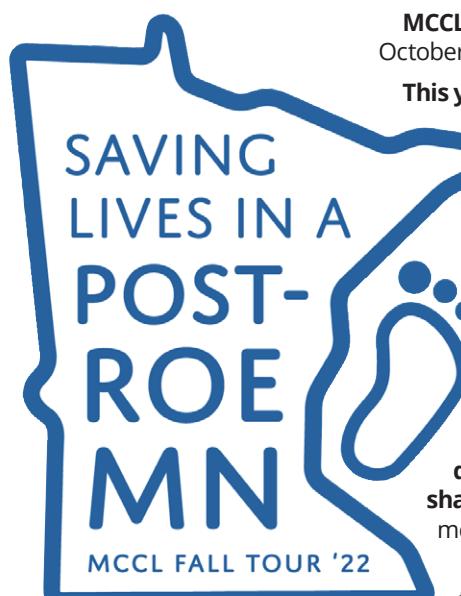
In this exciting time for the pro-life movement—and with so much at stake this fall—you won't want to miss our essential pro-life update.

Attend meeting nearest you

Most Fall Tour meetings take place at 7 p.m. (with some exceptions). As this newsletter goes to press, the dates and locations are still being determined; they will be posted online at mccl.org/falltour and also shared in other ways. You can visit our site or contact us at 612-825-6831 or mccl@mccl.org to find your meeting.

Be sure to attend the Fall Tour meeting nearest you, and bring pro-life friends and family with you!

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*Candidates for
the U.S. House of
Representatives were asked
the following questions.*

A short explanation precedes each question. Use the response key on page 5 to interpret the chart. Incumbents' pro-life voting records since their last election are listed following their responses to the MCCL questionnaire.

Pro-life laws

MCCL and our national affiliate, National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), have supported the passage of many pieces of lifesaving legislation on the federal level.

1. Will you use your vote to maintain any pro-life law or policy that is in effect on the day that you are elected?

Incremental strategy

MCCL and NRLC have a proven record of crafting and implementing a strategic plan for creating a pro-life nation. This strategic plan involves an incremental approach which allows for the greatest number of lives saved while working toward our ultimate goal of establishing respect for human life in our laws and culture.

2. Will you vote for lifesaving legislation that advances this incremental approach and provides protections for the unborn and their mothers?

Abortion industry funding

The federal government is often asked for funding for the abortion industry, including subsidies for abortion.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES

respond to pro-life survey

and abortion providers as well as foreign aid for abortion industry subsidies and abortion advocacy. Even many who support abortion are not supportive of using taxpayer funds to support abortion.

3. Will you vote to limit and/or prohibit taxpayer funding of the abortion industry?

Life-destroying research

4. Would you vote for legislation to prevent federal support of research that harms or destroys human life at any stage of development, or that uses cells or tissues that are obtained by harming or killing human life at any stage of development?

Denial of lifesaving care

Numerous policies have been sought, and in some cases made law, that deny patients healthcare based on quality of life criteria. Examples include the creation through the Affordable Care Act of the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) and hospitals that have implemented formal policies authorizing denial of lifesaving medical treatment against the will of a patient or the patient's family if an ethics committee thinks the patient's so-called "quality of life" is

unacceptable, even though the patient and family disagree.

5. Will you vote to prohibit involuntary denial of lifesaving medical treatment against the will of the patient?

Assisted suicide

Across the country, there are increasing efforts to legalize assisted suicide.

6. Will you vote against any attempts to legalize assisted suicide?

Free speech rights

As a grassroots advocacy organization that is committed to working within the legislative process, MCCL has always had an interest in issues that affect elections. We are strongly committed to maintaining free-speech rights in order to maximize our ability to communicate with our members and the public without restrictive administrative burdens.

7. Do you share MCCL's commitment to maintaining free-speech rights for non-profits and PACs? **MCCL**

Congressional candidate answers

HOW TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION

Here's what you need to know about voting in the 2022 primary election.

