

August 4, 2020 Primary RLM-PAC Endorsements: John James (R) for US Senate A Key Pro-Life Goal

On August 4 Michigan voters will decide who will represent the Democratic and Republican parties in the November election in races from county commissioner, to state representative, to US senator. A great deal is at stake in 2020. First we need to reelect pro-life president Donald Trump. Pro-life senators need to maintain control of the US Senate to advance a pro-life legislative agenda (or block pro-choice bills) as well as confirm conservative, pro-life judges to the federal bench. At the state level the stakes are just as high. Pro-lifers hold a very slim two-vote majority in the Michigan House. If we were to lose control of Michigan's House and Senate, Governor Gretchen Whitmer would have free reign to impose a pro-abortion agenda. Whitmer and her allies would probably pass legislation to overturn our 1846 law (currently not enforceable because of *Roe v. Wade*) that bans abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy except for the life of the mother.

The following people are endorsed by Right to Life of Michigan PAC. **Donald Trump** (R) is endorsed for US president. **John James** (R) is the endorsed pro-life candidate for US Senate to defeat and replace current pro-abortion Senator Gary Peters. In the Michigan House pro-life **Bronwyn Haltom** (R) is endorsed in the 61st District (most of Kalamazoo County except the city of Kalamazoo and the eastern townships). She would replace current pro-life Representative Brandt Iden who is term-limited. In the 63rd District (eastern Kalamazoo County and Calhoun County incumbent pro-life Representative **Matt Hall** (R) is the endorsed candidate. In the 66th District (Van Buren County and Alamo and Texas Townships and City of Parchment in Kalamazoo County) incumbent pro-life Representative **Beth Griffin** is the endorsed candidate.

In Kalamazoo County Commission races four candidates are endorsed. **Jeff Heppler** (R) is the endorsed candidate in District 6, incumbent **Roger Tuinier** (R) is the endorsed candidate in District 7, **Dale Shugars** (R) is the endorsed candidate in District 9, and incumbent **Mike Quinn** (D) is the endorsed candidate in District 10.

Support these pro-life candidates on August 4!

Dismemberment Petition Drive Update: A Tale of Two Committees and the Power of Prayer

After Michigan Values Life, the pro-life coalition that launched a petition drive to ban dismemberment abortion, submitted some 380,000 signatures to the State Bureau of Elections in late December, 2019, it expected the Bureau to begin the process of verifying signatures, voting registration, and valid addresses. However, delays set in and when the coronavirus shut down the state's business in March, the Bureau of Elections paused completely. During this lengthy delay Planned Parenthood scanned all 60,000 petition drive forms looking for errors. It claimed that there were many duplicate names and other irregularities. In May the Bureau finally began the verification process by "randomly" picking 500 names to check. Who knows if Planned Parenthood helped guide the Bureau in picking names? If 449 signatures could be determined to be valid the petition drive would be certified. However, on June 15 the Bureau issued its report denying final certification saying that Michigan Values Life missed its target by three names! Three names! On June 16 RLM president Barb Listing stated that Michigan Values Life would appeal the decision to the State Board of Canvassers and ask that a second sample of 500 names be drawn. That meeting would take place on June 18. Urgent requests for prayer and fasting spread across the state. Hundreds, if not thousands of people responded and prayed that God would soften the hearts of the Board of Canvassers. With this Board evenly divided with two Democrats and two Republicans, the outcome remained in doubt. However, God's favor was evident. The Board acknowledged that there were irregularities in the process. By a unanimous vote it reversed the ruling and called for a second and larger sample. This was the first time the Board overruled the decision of the Bureau of Elections. A few days later the Bureau picked 1,371 new names. The process resumes as before. In a recent communication from RLM president Barb Listing, the Board of Canvassers should get results by July 24. **Keep praying!**

Back on the Schedule! Focus on Life Dinner: September 10, 2020

Now is the perfect time to purchase your Focus on Life Dinner reservations. Below is our dinner reservation form. Return the form with your check payable to Kalamazoo Right to Life. Dr. Charmaine Yoest, a vice-president of the Heritage Foundation and strong pro-life leader for years, will be our guest speaker. Location: Kalamazoo First Assembly of God Ministry Center, 5550 Oakland Dr. Portage, MI 49024. Doors open at 5:30 pm, program begins at 6:30 pm. Money raised at the Dinner go to Right to Life of Michigan Education Fund (tax deductible).

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Reservations Information

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I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____.

Checks payable to Kalamazoo Right to Life (not tax-deductible) and mail to PO Box 2366, Kalamazoo, MI 49003.

