



Leading National Attorneys Support the Heartbeat Bill

"The Heartbeat Bill is a giant step toward the goal of ending all abortions. Those who oppose it on the grounds that 'it's too soon,' or 'the time is not right,' should heed the words of Martin Luther King Jr. who had to contend with the same 'wait' argument from his fellow preachers. In his famous letter from the Birmingham Jail he warned, 'wait' has always meant 'Never.' I pledge the Thomas More Law Center's support of the Bill and offer whatever legal assistance is needed to defend it."

–Richard Thompson, President and Chief Counsel, Thomas More Law Center

"[T]he Heartbeat bill is consistent with a proper understanding of the Constitution. The educational value of such a law could be enormous."

–Jay Alan Sekulow, Chief Counsel, American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ)

"The Heartbeat Bill gives the Court the opportunity to rethink the viability standard of *Casey*, in the same way the Court analyzed and rejected the trimester formula of *Roe*, the voiding of informed consent bans in *Akron I* and *Thornburg*, and the partial birth abortion regulations in *Stenberg*."

–Professor David F. Forte, 30-year Constitutional Law Professor, Chief Counsel to the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations, Consultor to the Pontifical Council for the Family under Pope John Paul II & Pope Benedict XVI, Visiting Scholar Princeton, former Judge, Senior Editor "The Heritage Guide to the Constitution"

"The Heartbeat Bill could be our best opportunity to protect children yet! I would be happy to assist should the Heartbeat Bill come under attack from the courts."

–Mat Staver, Founder, Liberty Counsel, Former Dean of Liberty University School of Law

"When there is a detectable heartbeat, there is no longer any doubt as to life and a just and moral society has an obligation to protect and nurture that life."

–John G. Farnan, President, National Lawyers Association

"The Heartbeat bill is within the constitutional purview and should be passed and vigorously defended if necessary."

–Dean Broyles, President & Chief Counsel, The National Center For Law & Policy

"One thing's for certain: doing nothing guarantees the brutal death of thousands of babies each year. That outweighs every argument of 'what might happen' from the opposition. If there was ever a time to pass the Heartbeat Bill, it is now."

–David Gibbs, General Counsel, Christian Law Association, Attorney for Terri Schiavo

"By calling a halt to the deliberate slaying of innocent human beings with beating hearts, the Heartbeat Bill calls upon the Court to allow a level of protection for unborn children against abortion that is more consonant with basic human dignity."

–Walter Weber, Senior Litigation Counsel, American Center for Law and Justice, Written over 100 Supreme Court Briefs, Specialized in Constitutional Law for over 25 years

"This legislation squarely addressing the humanity of the child and calls upon the court to recognize the fundamental duty to protect human life. To those who caution us to wait, I ask, if not now, when and if not us, who?"

–John J. Jakubczyk, Southwest Life and Law Center

"It is time to stand for Justice. I support this law."

–Allan E. Parker, President, The Justice Foundation, Former Professor of Law

"It is time to not only challenge *Roe*, but to defeat it, and to place it on the ash heap of history along with *Plessey v. Ferguson* and other tragic court decisions."

–Phillip Jauregui, President, Judicial Action Group

"Any judge evaluating the constitutionality of the Heartbeat Bill will be confronted by the inescapable fact that this law protects the life of a child with a beating heart. It is time to set aside Justice Blackmun's outdated science and the travesty of law called *Roe v. Wade*."

–Katie Short, Life Legal Defense Foundation, Legal Director