Option #1: Vote on Election Day

Primary Election Day is Aug. 9. Most people can vote in person then if they wish. If you don't know your polling place, visit pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us.

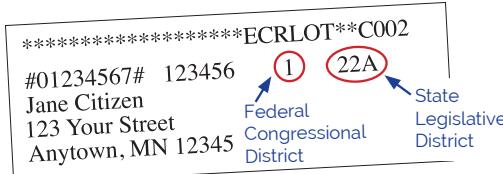
Option #2: Vote by absentee ballot

You can also vote early by absentee ballot. This can be done either in person at your local elections office or by mail.

To vote by mail, you must apply to have a ballot sent to you. When you receive the ballot, follow the instructions, fill it out carefully, and then mail the ballot and forms back as soon as you can. You may apply for an absentee ballot online at mnvotes.org.

Don't know your district number?

To see which candidates in this Voter's Guide will be on your ballot, you need to know



your congressional district number (for U.S. House) and your state legislative district number (for Minnesota House and Senate). You can find them by checking the mailing label on the back of this newsletter. You can also find your district numbers online at pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us. **MCCL**

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Abortion issue returned to American people

The Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions struck down laws protecting unborn children nationwide and made the United States one of just seven countries that allow elective abortions after 20 weeks. The *Dobbs v. Jackson* case involved a Mississippi law protecting unborn children after 15 weeks—earlier than the Court had previously allowed. The Court's decision upheld Mississippi's law by ruling that such protection is constitutionally permissible, overturning *Roe* in the process.

The *Dobbs* majority opinion, authored by Justice Samuel Alito (and joined by Justices Amy Coney Barrett, Neil Gorsuch, Clarence Thomas, and Brett Kavanaugh), does not make abortion illegal, but allows Americans, through their elected officials, to determine laws regarding abortion, as they have done for most of American history.

What it means for Minnesota

The *Dobbs* ruling has no immediate effect in Minnesota. A 1995 Minnesota Supreme Court ruling, *Doe v. Gomez*, claimed a broad right to abortion in the Minnesota Constitution, even requiring taxpayers to fund elective abortions through the state's Medicaid program. This ruling continues to mandate abortion-on-demand in Minnesota even though the U.S. Supreme Court no longer does.

"*Doe v. Gomez*, like *Roe v. Wade*, was an unconstitutional decision that imposed an extreme abortion policy, one that most Minnesotans don't support," said Fischbach. "**The *Dobbs* ruling is a massive step in the right direction, but we have many more steps to take before all innocent human beings are valued and protected."**

In the wake of *Dobbs*, some states across the country began protecting unborn children, while others continue to have policies of abortion-on-demand. In Minnesota, Gov. Tim Walz and Attorney General Keith Ellison pledged their commitment to abortion. Walz has promised to oppose any pro-life legislation.

"The elections for governor and the state Legislature this fall will determine whether we can enact commonsense protections for unborn children and their mothers—or whether no-limits abortion will be enshrined in Minnesota law," said Fischbach. **MCCL**

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"Chemical abortion drugs pose real risks to women's health, and those risks increase when the drugs are sent to women without any in-person medical evaluation first," said Fischbach. "This is an area where Minnesotans can come together to protect women and children."

The 2020 abortion total was updated after one abortion center failed to properly report its abortion numbers last year. The new 2020 figure of 10,339 represents a 4 percent rise over 2019 in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic. The abortion rate, however, fell to 7.6 (abortions per 1,000 Minnesota women of reproductive age) in 2020, compared to 8.3 in 2019. The estimated rate for 2021 (using 2020 population numbers) is 8.5.

The number of abortions performed on minors dropped to 209 last year, the lowest number on record. **MCCL**

VOTER GUIDE RESPONSE KEY

Y Yes

N No

NR No Response – did not respond to the questionnaire, did not respond to the question so designated, or informed MCCL that he or she chose not to respond.

