



Lifeline

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.

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May 2020

Due Date Too Late

15 Days to Gather 10,000 Signatures



According to a Press Release provided on the **Due Date Too Late** website <https://duedatetoolate.com/> the Colorado Secretary of State notified the issue committee for Initiative 120 (aka: **Due Date Too Late**) that the group **needs to collect 9,985 additional**

valid signatures to meet the 124,632 threshold and qualify for the November ballot.

The Secretary of State ordered a line-by-line count of the 137,624 signatures submitted by *Due Date Too Late* on March 4 and notified the issue committee on April 3rd that 114,647 of those were valid.

Notification by the Secretary of State of a signature shortfall would under normal circumstances allow for a 15-day "Cure" period for gathering additional signatures to commence upon notification.

A Denver District Court judge granted an emergency stay that allows *Due Date Too Late* to delay gathering signatures until after the lifting of the statewide stay-at-home order. **Hundreds of Due Date Too Late volunteers will begin collecting additional signatures when the statewide emergency stay-at-home order has been lifted.** Additionally, funds have been raised to utilize paid circulators for this next phase.

"Thanks to our volunteers and donors, we accomplished a large majority of the signatures needed. We have a plan for obtaining the remaining signatures once the stay at home order is lifted and circulating is allowed. During this cure period we have a great opportunity to educate the public about late term abortion", said Lauren Castillo, spokesperson for the Due Date Too Late campaign.

Initiative 120 would prohibit abortion in Colorado after 22 weeks, with an exception for the life of the mother. The initiative has broad-based, bipartisan support. From a Due Date Too Late sample of 40,000 verified signatures of registered voters,

nearly 40% were from members of the Democratic Party or Unaffiliated.

According to a recent Gallup poll, **74% of Americans believe that there should be limitations on late term abortion.** Only 18% of Democrats, 13% of Independents, and 6% of Republicans support the legality of third trimester abortion.

If you would like to obtain petition packets for use during the "cure" period, please sign up here <https://duedatetoolate.com/petitions>

It's important to know that the **packets used originally MUST NOT be used, signature gatherers must obtain and use the NEW packets.**

If you have any questions, or would like to know where you can go to sign the petition once the Stay at Home order is lifted, feel free to contact Julie Bailey at 401.578.4471 or julie@baileypeople.com



Together for Life

Together for Life, the pro-life community-building events hosted by Pikes Peak Citizens for Life on the 3rd Sundays of January and February were fun and informational gatherings. We strongly believe there is great potential through such events to inspire more robust participation in pro-life activities throughout our region.

Unfortunately, with the situation created by COVID-19 and the Stay-At-Home order, we feel compelled to put upcoming **Together for Life** events on hold until we have a better understanding of what the "new normal" for community gatherings will be.

At this time, PPCFL plans to host the next **Together for Life** event on the **3rd Sunday in September (9/20/20)** at Divine Redeemer Catholic Church Community Center. Please stay tuned for updates about this and other pro-life community events by checking our website frequently.

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Board meets 7pm monthly on 2nd Monday.
Come and see what we do.

To schedule a PPCFL Presentation

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Staff our office once a week.
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educational booth, or assist in fundraising.
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The President's Corner

*The Colorado governor has punctuated the point I made in my
April column which was not published due to the virus pandemic.
What follows is my April column followed by the punctuation.*

Does the slippery slope really exist?

Colorado made abortion legal in 1967 (before Roe v. Wade). In
the state legislative term that is still in session, three committees
killed four bills intended to protect the lives of the youngest in our
society. One bill was to end abortion, and a second was to end late-
term abortion. The last two bills were intended to prevent
infanticide after botched abortions.

From making abortion legal in 1967 we have pressed on today to
make infanticide acceptable.

Nationally Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973. Earlier this year the
US Senate was [unable to advance a bill to end late term abortion and
another bill to protect infants born alive after abortion attempts](#).¹

Just as in Colorado, abortion was made legal nationally and now
infanticide is acceptable.

Internationally, Canada made euthanasia legal in 2016. ["More
than a dozen patients are killed by euthanasia daily in Canada"](#) and
the Canadian government ["has announced it will enforce broader
new regulations allowing patients who are suffering – but not
terminally ill – to have access to Medical Assistance in Dying \(MAiD\)"](#)
² (the Canadian euphemism for euthanasia).

Canadians are also being asked "to consider 'advance directives'
for euthanasia, which were clearly prohibited in the law that came
into force in 2016." Alex Schadenberg, executive director of the
Ontario-based Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, "points to the
Netherlands, where advance directives have led to state-sanctioned
forced euthanasia."

Daniel Sulmasy, professor of biomedical ethics, notes that, "The
pace that Canada is moving on euthanasia is just astonishing."

Such is the slippery slope. Colorado stepped onto this slippery
slope in 2016 when voters legalized assisted suicide.

As with infanticide, Colorado will accept euthanasia, even forced
euthanasia, unless we step up and stop the slide down the slope.

