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Christian Perspective

Abortion-vaccine connection is real; parents' conscience rights must be honored

Lansing, Mich. -- In response to an Oakland County court case involving a mother who has chosen not to immunize her children with vaccines cultured using aborted fetal tissue, Michigan's largest prolife organization issued a statement verifying the mother's claim and supporting her right of conscience in refraining from using those vaccines.

Right to Life of Michigan Legislative Director Ed Rivet said, "There is absolutely no question that a significant number of common vaccines are directly cultured using cells from aborted unborn children. That is how the vaccines are produced. We have long supported the right of parents to refrain from using them or to request alternative versions cultured in untainted cell lines."

Rivet said, "These cells came from healthy babies who were electively aborted, not from miscarried babies. The unfortunate part is that all of these vaccines can be produced without the use of aborted fetal cells. The pharmaceutical industry can eliminate this entire controversy by using other cell lines to produce vaccines."

Right to Life of Michigan has long made information available about the connection between abortion and vaccines and has previously testified before the Michigan Legislature in support of parents' right of conscience in refusing to use these vaccines.

All of the common childhood immunizations have versions cultured using aborted fetal cells, for example MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) and DTPP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio). Some few versions are not grown using fetal cells. No abortion-free alternatives exist for Chickenpox, Hepatitis A, and MMR.

Rivet said, "Right to Life of Michigan will continue to expose the truth about these vaccines, continue to support parents who refrain from using them, and continue to urge the creation of ethically-produced vaccines."

Background information:
LifeNotes: Vaccines list and background

Michigan's Safe Delivery law continues to save babies' lives

On Monday the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced that the 200th infant has been surrendered under Michigan's Safe Delivery of Newborns Act since 2001.

Michigan's Safe Delivery law allows mothers to legally and confidentially surrender unharmed newborns to emergency service providers up to 72 hours after birth. An emergency service provider is defined as an on-duty employee of a fire department, hospital or police station.

The law was passed in response to a disturbing trend of young mothers abandoning their newborn babies in a number of dangerous places, leading to their tragic death.

Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing said, "Some of these 200 infants would have ended up facing tragic fates. This prolife law has given them a chance at life along with the beautiful opportunity to be adopted into loving families."

The Act was originally championed by State Representative Patty Birkholz and passed the Michigan Legislature by unanimous votes. It was signed into law in 2000 by Governor John Engler. In 2006 the act was updated to include responding emergency medical technicians and paramedics as emergency service providers.

Listing said, "Continuing to publicly talk about this law is critical to make sure the abandonment trend doesn't happen again. We need to help our young women and teens be better informed about this law."

Additional educational and promotional materials about the Safe Delivery law can be found on the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services website.

The human cost of Roe and Doe

We often talk about just how bad Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton are as judicial decisions. Even many people who support abortion won't pretend that Roe and Doe made any coherent judicial sense.

What sometimes gets lost in discussions about these U.S. Supreme Court cases is the actual human cost of them.

Abortion is not just an abstract debate; abortion results in the death of real individuals at an unimaginable rate.

Our best guess is more than 56 million people have died since 1973 because of Roe and Doe overturning the abortion laws of all 50 states. How can we make sense of such an extreme loss of life?

56 million lives lost is the equivalent of erasing the people living in 25 states. Another way to imagine it is our entire Midwest disappearing overnight instead of disappearing daily in non-descript clinics down the street in our towns.

If we observed a 15-second moment of silence for each child killed by abortion since Roe and Doe, our silence would last 26 years. That doesn't include the nearly one million abortions a year that continue to happen.

Though the annual abortion numbers have been declining for many years now, the loss of nearly one million lives a year is beyond tragic. Abortion takes more lives every year than cancer or heart disease, making it the number one cause of death—if it counted.

There are more American lives taken by abortion in a single year than American lives we've lost in combat in all of our wars combined from 1775 to 2017.

There are no words strong enough to describe the utter devastation abortion has wrought in Black community. Since 1973 abortion has ended more Black lives than every single other cause of death combined. Did you know that?

For those unmoved by the human cost of abortion, what about the practical costs? Those 56 million children lost to abortion would be alive today and contributing an additional \$3 trillion in annual productivity to our economy. They would be generally young and healthy, shoring up our looming aging crisis when it comes to health insurance costs, Medicare and Social Security.

Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton aren't just legal injustices. They are more than the grave personal injustices to the unborn children whose lives have been taken so brutally. They are an ongoing national disaster of incomparable proportions.

A 23rd Letter to America

God's command to Mankind has always been, "be righteous and do Good."

But the history of Mankind has shown the inability of Man to follow God's Word.

The perverted mind of some call Good Evil, and Evil Good.

After killing eight precious innocent human beings and injuring others, the terrorist in New York city said, "he felt good."

Why? Because to him evil is good!

Good, because Islam teaches that killing unbelievers gets, not only the killer, but 70 family members to Heaven. Where the killer will be rewarded with 72 pretty virgins and privacy with those virgins.

However, the Bible tells us the only two places murderers go is to Hell, and later the Lake of Fire, where fire, brimstone, and darkness co-exist. No telling why the Las Vegas shooter thought murdering 58 and injuring hundreds, was good. Maybe fame!

So why does a large number of American judges, public figures, politicians, and general public, support the evil practice of killing innocent unborn babies?

They are calling evil good, and going against God's command to "be righteous and good."

Repent, and turn away from evil, is God's will.

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