C Comment – responded to the question so designated with comments only; such comments are kept on file.

VR Voting Record – incumbents' pro-life voting record in the period since their last election (2021-22). Minnesota House and Senate incumbents' percentage is determined from votes cast in agreement with MCCL's pro-life position divided by total votes cast on life-related legislation (votes missed were not counted). U.S. House incumbents' percentage is determined by the National Right to Life Committee and is up-to-date as of July 5, 2022.

Political Party Abbreviations

DFL Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

R Republican Party

GLC Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party

LMN Legal Marijuana Now Party

WTP We The People Party

LIB Libertarian Party

MIP Minnesota Independent Party

SWP Socialist Workers Party

IA Independence-Alliance Party

Congressional candidate answers, continued

Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	VR
District 5	Guy T Gaskin	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
	Royce White	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Cicely Davis	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	AJ Kern	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
	Ilhan Omar	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0%
	Don Samuels	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
	Nate Schluter	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
	Albert Ross	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	

Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	VR
District 6	Jeanne Hendricks	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
	Tom Emmer	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
District 7	Michelle Fischbach	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Jill Abahsain	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
District 8	Alycia R Gruenhagen	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
	Travis "Bull" Johnson	LMN	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
District 6	John Munter	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
	Jen Schultz	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
	Pete Stauber	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Harry Robb Welty	R	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	

MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Minnesota House of Representatives and Minnesota Senate were asked the following questions. A short explanation precedes each question. Use the response key on page 5 to interpret the charts. Incumbents' pro-life voting records since their last election are listed following their responses to the MCCL questionnaire.

Pro-life laws

MCCL has supported the passage of many pieces of lifesaving legislation. These include, but are not limited to, parental notice for minors seeking an abortion; informed consent, including information on fetal pain and the offering of pain reducing drugs for the unborn child during an abortion; abortion reporting requirements, and providing grants to organizations that offer positive alternatives to abortion.

1. Will you vote to maintain previously passed MCCL-supported laws and provisions?

Incremental strategy

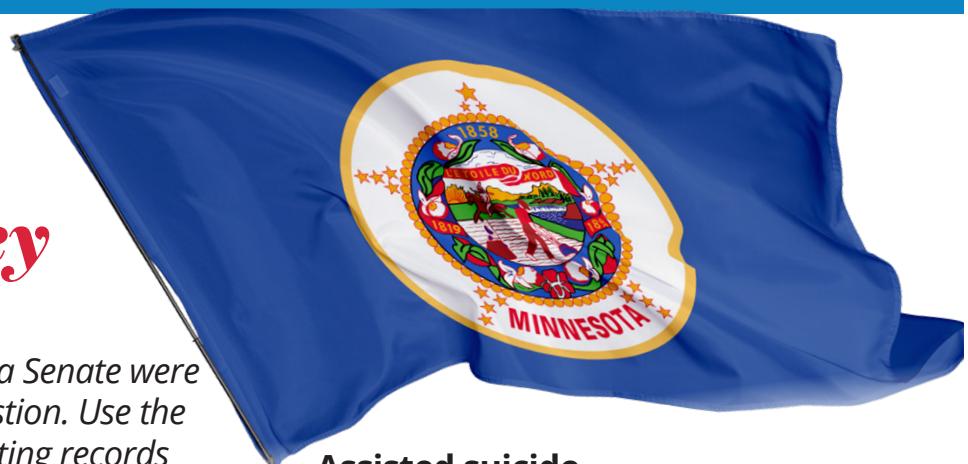
MCCL has a proven record of lifesaving victories at the Legislature, each carefully crafted to further our strategic plan for creating a pro-life Minnesota. This strategic plan involves an incremental approach which allows for the greatest number of lives saved while working toward our ultimate goal of establishing respect for human life in our laws and culture.

2. Will you vote for lifesaving legislation that advances MCCL's incremental approach and provides protections for the unborn and their mothers?