May Update...

During the coronavirus pandemic Colorado accepted Governor
Polis' decision to put abortion above the lives of pandemic front-line
healthcare personnel when Polis refused to shut down abortuaries
while shutting down all other non-essential medical procedures in
order to preserve medical protective equipment for the healthcare
workers battling the virus.

**This is the slippery slope: killing children is more important
than protecting healthcare workers!**

¹ Claire Chretien, "Barbarous": Pro-life leaders react to failure of Senate bills to ban infanticide,
late-term abortion," *LifeSiteNews.com*, <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/barbarous-pro-life-leaders-react-to-failure-of-senate-bills-to-ban-infanticide-late-term-abortion>

² Celeste McGovern, "Canada Leads the Way in Liberalizing Euthanasia Around the Globe,"
National Catholic Register, <https://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/canada-leads-the-way-in-liberalizing-euthanasia-around-the-globe>



Sidewalk Advocates for Life in a Pandemic

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

In case you were wondering, Colorado Springs' *Sidewalk Advocates for Life* teams are continuing their presence on the Sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood during this pandemic. Be assured that we are complying with social distancing guidance, wearing homemade masks, and observing other safety protocols such as the use of antiseptic wipes and gel. You may ask why we are out there at all when there is a *Stay at Home* order in place in Colorado. You may have even seen stories such as the one detailing the arrest of pro-lifers engaged in a ministry similar to ours in North Carolina.

Our Advocates continue their presence because Planned Parenthood continues to do abortions. It is just that simple.

In the weeks since the Stay at Home order was handed down, our advocate teams have had numerous conversations with clients heading in to Planned Parenthood. We have provided these clients information about their options, alternatives to abortion, and help available at Life Network's Pregnancy Resource Centers. Were we not there, it is unlikely they would have received such information.

Last week, after an advocate spoke with a young woman heading into Planned Parenthood, that same young woman came out and told a different advocate that **she decided against having the abortion after seeing and talking to us.** *Our presence is making a difference.*

I've spoken with many who defend Planned Parenthood because of the non-abortion services they provide to poor women, to those without health insurance, and to teens. While I don't agree that the provision of such health services (annual exams, pap smears, contraceptives) justifies the grisly business of abortion, I do understand that these services could indeed be classified as health care, unlike abortion. I've always believed **Planned Parenthood was being disingenuous when touting all the important services they provide** and downplaying the centrality of abortion to their business. Well, now that belief is born out in the announcements made by Planned Parenthoods in some states that **while check-ups, pap smears and contraceptive services have been discontinued during the pandemic, abortions are still being done.**

I wish I could say I'm surprised.

Their motto may be "Care - No Matter What" but their actions show that it should instead be "**Kill - No Matter What**"

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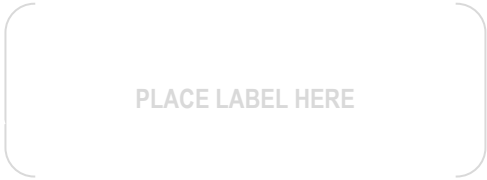
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**May 2020**

- May 10– *Happy Mother’s Day!*

**June 2020**

- June 6 – **Life Network Walk for Life**
- Tues. June 30 – **Colorado General Primary**  
Colorado non-presidential races

NOTE: Life Education Booths at the Citadel and Chapel Hills Mall are temporarily suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions.



**Calling all FAIR VOLUNTEERS!**

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Fair Booth Season!

- July 11–July 18 El Paso County Fair
- Aug 28–Sept 7 Colorado State Fair

If precautions are required for COVID-19, training and materials will be provided for all volunteers.

For more information, or to volunteer for shifts, please contact Janet Campbell at 719-660- 0048 or [janetcampbell729@comcast.net](mailto:janetcampbell729@comcast.net)



**Life in This City**  
**Life Network’s Walk for Life**

*Life in This City* is the theme for the 2020 Life Network Walk for Life. **The walk is scheduled for June 6, 2020 and will take place no matter what the current situation is with regard to public gathering.**

If possible, the walk will take place as usual at Memorial Park with thousands of people, inspirational speakers, and informational booths (including one for Pikes Peak Citizens for Life). **If the walk is not allowed to take place in the normal way, participants will do a virtual Walk for Life by taking a 2-mile hike or walk wherever they are.**

This walk has always been a great event with fun for all ages. It also provides funding for Life Network, the amazing organization that operates two pregnancy resource centers in Colorado Springs, as well as coaching and parenting classes for new and expecting moms and dads, sexual risk avoidance classes in 30 local schools, suicide prevention classes, and post-abortive healing for men and women.

Last year’s walk saw 126 churches participate with over 800 individual sponsored walkers. The walk raised over \$400,000 for Life Network. Don’t miss this chance to support a great organization. Go to [www.walkforlife.com](http://www.walkforlife.com) to register for the walk, set up a fundraising page, or support a walker.