



Minnesota Right to Life

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Question 1

In 2023, Governor Tim Walz signed into the law the most aggressive abortion law in the world. Right in line with Kim Jong Un's North Korea, Minnesota now allows ALL abortions, for any reason, up to the moment of birth of a 9-month-old, fully formed baby. More than that, the law that requires an abortionist to provide medical care to save the life of an unborn baby who survived a botched abortion has also been overturned, literally allowing babies to be left to die on an operating table. This law is stomach turning, pure evil and must be overturned.

Will you SUPPORT and VOTE YES on a bill to repeal the H.F. 1/S.F.1 law that was signed in 2023 and allow for protections and restrictions to be put in place to STOP the shedding of innocent blood in our state?

Question 1 Answer

- Sponsor
- Co-Sponsor

Question 2

Since the infamous Roe v. Wade decision in 1973 that allowed for abortions in this country, over 65,000,000 babies have been murdered in direct violation of the law of God. In that decision, the court held that, "If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant's case, of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life would then be guaranteed specifically by the Amendment." While we don't believe that a court makes the law, and we're happy that Roe v Wade has finally been struck down, it's clear that if an unborn baby is declared, legislatively, to be a person from the moment of conception, then that baby would have the same legal rights that you and I do. The pro-life movement has focused, for decades, on defeating abortion by chipping away at the edges. While those efforts have been somewhat successful in certain areas, we've largely failed in our efforts to end abortion. Personhood (aka Life-at-Conception) legislation would legislatively put an end to all abortions here in Minnesota.

Would you support a bill which legislatively determines that life begins at conception here in Minnesota and further outlaws ALL abortion as well as sets up penalties for all parties that were a participant in the crime of killing the unborn baby?

Question 2 Answer

- Co-Sponsor

Question 3

One critical step in ending all abortion is defunding the machine that is responsible for so many abortions: Planned Parenthood. In MN, over \$1,000,000 dollars were appropriated in the HHS omnibus bill just last year to pay for taxpayer funded abortions through the Medical Assistance (Medicaid) program. While all abortions are abhorrent, taxpayer funded abortions are even more so since it forces pro-lifers to directly pay for the murder of unborn children. Several states have ended all state money to pay for abortion, even though they risk losing their DHS block grant funding.

Will you support legislation to defund Planned Parenthood (or similar abortion providers) and will you vote against any and all abortion funding, whether it's in an HHS omnibus bill or any other kind of bill?

Question 3 Answer

- Sponsor
- Co-Sponsor

Question 4

Many politicians and candidates claim to be pro-life at election time and yet do next to nothing once elected into office. Many times they hide behind the fact that caucus leadership and committee chairmen are able to prevent pro-life bills from ever even being debated on the floor by simply not passing these bills out of committee. Sometimes pro-life bills may pass out of committee but then are never put onto the floor for a vote. The procedural work behind the scene is where pro-life legislation dies. Thankfully, there are procedural rules in place in MN that allow for bills to bypass the committee process and proceed to the floor for immediate consideration. These procedural moves are usually not supported by caucus leadership, which is why they are necessary in the first place. While not popular amongst more moderate politicians, these votes are very necessary so that pro-life voters all over the state know who's truly pro-life and who's just using pro-life rhetoric.

Do you pledge that you will support procedural votes, in the event that they are needed, to bring aggressive pro-life bills that are stuck in legislative process onto the floor for a full vote?

Question 4 Answer

Yes

Question 5

One of the top priorities of the radical pro-aborts in Minnesota is passing the "Murder Amendment" which would put abortion "rights" into the Minnesota State Constitution, protecting the killing of innocent little boys and girls, possibly forever. While many RINOs and other so-called pro-life organizations have wrongly said for years that abortion was a constitutional right in Minnesota, it clearly is not or the Left would not be trying to pass an abortion amendment. Passing this legislation would make putting pro-life protections on the books virtually impossible.

If elected, would you OPPOSE and VOTE NO on any so-called Abortion Amendment, whether it's a stand-alone bill or wedged inside a Equal Rights Amendment bill, and help protect the unborn?

Question 5 Answer

Yes

Question 6

The pro-abortion crowd often tries to advance their agenda by bringing forth bills that appear "reasonable" or "moderate" in hopes that pro-life legislators will be too afraid of being called extreme by the liberal media and their special interest allies in the capitol to vote no. "Emergency contraceptives," "morning after pills," "abortions in case of fetal abnormality" and other topics are often voted on in an attempt to take even more ground for the pro-abortion camp.

Do you pledge to vote against EVERY kind of abortion in EVERY situation, even in cases where you are called "extreme" by pro-death lobbyists, recognizing that a human life is a life no matter the circumstances of its conception?

Question 6 Answer

No

Question 7

In your own words, please explain what being pro-life means to you and what protections you think pre-born babies deserve:

Question 7 Answer

Our jobs are to look out for the most vulnerable people.

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✓ I have truthfully answered the questions above and they accurately reflect my positions on the Second Amendment

Date

07/01/2026

Signature



Reviewed

- Yes

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