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## Welcome to Our New Legislators

Special elections in the May 2019 Primary have resulted in two legislative vacancies being filled in Butler County by pro-life candidates:

1. Representative **Marci Mustello** will now represent District 11. Her local office address is: 6 Chesapeake Street, Suite 200, Lyndora, (724) 282 5852.
2. Senator **Joe Pittman** will now represent Senate District 41. He can be reached at Senate Box 203041, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3041, (717) 787 8724.

Complete information on all legislators representing Butler County can be found on the Butler PHL website, [butlerphl.com](http://butlerphl.com).

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## Down Syndrome Legislation in Pennsylvania

The PA House passed the Down Syndrome Protection Act in April, and it will now come to a vote in the PA Senate. We urge you to contact your PA Senator and ask him to support Senate Bill 1050. (Check [butlerphl.com](http://butlerphl.com) if you are unsure who your State Senator is.)

This bill will prohibit abortions which are performed solely on the basis that the unborn child has been diagnosed with down syndrome; currently in PA these babies can be aborted up to 24 weeks gestation.

## Challenging Roe v. Wade

In 2013, Arkansas and North Dakota passed heartbeat legislation prohibiting abortion early in the first trimester. Heartbeat bills attempt to ban abortions after a heartbeat can be detected, which is often as early as six weeks' gestation. These bills were both challenged in court and blocked. In 2015, the Eighth Court of Appeals affirmed the lower court rulings in both cases. The US Supreme Court declined to be involved, effectively keeping the block in place.

So far this year, states have been busy passing abortion legislation, most of it aimed at restricting the procedure. Ohio is among the handful of states passing heartbeat bills in 2019, though all have been challenged. Under the precedent established by Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, legislation that protects life often before the mother knows she is pregnant is deemed to place an "undue burden on a woman's right to choose."

Alabama has stepped forward with the boldest bill yet, banning abortion in all cases except to save the life of the mother. This legislation has likewise been blocked, again citing the precedent established in Roe v. Wade.

All that changes if Roe v. Wade is reversed. With the recent confirmations of Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court, there may be the votes necessary to finally do away with this horrible decision.

In fact, the authors of these recent pro-life laws readily admit they are intended to have the Supreme Court reconsider Roe v. Wade. Governor Mike DeWine of Ohio said of his state's heartbeat bill, "Roe is an outdated, terribly decided precedent and it's time that the Supreme Court take a second look at it. We're confident that the Heartbeat Bill could be the legislation that reaches that level."

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey had a similar viewpoint regarding her state's law: "The sponsors of this bill believe that it is time, once again, for the U.S. Supreme Court to revisit this important matter, and they believe this act may bring about the best opportunity for this to occur."

After all these years, Roe v. Wade may finally get another look. It's hard to imagine, with the volume of pro-life bills being passed and then blocked by lower courts, that the high court won't rule on the matter.

## Donations

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**Thank You!!!**

## Millennials are Pro-Life — They Just Need the Facts

According to a poll by Students for Life of America, 70% of millennials supported some restrictions on abortion. Only 7% agreed that abortion should be allowed without exception and funded with tax dollars.

Also interesting is their view of Planned Parenthood. Initially, 54% of millennials had a favorable view of this organization. However, upon being informed that Planned Parenthood performs more than 300,000 abortions a year, this support fell to 41%. It dropped further to 35% when millennials learned that Planned Parenthood registered profits approaching \$100 million and spent \$30 million during the 2016 election cycle.

The younger set, like the rest of the nation, is pro-life at heart.

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## Come See us at the Butler Farm Show

The 71st edition of the Butler Farm Show runs from Monday, August 5th through Saturday, August 10th. We will have our usual booth, complete with giveaways, information on fetal development and the 4D ultrasound video. Stop on by to pick something up, show your kids how babies look as they grow within the womb, or simply to show support for the cause. Look forward to seeing you there!

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## Thanks Again to all Donors

The Butler chapter of PHL is committed to promoting the dignity and value of human life in Butler County. We produce this newsletter, maintain a presence at the annual Butler Farm Show and help facilitate attendance at the yearly March for Life in Washington, DC, all of which entail a cost. Your generosity helps make this possible.

For future donations, please note that our treasury function has been assumed by the Pittsburgh office. Please continue to send any donations to our Butler address (PHL - Butler Chapter, PO Box 93, Butler PA 16003-0093). We want to still be able to offer thanks and recognition to our donors. However, if you are donating with a check, please make the check payable to PHL (without the Butler reference) or PHL Educational Trust Fund. Donations made out to the educational fund are tax deductible. We in the Butler branch will be transporting these donations to the Pittsburgh office on a regular basis.

