



Opposing Proposal 3

WEEK 5

We've used the last month to shine a spotlight on the extraordinarily broad language used in Proposal 3 (the "Reproductive Freedom for All" proposal) that will appear on the ballot this November. The proposal does far more than simply codify *Roe v. Wade* in our State Constitution. As we've discussed, Proposal 3 invalidates more than two dozen Michigan pro-life laws, authorizes minors to obtain abortion and sterilization without parental consent or even notice, effectively allows abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy, and prohibits the Stat from enacting laws that would protect an unborn baby's life or even to stop abortions based on sex, race, or disability.

At least women would be protected from unsafe abortion practices, right? Not at all. Proposal 3 authorizes the State to pass limited laws protecting the health of the mother, but only "consistent with accepted clinical standards of practice and evidence-based medicine." Who establishes "accepted clinical standards of practice" for abortions? Abortionists! Unlike any other area of medical practice, where doctors

and nurses are subjected to all manner of laws to ensure patient safety, abortionists alone would get to decide whether they want to follow a Michigan health and safety law. If abortionists disagree that hospital admitting privileges are important, they can decline to follow a law that requires them. If abortionists think that laws regulating the safety standards for surgical centers are unnecessary for abortion clinics, they can ignore them with impunity.

No matter how a voter feels about abortion, Michigan's Constitution should *not* be amended to give abortionists complete control over deciding what Michigan health and safety laws they must follow. Please tell everyone you know: vote "NO" on Proposal 3 on November 8th.

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Vote **NO** on Proposal 3

DEFEAT THE ANYTHING GOES ABORTION AMENDMENT

This November election, the Catholic bishops in Michigan are urging all Michiganders to vote **NO** on Proposal 3. The measure would add an amendment to the state constitution to:

- Legalize abortion at any time in pregnancy for any reason.
- Allow abortions to be performed by anyone, even those without a medical license.
- Allow any person to help teens obtain abortions without their parents knowing.
- Protect abortion providers from penalties for killing or injuring a woman during an abortion.
- Revoke state law that requires abortion facilities to be licensed and inspected.
- Require taxpayers to pay for abortions.

This amendment allows abortion for:

- **ANY ONE:** any age...including minors
- **ANY TIME:** up to the moment of birth...and beyond birth
- **ANY WHERE:** in a medical facility...or any other location

Vote **NO**

- On legal abortion through all nine months of pregnancy for any reason.
- On anyone performing abortions.
- On ending parental consent for teenage abortions.
- On allowing legal immunity for medical and non-medical abortionists.

Help Defeat Proposal 3

- Vote **NO**, either in person on Nov. 8, or by absentee ballot beforehand.
- Check your voter registration status and learn more about how to make sure you vote properly by visiting the Michigan Voter Information Center at mvic.sos.state.mi.us
- Encourage your relatives, friends, coworkers, and parishioners to register to vote and vote **NO** on this proposal.
- Pray that the outcome of election may be one that will protect and uphold the dignity of human life.



GET INVOLVED WITH THE VOTE NO CAMPAIGN

To volunteer, receive updates, and make a donation to ensure there are enough resources to defeat this dangerous amendment, visit the website for Citizens to Support MI Women & Children—the official campaign to defeat the anything goes abortion amendment—at supportmiwomenandchildren.org