Tax-funded abortion

Even many who support abortion are opposed to taxpayer funding of abortion.

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Assisted suicide

Legislation was introduced to legalize assisted suicide (S.F. 1352/H.F. 1358) for certain individuals.

8. Do you share MCCL's commitment to maintaining free-speech rights for non-profits and PACs and to insisting on fair, secure elections between competing candidates? **MCCL**

Minnesota House candidate answers

Minnesota House candidate answers, continued

District	Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	VR
05B	Mike Wiener	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Sheldon Monson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Gregg Hendrickson	IA	NR								
06A	Ben Davis	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Richard (Rick) Blake	DFL	NR								
06B	Sally Boos	DFL	NR								
	Josh Heintzman	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Doug Kern	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
07A	Spencer Igo	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Julie Sandstede	DFL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	67%
07B	David Lislegard	DFL	NR	0%							
	Matt Norri	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
08A	Art Johnston	R	NR								
	Allan Kehr II	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Liz Olson	DFL	NR								
	Becky Hall	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
08B	Arik Forsman	DFL	NR								
	Alicia Kozlowski	DFL	NR								
09A	Jeff Backer	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Nancy Jost	DFL	NR								
09B	Tom Murphy	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Jason Satter	DFL	NR								
10A	Ron Kresha	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Charles "Chuck" Parins	R	NR								
	John Ulrick	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
10B	Blake Paulson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Isaac Schultz	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Hunter Froelich	DFL	NR								
11A	Pete Radosevich	DFL	NR								
	Jeff Dotseth	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
11B	Nathan Nelson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Eric Olson	DFL	NR								
12A	Paul H. Anderson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Edie Barrett	DFL	NR								
12B	Jeremy Vinar	DFL	NR								
	Mary Franson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
13A	Lisa Demuth	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Andrea Robinson	DFL	NR								
13B	Melissa Bromenschenkel	DFL	NR								
	Tim O'Driscoll	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
14A	Bernie Perryman	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Tami Calhoun	DFL	NR								
14B	Aaron Henning	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Dan Wolgamott	DFL	NR	0%							
15A	Keith VanOverbeke	DFL	NR								
	Chris Swedzinski	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
15B	Paul Torkelson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Tom Kuster	DFL	NR								
16A	Robert M Wright	DFL	NR								
	Dean Urdahl	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
16B	Dave Baker	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Fred Cogelow	DFL	NR								
17A	Jennifer Carpentier	DFL	NR								
	Dawn Gillman	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
17B	Bobbie V. Harder	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
18A	Susan Akland	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Jeff Brand	DFL	NR								

District	Candidate	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	VR
18B	Dar Vosburg	R	NR								
	Luke Frederick	DFL	NR	0%							
19A	Brian Daniels	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Carolyn Treadway	DFL	NR								
19B	Abdulahi Ali Osman	DFL	NR								
	John Petersburg	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Pam Altendorf	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
20A	Jesse Johnson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Laurel Stinson	DFL	NR								
	Roger Kittelson	MIP	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	Y	Y	Y	
20B	Elise Diesslin	DFL	NR								
	Steven E. Jacob	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
21A	Joe Schomacker	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Patrick T. Baustian	DFL	NR								
	Michael Heidelberger	DFL	NR								
21B	Jayesun Israel Sherman	R	NR								
	Marj Fogelman	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
22A	Bjorn Olson	R	NR	100%							
	Marisa Ulmen	DFL	NR								
22B	Marcia Stapleton	DFL	NR								
	Brian H. Pfarr	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
23A	Peggy Bennett	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Mary Hinnenkamp	DFL	NR								
23B	Thomas A Stiehm	DFL	NR								
	Patricia Mueller	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
24A	Duane Quam	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Keith McLain	DFL	NR								
24B	Tina Liebling	DFL	NR	0%							
	Katrina Pulham	R	NR								
25A	Wendy Phillips	R	NR								
	Kim Hicks	DFL	NR								
25B	John Joseph Robinson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Andrew Smith	DFL	NR								
26A	Stephen James Doerr	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Gene Pelowski Jr.	DFL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
26B	Laura H. Thorson	R	NR								
	Gregory M. Davids	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
27A	Shane Mekeland	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Ronald Thiessen	DFL	NR								
	Rachel Davis	R	NR								
27B	Kurt Daudt	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Brad Brown	DFL	NR								
28A	Brian Johnson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Erik Johnson	DFL	NR								
28B	Katie Malchow	DFL	NR								
	Anne Neu Brindley	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
29A	Joe McDonald	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Sherri Leyda	DFL	NR								
29B	Marion O'Neill	R	NR	100%							
	Walter Hudson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
30A	Sonja Buckmeier	DFL	NR								
	Chad Hobot	DFL	NR								
30B	Paul Novotny	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Harry Niska	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Betsy O'Berry	DFL	NR								
31A	Bill Fisher	DFL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR				

