



LifeLine

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*Pikes Peak Citizens for Life works to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family
– young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn.*

Encourage Colorado Doctors to Protect Themselves from PAS/PAD



The Colorado Medical Society (CMS) is considering changing their position from “opposed” to “neutral” on Physician Assisted Suicide or Death (PAS or PAD).

In Oregon and California the shift from “opposed” to “neutral” by the state Medical Society was a key element in legalizing physician assisted death (PAD).

In January CMS sent out a survey to their members. Of the over 6700 members less than 10% of the Colorado Medical Society responded.

Last month, the CMS board decided to wait for additional input, but the anticipated timing of the CMS decision is very close to the fall election and authors of the Colorado PAS ballot initiative are openly lobbying CMS for a “neutral” response.

PLEASE, take time to voice your OPPOSITION to the Colorado Medical Society switching to “neutral” on Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) and/or Physician Assisted Death (PAD).

The more people they hear from the better. The Colorado Medical Society number is 720-859-1001.

Doctors Can Be Victims Too

In addition to contacting the Colorado Medical Society, let your own doctors know that you are concerned for their welfare if the PAS/PAD initiative is approved by voters.

“Many doctors who have participated in euthanasia and/or PAS are adversely affected emotionally and psychologically by their experiences.”

Physicians for Compassionate Care reviewed more than three dozen publications on the effects on doctors who have participated in PAS or Euthanasia. The facts they uncovered are disturbing.

“The physician is centrally involved in PAS and euthanasia, and the emotional and psychological effects on the participating physician can be substantial.

“The shift away from the fundamental values of medicine to heal and promote human wholeness can have significant effects on many participating physicians.

“Doctors describe being profoundly adversely affected, being shocked by the suddenness of the death, being caught up in the patient’s drive for assisted suicide, having a sense of powerlessness, and feeling isolated.

“There is evidence of pressure on and intimidation of doctors by some patients to assist in suicide. The effect of countertransference in the doctor-patient relationship may influence physician involvement in PAS and euthanasia.”

Next Comes “Death on Demand”

The slippery slope of PAS/PAD eventually disintegrates a doctor’s right to refuse to participate.



Under a proposed new “Death on Demand” law in Belgium, doctors will be required to approve euthanasia (PAD) requests within seven days, or initiate a referral to a doctor who will approve the patient’s death.

Belgium’s law would compel doctors to treat requests for PAD as “urgent cases” and prevent doctors from persuading a patient to wait to see if they change their mind about dying.

By law, Belgium citizens can already medically end their lives for non-terminal conditions including depression and loneliness. Euthanasia and PAS currently account for 6.3% of all deaths in Belgium.

“It is astonishing that Belgian politicians, doctors, ethicists and scientists remain so silent in the face of these changes in Belgian law,” says Lord Carlile of Berriew who opposes the action.

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each month at 7:00 p.m.
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Assist with computer work.
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Assist with educational programs.
Help staff our educational booths or assist
in fundraising.
Bring fresh ideas or "Chair" a project.
The opportunities are never-ending.



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The President's Corner

Two titans to the pro-life community were lost in February.

Nationally, the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia not only put in jeopardy several cases pending before the court, we lost the reasoned voice of a man who understood natural law and upheld the principles and limits of government as handed down to us by our nation's founding fathers in the U.S. Constitution.

Locally, the premature passing of Fr. Bill Carmody, the leader of the Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs' Respect Life office, left our pro-life community with not only the absence of a spiritual leader, but also the loss of a compassionate presence for the unborn, for those experiencing the traumas that follow abortion, and even for politicians whom he personally called to defend life.

Recovery from this double blow seems impossible. How can we ever get another Justice Scalia on the court, or another Fr. Carmody in the city?

The answer, of course, is that we cannot! However, we should recall the old saying that a person does not truly become an adult until his or her parents have gone. These "parents" of ours have now passed on to us our "adulthood." It remains for us to live out this adulthood and, in so doing, build upon what previous pro-life leaders have accomplished.

How will you live out your adulthood?

Matt

Local Caucus Results... A Victory for Life!

Congratulations Pro-Lifers! We had a significant impact!

Our three PPCFL resolutions, for religious liberty, pro-life, and marriage, passed in at least 51 precincts. Many other pro-life resolutions were received making the total number about 90.

This ensured a place for Pro-Life issues on the County Assembly resolution ballot. We also had some first time caucus goers become delegates or precinct leaders.

We have a large number of pro-life delegates attending the County and the State Assembly with the intent of voting for pro-life candidates to be put on the primary ballot.

The most significant impact, though, was within ourselves. We have become empowered by this success. As one lady told me through wistful tears, *"Thank-you for doing this. Our country needs this."*

So I tell you pro-lifers. Thank-YOU!

Thank-you for bringing hope to our cause.... for taking action in the political arena. YOU made a difference!

I would love to hear about your experiences. Did you become a delegate? Send your email to Maria Lizarraga at: AVoiceCriesOut@ppccitizensforlife.org.

