

RLM-PAC Endorsements for the August 7 Primary

Michigan Senate Race A Top Priority to Replace Pro-Abortion Debbie Stabenow

Right to Life of Michigan PAC announced its list of endorsed candidates for federal, state, and local elections. Topping the list of crucial contests is the senate race to replace pro-abortion Senator Debbie Stabenow. In the Republican primary RLM-PAC has endorsed Detroit businessman and former West Point Army captain **John James** for US Senate.

Continuing in the Republican Primary, RLM-PAC is pleased to endorse all four Republicans running for governor: **Brian Calley**, **Patrick Colbeck**, **Jim Hines**, and **Bill Schuette**. In the 20th Michigan State Senate race, the endorsed incumbent is great friend of KRTL, **Margaret O'Brien**. Representing Portage, the western and northern townships of Kalamazoo County, the endorsed incumbent for the 61st State House District is another good friend, **Brandt Iden**.

In the Republican Primary, four pro-lifers have been endorsed by RLM-PAC for Kalamazoo County Commission races. In the 6th District **Ron Kendall** is the endorsed

incumbent. In the 7th District **Roger Tuinier** is the endorsed incumbent. In the 9th District **Dale Shugars** is the endorsed incumbent. In the 11th District **Scott McGraw** is the endorsed incumbent.

In the Democratic Primary, RLM-PAC has endorsed pro-life incumbent **Mike Quinn** in the 10th District for Kalamazoo County Commission.

While many of these candidates are unopposed in the primary and will face off again in November, one race has a primary challenger. Keep this in mind because John James has a challenger who did not get the right to life endorsement. John James needs our support more than ever. State primaries generally have low voter turnouts. Groups who mobilize constituents have built-in advantages in winning elections. The pro-life movement is such a movement in which passionate citizens vote in greater percentages than their pro-choice counterparts. **Let that tradition continue as we vote in record numbers this August. Remember, every votes counts!**

Pro-Life News Round-Up

Justice Kennedy Announces Retirement!!!

On June 27 Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced that he will retire from the court effective July 31. The 81-year-old justice had been considering retiring for some time. Kennedy was nominated by Ronald Reagan in 1987 after Robert Bork's disastrous confirmation hearings. Though a moderate conservative, Kennedy has disappointed many Americans. In 1992 he co-authored the *Casey* decision that reaffirmed the Roe decision while still permitting abortion restrictions. In 2015 he authored the opinion making same-sex marriage legal. On the other hand, Kennedy voted with the majority in *Gonzales* to ban partial birth abortion. He has been the swing vote on many decisions. Most political analysts believe that President Trump will nominate a more principled conservative. There is every reason to believe that this new nominee will be sympathetic to pro-life laws.

At present there are 51 Republican senators, 47 Democrats, and 2 Independents who caucus with Democrats. In 2017 Republicans abolished the filibuster rule for Supreme Court nominations. Thus a simple majority is all that's needed. With the GOP in charge they will control the Senate hearings and debate. It is possible that a few "never-Trump" Republicans may want to reject a Trump nominated judge. However, four moderate Senate Democrats are up for reelection. These senators hail from states that voted for Trump by double digits. To appease voters, they may feel the pressure to approve a conservative nominee. Confirmation hearings will take place in the fall but before the November elections.

This is a momentous turn of events. We may soon have five solid votes to overturn Roe. Now that's something to think about.



Irish Law to Force Catholic Hospitals to Perform Abortions

Irish voters overwhelmingly approved a pro - abortion referendum on May 26 that repealed the nation's Eighth Amendment that banned abortion except for the life of the mother. The vote was 66.5 percent to 33.5 percent. This was a devastating setback for Ireland's pro-life movement. To add insult to injury, on June 15 the Irish Prime Minister announced a new policy that will require publicly-funded hospitals to perform abortions. This policy includes Catholic hospitals that also receive government assistance. While individual physicians will be able to exercise their conscience rights and decline to perform abortions, that same right of refusal will not apply to the hospital. Despite popular support for the new law, opinion polls show that almost 70 percent of general practitioners are unwilling to perform abortions.