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32B	Matt Norris	DFL	NR								
	Donald W Raleigh	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
33A	Patti Anderson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Hanna Valento	DFL	NR								
	Tina Riehle	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
33B	Mark Bishofsky	R	NR								
	Josiah Hill	DFL	NR								
34A	Brian Raines	DFL	NR								
	Danny Nadeau	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	Y	Y	
34B	Scott Simmons	R	NR								
	Melissa Hortman	DFL	NR	0%							
35A	John Heinrich	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Zack Stephenson	DFL	NR	0%							
35B	Jerry Newton	DFL	NR	0%							
	Polly Matteson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
36A	Elliott Engen	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Susie Strom	DFL	NR								
36B	Heidi Gunderson	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Brion Curran	DFL	NR								
37A	Kristin Robbins	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Caitlin Cahill	DFL	NR								
37B	Kristin Bahner	DFL	NR	0%							
	John Bristol	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
38A	Michael "Mike" Nelson	DFL	NR	0%							
38B	Samantha Vang	DFL	NR	0%							
	Robert Marvin	R	NR								
39A	Rod Sylvester	R	NR								
	Erin Koegel	DFL	NR	0%							
39B	Sandra Feist	DFL	NR	0%							
	Mike Sharp	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
40A	Ben Schwanke	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Kelly Moller	DFL	NR	0%							
40B	Jamie Becker-Finn	DFL	NR	0%							
	Allen Shen	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
41A	Mark Wiens	R	NR								
	Pat Driscoll	DFL	NR								
41B	Tina Folch	DFL	NR								
	Shane Hudella	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
42A	Kathy Burkett	R	NR								
	Ned Carroll	DFL	NR								
42B	Ginny Klevorn	DFL	NR	0%							
	Jackie Schroeder	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
43A	Cedrick R. Frazier	DFL	NR	0%							
43B	Mike Freiberg	DFL	NR	0%							
	Peter M Fischer	DFL	NR	0%							
44A	Alex Pinkney	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Leon M. Lillie	DFL	NR	0%							
44B	William Johnston	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	TJ Hawthorne	LIB	NR								
45A	Lauren Bresnahan	DFL	NR								
	Andrew Myers	R	NR								
45B	Lorie Cousineau	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Patty Acomb	DFL	NR	0%							
46A	Larry Kraft	DFL	NR								
46B	Cheryl Youakim	DFL	NR	0%							
47A	Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger	DFL	NR								
	Bob Lawrence	R	NR								