Thanks again for your generosity!

## Chemical Abortions and Telemed

The use of mifepristone, or RU486, to cause abortions has been increasing in the last decade; these “chemical” abortions now make up 40% or so of all abortions.

A new twist to using this drug is the development of Telemed or webcam abortions. Due to the shortage of abortionists, abortion facilities developed a protocol which makes it unnecessary to have the abortionist present in the room with the pregnant woman. The abortionist simply authorizes the prescription and distribution of the abortion pill via online video communication. This lack of any in-person examination of the pregnant woman by a physician exposes women to increased risks from the abortion; the women simply speak with the physician over a webcam.

The concerns of pro-lifers and public health professionals about the safety of Telemed abortions are well founded. Nineteen states have banned the use of Telemed abortions and in March of 2019 the Food and Drug Administration issued warning letters to two abortion groups that are selling abortion drugs to American women over the Internet.

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## Thanks to President Trump

On June 5, 2019, the Trump administration announced that the US Department of Health and Human Services will not renew a fetal tissue contract with the University of California. The decision concludes a review of research using tissue from aborted fetuses. Health and Human Services state they have committed \$20 million for research “to develop, demonstrate and validate” alternative experimental models, which do not use aborted fetal tissue.

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## 40 Days for Life

The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign dates are: September 25-November 3, 2019. To schedule your time to participate, contact: [nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com) or 412-926-9413. To date, **104** Planned Parenthood abortion facilities in the US have closed, after 40 Days Vigils have been held at their sites; wouldn't it be wonderful if the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Liberty Ave. in Pittsburgh would close?

## Trump’s Pro-Life Record

President Trump’s time in office has been marked by a myriad of pro-life successes. He ran for president as a pro-lifer and he has not disappointed on that score. In particular, his nomination of two justices to the Supreme Court could prove to be the most consequential pro-life action in decades if the Court ends up hearing a challenge to Roe v. Wade and reversing that awful decision.

In only 2 1/2 years, President Trump’s list of pro-life accomplishments includes:

- Nominated and saw confirmed two strict constructionists, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, to the US Supreme Court, critical moves that may ultimately usher in the reversal of Roe v. Wade.
- Filled 150+ other judicial vacancies, including 37 Circuit Court judges, 41 US Court of Appeals judges, and 80 District Court judges. Rounding out the lower levels of the judicial branch with pro-lifers is a huge win.
- Permitted states to defund Planned Parenthood of Title X funds.
- Stopped tax dollars from funding abortion overseas and defunded the pro-abortion UN-FPA.
- Required health plans to disclose if they cover abortion.
- Appointed pro-lifers to key positions in his administration.
- Strengthened the enforcement of federal laws protecting the conscience rights of health care workers who do not want to participate in abortion.
- Allowed states to defund Planned Parenthood of Medicaid funds.
- Canceled huge contract for taxpayer-funded experimentation with body parts of aborted babies.

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“Let us work together to build a culture that cherishes innocent life. And let us reaffirm a fundamental truth: All children - born and unborn - are made in the holy image of God.”  
 — *President Trump in his 2019 State of the Union Address*

“Lawmakers in New York cheered with delight upon the passage of legislation that would allow a baby to be ripped from the mother’s womb moments before birth. These are living, feeling, beautiful babies who will never get the chance to share their love and dreams with the world.”  
 — *President Trump in response to the recent passage of pro-abortion laws in New York*

## What the Competition Offers

Every last one of the presidential candidates on the Democratic side has professed support for the current policy of abortion on demand.

Every last one of them has opposed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (which would prohibit abortions after the child is capable of experiencing pain from abortion) or has supported the practice of partial birth abortion on late-term children.

Every last one of the candidates supports the use of taxpayer funding of abortion or abortion providers like Planned Parenthood.

Democratic Candidates	Roe v. Wade / Abortion on Demand	Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act	Taxpayer Funding of Abortion and/or Abortion Providers
Michael Bennet Joe Biden Cory Booker Steve Bullock Pete Buttigieg Julian Castro Bill de Blasio John Delaney Tulsi Gabbard Kirsten Gillibrand Kamala Harris Jay Inslee Amy Klobuchar Seth Moulton Beto O’Rourke Tim Ryan Bernie Sanders Elizabeth Warren Marianne Williamson Andrew Yang	<b>Supports</b>	<b>Opposes</b>	<b>Supports</b>

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