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Greetings, Brother Knights:

Pro-Abortion Florida Constitutional Amendment Ballot Initiative - Florida Bishops Respond with “Decline to Sign” campaign

Remember, Floridian Catholics should NOT sign the petition to return to “Roe v Wade” abortion policy in the state through the proposed state constitutional amendment process. Spread the word!!!

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody has appealed this petition drive to the Florida Supreme Court due to the ambiguity of the proposed amendment language. The Florida Bishops have also filed a brief with the state Supreme Court opposing the amendment language.

Finally, DOV Bishop Frank Dewane has asked that all diocesan parishes educate parishioners about this proposed amendment through their weekly parish bulletin. A series of 9 FACT sheets has been developed by the diocese this purpose. Please look for them in our parish bulletin.

US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) reaffirms pre-eminence of resisting abortion

The U.S. bishops overwhelmingly approved a new introductory note to "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" during their General Assembly in mid-November. The note states: "The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone."

For discussion of more pro-life issues, including the death penalty, assisted suicide, euthanasia, etc, please visit the Archdiocesan Respect Life page at

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/respect-life/>



Know the facts!

2024 Florida ballot proposal:
"Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion"

FACT #1

This proposed amendment would legalize abortion up until birth, even allowing **partial-birth abortion**.

Isn't that going too far?

DECLINE TO SIGN the petition for this dangerous pro-abortion amendment!

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FACT #2

This proposed amendment does not require a **medical doctor**, only a **healthcare provider**, to determine if an abortion is necessary to protect the mother's health.
Women deserve better!

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FACT #3

This proposed amendment would eliminate the current law requiring **parental consent** for minors.

It only retains **parental notification** which could be done after an abortion, leaving parents out of the decision.

Shouldn't a parent be part of that decision for their daughter?

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FACT #4

This proposed amendment could eliminate abortion clinic **safety regulations** putting women's health at risk.

Women deserve better care!

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FACT #5

This proposed amendment would eliminate the **24-hour waiting period** which gives a woman time to stop and think.

Doesn't a woman deserve sufficient time for contemplation about such a big decision?

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FACT #6

This proposed amendment uses the term "**patient's health**" which is extremely broad and would allow abortion for **practically any reason**.

A woman's health should be more carefully considered!

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FACT #7

This proposed amendment would make Florida an **abortion destination** for women living in other states.

Is that the reputation we want for our state?

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FACT #8

This proposed amendment allows abortion when the baby in the womb can **feel pain**.

Is this humane?

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FACT #9

This proposed amendment could eliminate **all current restrictions** on abortion and prevent Florida legislators from passing laws to **limit abortion** at all.

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