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Local Pro-Life leaders had an extended presence at the Lee County Board of Commissioners last Tuesday, where the meeting was extended over a second hour to accommodate 23 speakers and a crowd of over 40 who were there to advocate for the Lee County Commission to endorse a resolution like the similar to the one from Collier County strongly opposing Amendment 4. See below.

The Florida Council of Catholic Bishops has hired a PAC to produce a new 2 minute video to make clear the issues involved in Amendment 4: yotenoona4florida.com.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 -116

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OPPOSITION TO AMENDMENT 4, A
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING
ABORTION.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida (“Board”), has been made aware of Amendment 4, a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution that is scheduled to appear on the November 5, 2024 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4, titled as “Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion”, would amend the Florida Constitution by adding the following underlined text to the Constitution: Limiting government interference with abortion.— Except as provided in Article X, Section 22, no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient’s health, as determined by the patient’s healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would provide a constitutional right to abortion before fetal viability (estimated to be around 24 weeks gestational age) or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, I believe that the language of the proposed amendment is vague, deceptive, and overbroad, and would strike already enacted protections instituted by the State of Florida by broadening the definition of healthcare providers to those not medically licensed, eliminating parental consent for minors, and allowing the life of the unborn to be taken right up to the moment of birth; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the passage of Amendment 4 would be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Collier County and the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida, expresses its strong opposition to Amendment 4.

ADOPTED upon majority vote this 11th day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:
Crystal K. Kinzel, Clerk of Courts

By: 

Attest as to Chairman's
Deputy Clerk
signature only

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 

Chris Hall, Chairman

Approved as to form and legality:


Jeffrey A. Klatzkow, County Attorney