Survey of Colorado Candidates for US House and US Senate

As a service to voters, PPCFL queries candidates regarding the sanctity of human life. This Candidates listed below are running to serve Colorado at the federal level. Results are below.

1. Name/(Position Sought)
2. Is the sanctity of human life a foundational (F) societal principle or simply one principle among many of equal (E) importance?
3. Will you protect human life at every stage from fertilization to natural death? (Yes/No) Y/N
4. Will you oppose taxpayer funding of abortion and the promotion of abortion? Y/N
5. Will you oppose efforts to legalize physician-assisted suicide/euthanasia? Y/N
6. Should abortion facilities adhere to the same health regulations as any other surgical medical facility? Y/N
7. Do you oppose the use/sale of tissues/organs from aborted babies for profit/medical research/transplantation? Y/N
8. Should abortionists be required to have hospital admitting privileges? Y/N
9. How have you advanced the pro-life cause previously, and what will you do once elected?
10. Comments

1. Name	Position Sought	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9. Previous Record / 10. Comments
Doug Lamborn (R)	US House CD5	F	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9. I introduced, co-sponsored, and voted for numerous pro-life bills and amazements in the CO State Legislature and in Congress. I introduced the ban on sale of fetal body parts into CO State law and have been pushing for it to be better enforced state and federally.
Michael Bennet (D)	US Senate								<i>Did not respond.</i>
Robert Blaha (R)	US Senate								<i>Did not respond.</i>
Charlie Eller (R)	US Senate								<i>Did not respond.</i>
Jerry Eller (R)	US Senate	F	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	4. I may not be able to stop abortions, but will spend every second of my 6 year term to stop taxpayer funding! 7. And will vigorously pursue the prosecution and conviction of those who have violated these laws. *8. "No" if meant to be easier to provide and process abortions. "Yes" if to provide and prioritize medical care for the mother. 9. To vote for and support pro-life candidates, defund planned parenthood, seek prosecution and conviction of those who have marketed, sold, processed, etc. fetuses and their body parts.
Ryan Frazier (R)	US Senate								<i>Did not respond.</i>
Darryl Glenn (R)	US Senate	F	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9. I have advanced a strong pro-life platform during my entire 13 year political career. 10. My campaign is based on the fact that I'm a proud Christian Constitutional Conservative.
Tom Janich (R)	US Senate								<i>Did not respond.</i>
John Keyser (R)	US Senate								<i>Did not respond.</i>
Michael Kinlaw (R)	US Senate	F	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9. Once elected, I plan to propose legislation that forces the abortion process out of clinics and into hospitals only. I also want to force the federal government to quit sending tax payer money to ANY organization that has abortion on its menu of procedures. I would also propose a bill that clarifies "human life ends when the heart stops beating, so human life begins when the heart starts beating".
Peggy Littleton	US Senate	F	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3. I am pro-life, but do not judge others who are on the journey to understanding the sanctity of life. We are all in need of a Savior. 9. <i>Comments mostly erased and indecipherable.</i>
Tim Neville (R)	US Senate	F	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9. I was named Legislator of the Year by Colorado Campaign for Life for leading the fight to protect the most innocent. I will continue that fight at the Federal level and will work to pass the Life at Conception Act.
Donald Rosier (R)	US Senate								<i>Did not respond.</i>

Note: All of the candidates listed above are running to serve COLORADO at the federal level.

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### Ballot Initiative Alert!

A Colorado ballot initiative to legalize Physician Assisted Death (PAD) has been filed by the group calling itself ‘Compassion and Choices’ (C&C).

The euphemistic title of the initiative is “Colorado End-of-Life Options Act”. However, as with abortion promoters, **the only “option” this group is advocating is death by doctor.**

Who are C&C? **Formerly known as the “Hemlock Society” C&C is a multi-million dollar organization - heavily funded by billionaire George Soros – dedicated to forcing doctors into the business of suicide.**

*“Plugging [Brittany] Maynard’s story behind the scenes was Compassion & Choices, a right-to-die group funded by liberal billionaire George Soros that emerged from the ashes of the now-defunct Hemlock Society... It’s an organized campaign funded by Soros money, and they’re using the Maynard case as their launching pad,” said Wesley J. Smith, senior fellow at the Discovery Institute and a euthanasia opponent.*

The deadline to garner 98,492 signatures for Colorado’s 2016 ballot is August 8 – so brace yourself (and your loved ones) for the onslaught of paid petition gatherers swarming our state to promote death.

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### Mobilizing to Defeat

### Physician Assisted Suicide

We are looking to educate voters in the months to come about the devastating consequences of Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) – on patients, families, and doctors.

**Can you act as a contact for your church or organization?**

Do you belong to a group we can be invited to talk to? Can your friends on Facebook or email spread the word?

Let Maria Lizarraga know how you can help at [AVoiceCriesOut@ppcitizensforlife.org](mailto:AVoiceCriesOut@ppcitizensforlife.org).