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47B	Kelly Fenton	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Ethan Cha	DFL	NR								
48A	Arlan Brinkmeier	DFL	NR								
	Nathan Kells	DFL	NR								
	Jim Nash	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
48B	Greg Boe	R	NR								
	Lucille "Lucy" Rehm	DFL	NR								
49A	Ryan Chase	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Laurie Pryor	DFL	NR	0%							
49B	Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn	DFL	NR	0%							
	Thomas Knecht	R	NR								
50A	Sami Cisman	R	NR								
	Heather Edelson	DFL	NR	0%							
	Andrew Carlson	DFL	NR	0%							
50B	Steve Elkins	DFL	NR	0%							
	Beth Beebe	R	NR								
51A	Michael Howard	DFL	NR	0%							
	Ryan Wiskerchen	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NR	NR	
51B	Chad Anderson	R	NR								
	Nathan Coulter	DFL	NR								
	Fern A. Smith	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
52A	Liz Reyer	DFL	NR	0%							
	Sandra Masin	DFL	NR	0%							
52B	Ruth Richardson	DFL	NR	0%							
	Cynthia Lonnquist	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
53A	Todd Kruse	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Mary Frances Clardy	DFL	NR								
	Brent Jacobson	LMN	NR								
53B	Laura E Pride	LMN	NR								
	Steven Swoboda	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Rick Hansen	DFL	NR	0%							
	Bob Loonan	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
54A	Erik Mortensen	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Ryan Martin	LMN	NR								
	Brad Tabke	DFL	NR								
54B	Brendan Van Alstyne	DFL	NR								
	Ben Bakeberg	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
55A	Gabriela Kroetch	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Jess Hanson	DFL	NR	0%							
55B	Van Holston	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Kaela Berg	DFL	NR	0%							
56A	Robert Bierman	DFL	NR	0%							
	Joe Landru	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
56B	Joe Scanlon	R	NR								
	John Huot	DFL	NR	0%							
57A	Jon Koznick	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Greg Henningsen	DFL	NR								
57B	Jeff Witte	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Erin Preese	DFL	NR								
58A	Kristi Pursell	DFL	NR								
	Gary Bruggenties	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
58B	Steve Dungy	DFL	NR								
	Patrick Garofalo	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
59A	Fue Lee	DFL	NR	0%							
59B	Esther Agbaje	DFL	NR	0%							
	Diana Halsey	R	Y	Y							

Minnesota Senate candidate answers

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32	Kate Luthner	DFL	NR								
	Michael Kreun	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
33	Karin Housley	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Nancy McLean	DFL	NR								
	Brian Baber	DFL	NR								
34	Karen Attia	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	John Hoffman	DFL	NR	0%							
35	Kari Rehrauer	DFL	NR								
	Jim Abeler	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
36	Roger Chamberlain	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Heather Gustafson	DFL	NR								
37	Warren Limmer	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Farhio Khalif	DFL	NR								
	Brad Kohler	R	NR								
38	Susan Pha	DFL	NR								
	Hulda Hiltzley	DFL	NR								
	Mary O'Connor	LMN	NR								
39	Mary K Kunesh	DFL	NR	0%							
	Pam Wolf	R	NR								
40	Rachel Japuntich	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	John Marty	DFL	NR	0%							
	Judy Seeberger	DFL	NR								
41	Tom Dippel	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Tony Jurgens	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
42	Bonnie Westlin	DFL	NR								
	Paul Hillen	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
43	Ann H. Rest	DFL	NR	0%							
	Andrew Thomas Schuler	LMN	NR								
	Leslie Lienemann	DFL	NR								
44	Tou Xiong	DFL	NR	0%							
	Nancy Livingston	DFL	NR								
	Paul Babin	R	NR								
45	Kelly Morrison	DFL	NR	0%							
	Kathleen Fowke	R	NR								
46	Ron Latz	DFL	NR	0%							
47	Nicole Mitchell	DFL	NR								
	Dwight Dorau	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Balakrishna "Bala" Chintaginjala	DFL	NR								
48	Julia Coleman	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Dan Kessler	DFL	NR								
49	Steve Cwodzinski	DFL	NR	0%							
	Marla Helseth	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
50	Doug Fulton	R	NR								
	Alice Mann	DFL	NR								
51	Melissa Halvorson Wiklund	DFL	NR	0%							
	Frank Pafko	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
52	Stephen Lowell	R	NR								
	Jim Carlson	DFL	NR	0%							
53	Matt Klein	DFL	NR	0%							
	Chris Rausch	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Natalie Barnes	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
54	Eric Pratt	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
	Alicia Donahue	DFL	NR								
55	Lindsey Port	DFL	NR	0%							
	Pam Myhra	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Jim Bean	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
56	Erin Maye Quade	DFL	NR								
	Justin Emmerich	DFL	NR								
57	Jackie Craig	DFL	NR								
	Zach Duckworth	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%