Supreme Court Upholds Religious CPC Rights

On June 26, in a 5 to 4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that a 2015 California law that required religiously-affiliated crisis pregnancy centers to inform clients about the availability of state-funded services that perform low or no-cost abortions was "probably unconstitutional." The pro-life pregnancy centers argued that the law violated their First Amendment right of free expression by requiring them to convey a message that they opposed. The National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA), which represents about 150 of the state's 300 religiously-based pregnancy care centers, sued in federal court. "Can the government impose and compel a faith-based ministry to proclaim a message that they are fundamentally opposed to with the risk of being fined or shut down?" asked NIFLA president Tom Glessner. The very liberal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco rejected the pro-life argument and upheld the state law. Pro-lifers appealed to the Supreme Court. The court's five conservatives ruled in favor of religious liberty, including the newest justice, Neil Gorsuch.

This is the final installment of our on-going series on the 50th anniversary of the pro-life movement and in particular the history of Kalamazoo Right to Life. The following is Dr. Joe Kincaid's first letter to the editor that dealt with abortion. The letter was dated July 14, 1967. It is worth noting that he made the connection between abortion and euthanasia, long before most other pro-lifers linked the two. Also note, the "Richard Speck" referred to in the letter was a notorious killer who murdered eight student nurses one night in Chicago in July, 1966. The sensational case received enormous press coverage.

Letter to the Editor (Kalamazoo Gazette)

Gentlemen,

Many who viewed the current movie "Hawaii" must have been distressed by the ancient pagan Polynesian custom of killing infants with birth defects. However, many voices in our country today, including 3 state legislatures, individuals in our own state legislature, the American Medical Association, and apparently the Kalamazoo Gazette as witnessed in the editorial of July 12 are advocating widening the scope of a modern form of infanticide, namely abortion. One wonders why abortion is more acceptable than infanticide; perhaps it is the fact that the fetus's minute size and its hidden habitat deep in the recesses of the mother help us mentally to separate our thoughts from the fact that in each case human life is being obliterated. This widespread advocacy of the abolishment of human life seems inconsistent when we consider to what extent our society goes to be sure that other individuals' rights are not violated, even notorious individuals such as Richard Speck. However, these fetuses, ear-marked for extinction, have no legal counsel or judge or jury to protect their rights or life; included among their crimes against society are, that they might cause their mothers mental stress or that they might not be A-OK mentally or physically. When we are able to implant into our reasoning that such fetuses can be eased out of existence, the next step could easily be to expand the concept to include adults with incurable diseases, those who are mentally ill or other groups who are significantly handicapped so that they cannot enjoy life to its fullest. So the path from abortion to euthanasia or mercy killing may be easily transversed. Now is the time for all of us to reflect for a few moments whether the philosophy of the taking of innocent life as incorporated in abortion, is consistent with our American way of life.

Joseph E. Kincaid, MD

President's Corner

by: Rob Karrer

The August 7 Primary is fast approaching and pro-life voters will have an opportunity of casting their ballots for RLM-PAC endorsed candidates. The one race that has state and national significance is the one for United States Senate. Our current senator--Debbie Stabenow--is part of that vast liberal Democratic cabal that votes pro-abortion 100 percent of the time. There is not one pro-life bill or policy that Stabenow supports. On the other hand Detroit businessman John James is the kind of candidate we need representing Michigan in Washington. Educated in the Detroit area, James graduated from West Point in 2004 and served in the Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom. After eight years in the Army, Captain James returned to Detroit to work in the family business. A strong Christian, he is 100 percent pro-life and is strongly endorsed by Right to Life of Michigan. Unlike Stabenow, who has made politics an entrenched career the past 35 years and lost touch with the average Michigander, James is not a politician. In fact, he states in his TV commercials that he hates politics but loves our country. He believes in servant-leadership, not career bureaucrats looking out for their own interests.

Why James and not Stabenow? With Debbie we get "no" votes on pro-life bills. We get filibusters that often kill pro-life bills. With Debbie we get "no" votes on conservative, pro-life judges. When Neil Gorsuch was confirmed by the Senate to serve on the Supreme Court, did he get Debbie's support? NO..a thousand times NO. John James will vote for pro-life bills. He will vote for pro-life judges. If President Trump gets another opportunity to fill a Supreme Court vacancy, John James will cast a crucial vote in support. With the recent Supreme Court ruling on pregnancy care centers (SEE this issue's Pro-Life News Round-Up), we need pro-lifers like John James in the Senate to confirm pro-life judges and future Supreme Court justices. It's a shame that James will not be in the Senate to vote on the replacement for retiring Justice Kennedy because we know that Stabenow will not vote to confirm Trump's nominee. After 18 years in the Senate, we need to send Debbie home for good! Vote Pro-Life. RLM-PAC affirms that John James is the only true pro-life candidate. He has my support.

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