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Chapter News

Ideas and Inspiration for MCCL Volunteers

Your help is still needed to stop pro-abortion bills!

Keep sending postcards, emails, phone calls to lawmakers

The PRO ACT, the bill to enshrine abortion-up-to-birth in Minnesota law, passed the legislature and was signed into law by Gov. Walz at the end of January.

Five more bills are advancing

But several other pro-abortion bills are also now advancing, and we need the ongoing help of your MCCL chapter to stop them. The new bills include these five:

- **HF 91/SF 70 repeals virtually all remaining pro-life laws in Minnesota, including our Born-Alive Infant Protection Act**, which ensures basic care for newborn babies who survive abortion so that they are not left to die.
- **HF 289/SF 336 would gut Minnesota's Positive Alternatives Act**, which gives grants to pregnancy care centers to help women and their babies choose life.
- **HF 1170 would do Planned Parenthood and other abortion businesses a special favor** by increasing medical assistance reimbursement rates solely for abortion and abortion-related services.
- **HF 366/SF165 blocks the governor from extraditing to other states any crime connected with "reproductive health services,"** which include abortion. This could make Minnesota a haven for abortionists to escape justice after they perform illegal abortions.
- **HF 174/SF 662 directs students to Planned Parenthood and other abortion businesses** for information and referral, and away from pro-life pregnancy care centers.



Your efforts are making a difference

Please do not be discouraged: Your efforts so far have had a clear effect on lawmakers. **Although the PRO Act passed, several Democrats in the House wavered before voting for it.** If all of us do our part, we can stop the rest of this pro-abortion agenda in its tracks.

Please turn to the other side to see what your chapter can do to save unborn lives!

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What can you do to stop the abortion onslaught?

Here are three things your chapter can do to help stop the new pro-abortion bills at the Capitol.

Promote postcards

Continue promoting MCCL's postcards in local churches and elsewhere. These are the cards that pro-lifers can easily fill out and mail to their lawmakers, urging them to vote against pro-abortion legislation. **The postcards don't only apply to the PRO Act, which means that any cards you have remaining are still good to use!** Please contact the MCCL state office to receive more of these cards to distribute.

Keep contacting lawmakers

Encourage those in your chapter, church, and community to also phone and email their state lawmakers. **It is especially important to contact pro-abortion lawmakers, even if you think you know how they will vote.** The message to them can mention specific bills, or it can be as simple as this: "Please don't vote for any upcoming pro-abortion bills. No more killing. No more abortion votes." You can find contact information for lawmakers online at leg.mn.gov. **You may also direct folks to our website at mccl.org/extreme for all the needed information.**

Write letters to the editor, post on social media

Write letters to the editor of your local paper, and post information on social media too. Share that Gov. Walz and the legislature have already enacted an extreme abortion-up-to-birth bill, and now they want to go even further by denying protection for newborn babies who survive abortion! (See the sample letter to the editor below.) If your local representative and senator have voted pro-abortion so far, please mention their extreme votes and urge readers to contact them.

Thank you for all you have done for unborn children and their mothers, and all that you will do going forward! **Please contact the MCCL office at mccl@mccl.org or 612.825.6831 if you have any questions.**

Mark your calendars

Register now for our Legislative Dinner

MCCL's biennial Legislative Dinner is coming up on Feb. 28 at the Landmark Center in St. Paul, and you are invited!

We host our Legislative Dinner every two years as an opportunity for pro-life citizens and their lawmakers to learn more about and discuss together current pro-life issues and legislation. **This year's event takes place at a crucial time as multiple extreme pro-abortion**

bills advance at the Minnesota Capitol.

Our keynote speaker, Carol Tobias, is the president of the National Right to Life Committee in Washington, D.C. You won't want to miss what she has to share with us!

Learn more and register today at mccl.org/dinner or by contacting MCCL. The early-bird discount ends Feb. 15, and seating is limited, so please register now to reserve your spot.

Student Day is coming

MCCL's Student Day at the Capitol will be held this year on March 14 and March 23 (students pick one). This event for students in grades 7-12 is a great way for young people to learn about the abortion issue and the legislative process. Be sure to promote the event among the young people in your community; a promotional poster and registration information will soon be available on our website at mccl.org/studentday.

sample letter to the editor

Please use this sample to submit a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.

Aborting a baby up to the moment of birth. That's what Gov. Walz just signed into law. Only a handful of countries in the world have a policy so extreme. Even babies who can feel excruciating pain and could live outside the womb have no protection! And now lawmakers are pushing more extreme abortion bills, including one (HF 91/SF 70) that would repeal protection for newborn babies who survive abortion. Let's all contact our Minnesota representative and senator and tell them: No more killing. No more extreme abortion votes.

coming events

**February 28
Legislative Dinner**

**March 14 & 23
Student Day at the Capitol**

**May 14
Mother's Day**