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## ***Friday Five*** ***August 5, 2022***



### ***Pro-life Events Around Ohio***

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## **KROGER BOYCOTT CAMPAIGN CONTINUES**

The Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio (RTLACO) and its thousands of members in a boycott campaign of Kroger. Over 60 officers from the RTLACO member organizations and partners signed on to a letter sent to the Kroger Company Executive and Board members last week.

## [SEE LETTER HERE](#)

YOU can be a part of the campaign as well. Visit the [rtlaohio.org](http://rtlaohio.org) site and print off our pre-written letter and mail or hand-deliver to your local Kroger store. We must be a voice for the voiceless!! We must stand up to these corporate companies and ask them to support family-friendly policies for their employees---not family-killing policies!!

MORE INFO  
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## *HIGH 5 FOR LIFE*

To celebrate RTLACO's 5th Anniversary, we invite you to join our RAFFLE. Click [HERE](#) for the details, rules and how to join!

<p>\$5 donation</p>  <p>THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR: <b>The Buffalo Trading Company</b> Findlay, Ohio</p>	<p> <b>5TH ANNIVERSARY</b> <small>Pro-Life Protection, No Exception</small></p>
	<p><b>FIVE PRIZES!</b></p> <p>1 \$500 cash      2 \$500 gas card 3 \$450 cash      4 \$450 gas card 5 \$350 gas card</p>
	<p>DRAWING: <b>11-5-22</b>      <b>THE JACOB HOUSE</b> 521 W. Sandusky St. Findlay, Ohio 45840 <small>winners need not be present to win</small></p>

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## **How An Amendment Backed By Anti-Abortion Groups Could Help Save Abortion Rights In Ohio**

After the Supreme Court overturned the 49-year-old right to an **abortion** in June, 20 states banned abortion almost entirely. The fight over abortion rights now moves from federal to state courts, on completely different legal grounds.

Ohio is a key example in how abortion rights supporters are now relying on legal arguments that are significantly different from what they used at the federal level. They recently [filed a lawsuit](#) challenging the constitutionality of the state's [near-total ban on abortion](#) citing multiple state constitutional clauses, including a provision once pushed by conservatives.

The Ohio Healthcare Freedom Amendment passed in 2011 with the support of conservative groups including the anti-abortion Ohio Right to Life, with the aim of preventing the newly enacted Affordable Care Act from forcing anyone in the state to purchase health insurance.

Conservative activists sought to counter the law with “health care freedom” legislation in a bid to invalidate or complicate both the law’s exchanges and individual mandate.

“It’s very ironic that it’s being considered in this context,” Steven Steinglass, dean emeritus at Cleveland-Marshall Law School and an expert on the Ohio Constitution, said.

The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a nonprofit group linking conservative state legislators with corporate lobbyists and right-wing activists to jointly write model legislation, proposed “health care freedom” laws as Democrats began holding health care reform hearings in anticipation of winning the 2008 election.

Ohio Right to Life [endorsed the amendment campaign](#), written by ALEC, claiming in 2011 that its adoption “will preserve their freedom to choose healthcare coverage free of abortion funding and healthcare rationing.” The adoption of the Ohio Healthcare Freedom Amendment, which voters approved by a 2-1 margin, ultimately had no impact on the rollout of the ACA’s health insurance exchanges.

While it didn’t do anything to derail the Affordable Care Act, it could now play a role in derailing Ohio’s 2019 abortion ban law.

“The mistake people make is they look at these provisions in a silo and don’t recognize the constitution has to be read holistically,” Steinglass said. By reading the state constitution holistically and focusing on the provisions that are “specific to the state,” Steinglass added, you can determine the “values of the state.”

That is the argument abortion providers and their supporters make in their brief to the Ohio Supreme Court. The lawsuit points to particular provisions of the Ohio Constitution, particularly those that provide greater protections of rights than those in the U.S. Constitution, and how they reinforce each other.

[Yahoo Article HERE!](#)



## Vote Bears Striking Similarity to Fight Over Slavery

On Tuesday, Kansas held a popular referendum on a constitutional measure that would have allowed the state legislature to regulate the killing of preborn children.

The result was a resounding victory for abortion advocates with close to 60% of voters rejecting the amendment and upholding a status quo that essentially places no limits on killing children before birth.

Abortion and slavery bear many substantive similarities, but in Kansas, history provides a political analogy that is incredibly fitting.

In 1854, as the nation expanded westward, a fiercely divided Congress passed the Kansas-Nebraska Act, a law that effectively repealed the Missouri Compromise and allowed the territories of Kansas and Nebraska the right to vote to decide if they would become a free or a slave state.

Attempting to resolve fundamental moral questions like slavery or the right to life by appealing to politics **is not a wise decision** and Kansas may be the perfect historical cautionary tale.

For the next seven years after the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act the political issue of slavery tore the state of Kansas apart.

Northern anti-slavery settlers moved to Kansas to try to keep the state from becoming a slave state, while supporters of slavery poured over from Missouri to sway votes during elections. The conflict resulted in political atrocities, dozens of murders and eventually a national civil war.

### A Path Forward

Even before the Dobbs decision, state-wide referendums on abortion have always attracted massive amounts of political donations from abortionists as well as an absolute barrage of pro-abortion unpaid propaganda (earned media) from the mainstream media.

As a result, abortion referendums almost always turn out badly for the pro-life side regardless of the language of the measure or even the state where it is being considered.

Losses like the one in Kansas should teach pro-lifers that large scale campaigns in which the corporate media and professional get-out-the-vote operations in densely populated suburban areas have an outsized impact are losing battles no matter how mild the pro-life proposal being presented or how conservative the state supposedly is.

Instead, Pro-lifers need to gain absolute control of state legislatures by focusing on the less glamorous but much more winnable local legislative elections.

Because state legislatures are geographically representative, morally bankrupt

urban areas can be abandoned and resources can be poured into rural areas where Christian believers are much less likely to be impacted by the lies and distortions of abortion advocates and their mouthpieces in the media.

If Kansas teaches anything it is this: a political compromise with evil only leads to greater evil.

[American Prolifer Article HERE!](#)

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## Chemical Abortion Is Next Pro-Life Battlefield.

The Supreme Court's June 24 decision in [Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization](#) that "the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion" returned "the authority to regulate abortion ... to the people and their elected representatives."

That effort will be more complicated than when the court took that authority away 49 years ago in 1973.

According to the [Guttmacher Institute](#), the three-decade trend of declining abortions in the United States is over, primarily because a majority of abortions are by chemicals, rather than surgery.

Killing a child in the womb no longer requires traveling to an abortion clinic, but can be accomplished without even leaving home with a two-drug combination approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2000.

After [the Dobbs decision](#), President Joe Biden vowed to keep this new trend going by protecting access to chemical abortion pills approved by the FDA. The shift from surgical to chemical abortion, however, will steadily remove doctors from the picture and leave women isolated.

Last December, for example, the FDA removed a critical Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy [requirement](#) that mifepristone had to be dispensed by a health care provider in person. The chemical may now be prescribed through telehealth appointments and shipped by mail without any face-to-face interaction between a woman and her doctor.

In response, 19 states have prohibited chemical abortion through telehealth, and some have introduced legislation that would ban the practice entirely. The power of states in this new area, however, is unclear.

Abortion drugs not only kill babies in the womb, and can harm their mothers, but are isolating women and undermining the necessary relationship between patients and doctors.

In the 118th Congress, pro-life legislators must tackle this problem and limit the damage.

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