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58	Bill Lieske	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Jake Cordes	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Clarice Grabau	DFL	NR								
59	Bobby Joe Champion	DFL	NR	0%							
60	Kari Dziedzic	DFL	NR								
61	Scott Dibble	DFL	NR	0%							
	Omar Fateh	DFL	NR	0%							
62	Shaun Laden	DFL	NR								
	Andrew Schmitz	R	Y	Y	Y	NR	NR	NR	Y	Y	
	Shawn Holster	R	NR								
63	Zaynab Mohamed	DFL	NR								
	Todd C. Scott	DFL	NR								
64	Erin Murphy	DFL	NR								
	Robert Bushard	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Paul Holmgren	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
65	Sandy Pappas	DFL	NR	0%							
	Sheigh Freeberg	DFL	NR								
	Zuki Ellis	DFL	NR								
66	Jeremy J. Peichel	LIB	NR								
	Clare Oumou Verbeten	DFL	NR								
	Mikki M Murray	R	NR								
67	Foung Hawj	DFL	NR	0%							

GOVERNOR, STATE OFFICE CANDIDATES respond to survey

Candidates for Minnesota constitutional offices were asked the following questions. A short explanation precedes each question. Use the response key on page 5 to interpret the charts.

1. Pro-life laws

MCCL has supported the passage of many pieces of lifesaving legislation. These include, but are not limited to, parental notice for minors seeking an abortion; informed consent, including information on fetal pain and the offering of pain reducing drugs for the unborn child during an abortion; abortion reporting requirements, and providing grants to organizations that offer positive alternatives to abortion. **Do you support these previously passed MCCL-supported laws and provisions?**

2. Incremental strategy

MCCL has a proven record of lifesaving victories at the Legislature, each carefully crafted to further our strategic plan for creating a pro-life Minnesota. This strategic plan involves an incremental approach which allows for the greatest number of lives saved while working toward our ultimate goal of establishing respect for human life in our laws and culture. **Do you support MCCL's incremental approach and will you work with MCCL (as appropriate to the office you are seeking) to advance the approach?**

3. Abortion industry funding

Even many who support abortion are opposed to taxpayer funding of abortion. **Do you support limiting and/or prohibiting taxpayer funding of abortion in Minnesota?**

4. Life-destroying research

Biological-related technologies have been advancing rapidly in recent years. While most of these developments offer great promise, some require that another human life at an early stage of development be harmed or killed (e.g., embryonic stem cell research, human cloning). **Do you believe that the state should provide protections for nascent humans against biological research and technologies?**

5. Denial of lifesaving care

MCCL has worked with elected officials to protect vulnerable Minnesotans and those who are nearing the end of their lives. Many protective laws have been passed including a prohibition on assisting suicide or assisting an attempted suicide (MN Statute 609.215), and a provision requiring health care providers to "take all reasonable steps" to comply with requests for



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Donate to support MCCL's General Election Voter's Guide outreach this fall (see page 11 or visit mccl.org/donate).

Encourage high school students to register for MCCL's Life Leadership Camp from Aug. 7-10 (see page 2).

Visit our State Fair booth at the end of the summer, or volunteer to staff a shift at the booth yourself (see page 2).

Connect with MCCL at mccl.org and on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to stay up-to-date with the latest pro-life news (see page 2).

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