Loss at the Supreme Court: Chief Justice Roberts Fails Pro-Lifers Justice Clarence Thomas Attacks *Roe*

On June 29 the Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 that a 2014 Louisiana law that required abortionists to have admitting privileges at local hospitals was unconstitutional. The court stated that the law imposed an undue burden on women seeking abortions. Most regrettable was the fact that Chief Justice John Roberts, heretofore a fairly reliable pro-life justice, voted with the pro-abortion majority. Back in 2016 he voted with the pro-life minority in a similar case from Texas. In *Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstedt*, a 5-3 court overturned a 2013 law that required admitting privileges at local hospitals for abortionists and upgraded abortion clinics to ambulatory center standards. At that time Roberts believed that the law was constitutional. Now, in *June Medical Services v. Russo*, Roberts flipped and explained the rationale for his vote. Even though he did not agree with the liberals' legal reasoning in both the Texas and Louisiana rulings he concluded that the court should uphold and honor the Texas decision. "The legal doctrine of *stare decisis* requires us, absent special circumstances, to treat like cases alike. The Louisiana law imposes a burden on access to abortion just as severe as that imposed by the Texas law, for the same reasons. Therefore, Louisiana's law cannot stand under our precedent." The only good news coming from the Supreme Court today was that the two newest justices nominated by President Trump, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh voted pro-life. This was their first abortion-related case. Justice Clarence Thomas wrote a blistering dissent in which he attacked the *Roe v. Wade* decision and subsequent abortion cases writing that, "those decisions created the right to abortion out of whole cloth, without a shred of support from the Constitution's text. Our abortion precedents are grievously wrong and should be over-ruled." Thank God for our pro-life justices: Thomas, Alito, Gorsuch, and Kavanaugh.

A Win for the Little Sisters of the Poor! Finally!!

By a solid 7 to 2 vote, the Supreme Court ruled on July 8 that the federal government cannot compel the Little Sisters of the Poor to subsidize birth control and abortion-inducing drugs, as is required by the Department of Health and Human Services contraceptive mandate embodied in the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). The court upheld expanded religious and con-science exemptions crafted by the Trump administration that would permit employers with moral or religious objections to decline to cover these drugs in employees' insurance coverage. Only Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor dissented.

The Little Sisters of the Poor have endured several years fighting against the contraceptive mandate in Obamacare. This decision by the court hopefully ends the government's attempt to force this religious order (and other group's with similar religious objections) into violating their faith and teachings.

FDA Under the Microscope

(The following is from a press release from Judicial Watch, June 23, 2020).

Judicial Watch announced today that it received 165 pages of records from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) showing the FDA between 2012 and 2018 entered into 8 contracts worth \$96,370 with Advanced Bioscience Resources (ABR) to acquire "fresh and never frozen" tissue from 1st and 2nd trimester aborted fetuses for use in creating "humanized mice" for ongoing research.

ABR is a non-profit firm which has been the subject of criminal referrals from House and Senate committees investigating whether Planned Parenthood or any other entity was illegally profiting from the handling of fetal tissue from aborted babies.

Federal law regulates the purchase and acceptance of human fetal tissue for research purposes. It is unlawful to knowingly transfer fetal tissue for profit.

Judicial Watch filed the lawsuit in the US District Court for the District of Columbia (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department Health and Human Services*) after HHS failed to respond adequately to a September 28, 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking documents.

(To read Judicial Watch's lengthy and detailed report, see judicialwatch.org/press-releases/fda-humanized-mice)

President's Corner***Rob Karrer***

Who or what is the number one killer of black people in the United States? Did that get your attention? We are living in difficult times. From COVID-19 to Black Lives Matter, our world has been upended in ways we never imagined. The killing of George Floyd was horrific and the police officers responsible must be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law. Yet, for all the abuses and excessive brutality exhibited by a small percentage of police officers, they are not the number one killer of black Americans. Even crimes from the past like lynchings do not rise to the level of today's top killer of black Americans. According to the Tuskegee Institute, between 1882 and 1968 3,446 blacks were lynched, this evil and vile crime committed primarily in the South. Yet the number is but a fraction of the modern carnage. Yes, we all know the principle killer of blacks in America. It's abortion. Black women make up 14 percent of the childbearing population yet account for 36 percent of all abortions. Black women have the highest abortion ratio of any group in the nation. Over 360,000 precious black babies are aborted every year. Of the 60+ million abortions sine *Roe v. Wade*, some 22 million have been performed on black women. It is a staggering fact that 22 million black babies have been murdered by abortionists in the United States in the last 47 years. Black women are five times more likely to have an abortion than white women. A study in 2012 revealed that 79 percent of Planned Parenthood's abortion clinics are within walking distance of minority communities. Black women are targets in the abortion industry's juggernaut. Abortion is the leading cause of death among blacks.

Sad but true, there is evidence of injustices and criminal actions toward black Americans. This is not acceptable. Police departments must remove those few offending, racist officers. Police can no longer turn a blind eye to complaints of excessive use of force. They must be held accountable. However, communities must also oppose corruption, violence, rioting, and mayhem that are not true expressions of protest. Far more innocent black babies are murdered by abortion than by police or gangs or drugs. This is the real crime. This must be stopped!

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