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“UNBORN HUMAN BEING” WINS IN AZ SUPREME COURT

Yesterday, the Arizona Supreme Court ruled that the use of the phrase “unborn human being” does not violate the State’s impartiality requirement. This means the ruling by the Superior Court is overturned and the Secretary of State is authorized to use and print the phrase “unborn human being” in the election publicity pamphlet.

Arizona Right to Life has a pending lawsuit against the AAA regarding the Initiative’s ballot language. The case is set to be decided by the AZ Supreme Court in the coming weeks. Until the court settles the case, the Ballot Initiative is not officially on the ballot. The AAA has trumpeted its collection of alleged 823,685 signatures. In fact, the Secretary of State validated 577,971 signatures which is 29.8% less than promoted throughout the media. With a population over 7,497,000 Arizonans, only 383,923 verified signatures are required to allow a ballot measure to be voted upon in a General Election.

Arizona Right to Life maintains that many of the paid circulators were deceiving and misleading the public with their varied explanations of what the Initiative was about. Specifically, there were incongruous statements made about when abortion would be limited as well as the inability to articulate the language surrounding fetal viability.

Despite AAA’s public claims that the initiative only protects the right to an abortion before viability, Austin Yost, AAA attorney, admitted in Superior Court that “the initiative would establish a fundamental right to abortion in the Arizona Constitution and would prevent the State from denying, restricting, or interfering with this fundamental right in specific circumstances both before and after fetal viability.” Abortion is legal in Arizona up to 15 weeks, and later for medical emergencies, and the Abortion Access Amendment would allow abortion up to birth. **Arizona Right to Life agrees with Mr. Yost that this constitutional amendment would allow for unrestricted abortions “before and after fetal viability” which includes the abortion industry’s barbaric practices of late term abortion and partial birth abortion.**

Jill Norgaard, from Arizona Right to Life stated, “If abortion is a new fundamental right, then this will ultimately lead to tax-payer funded abortion for every Arizona citizen. This is just the tip of the iceberg of the consequences stemming from the vague and sweeping language without clear definitions – read the language to understand how the public is being misled.”

For example, an abortion up to birth decision is dependent upon the “good faith judgement” of a “health care professional.” Please note that “good faith judgement” and “health care professional” are not defined. The language is meant to be vague in order to allow for the broadest expansion in the interpretation.

Arizona Right to Life is committed to educating the public about the truth about the AZ Abortion Access Amendment and believes the truth will prevail in the court of public opinion.

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About Arizona Right to Life

Founded in 1974, the Arizona Right to Life is a 501(c)4, non-profit organization with the goal of building support for Pro-Life legislation through education and building relationships in the community. The mission of the Arizona Right to Life is to protect and defend the lives of all persons born and pre-born through the support of Life-affirming legislation and pro-life candidates. We believe that every person has the right to life, and we work tirelessly to promote this fundamental right. We believe every person has a role to play in promoting a culture of life, and we welcome anyone who shares our values to join us in this critical work. If you are interested in learning more about Arizona Right to Life or getting involved with our organization, please contact us at info@azrighttolife.com