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July 2020

Due Date Too Late

Certified for November Ballot

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Volunteers with Due Date Too Late/Initiative 120 turned in more than 180,000 total signatures to the Secretary of State and have exceeded the minimum 124,632 verified signatures needed to qualify for the November ballot.

Secretary of State Jena Griswold notified the Initiative 120 Committee on Monday that after a line-by-line count, 153,204 signatures have been verified and the effort to take the issue to Colorado voters in November 2020 has succeeded. **The initiative would prohibit abortion in Colorado after 22 weeks, with an exception for the life of the mother.**

Due Date Too Late submitted over 137,000 petition signatures in March and another 48,000 just 10 days ago. 38,557 of those cure signatures were validated. Circulating petitions in a very challenging COVID-19 environment, Due Date Too Late volunteers exceeded all expectations for signatures gathered as **Democrat and Unaffiliated voters joined to add thousands of signatures in a truly bipartisan effort.**

Due Date Too Late has a network of nearly 1,500 volunteers throughout the state who gathered the signatures and will continue to drive the grassroots effort to put a stop to hundreds of late term abortions annually. The diversity of support for Initiative 120 mirrors national opinion. According to a recent Gallup poll, 74% of Americans believe that there should be limitations on abortion. **Colorado is one of only seven states where abortion is legal up to the moment of birth for any reason.**

"This is an incredible victory for Due Date Too Late and our dedicated volunteers, who worked tirelessly to ensure that Coloradans will have the chance to vote to save lives from late-term abortion in November. The numbers handed in are indicative of the overwhelming support for Initiative 120 and we are prepared and excited for the next step in the campaign" said Lauren Castillo, spokesperson for the Due Date Too Late campaign.

The Awful Injustice

of Colorado's Abortion-centric Laws

A PPCFL Blogpost By Matt Niedzielski, President

The Colorado Supreme Court recently concluded that a man who shot his daughter while she was still in her mother's womb (her mother died) is not guilty of child abuse because, **under Colorado law, at the time he shot her, she was not yet a person - because she had not yet been born.**

Due to the gunshot, the girl, now seven years old, "lacks muscle control," "has a surgically implanted tube that allows her to eat," and "requires frequent hospital visits," [as reported by Personhood Alliance.](#)¹

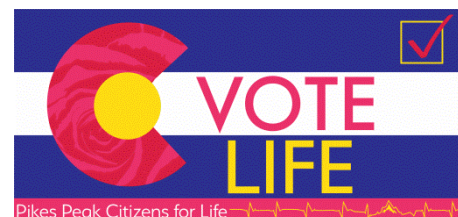
This is not the first time Colorado's abortion-centric laws have resulted in injustice. I wrote of [three other cases in a post back in 2016.](#)²

The Personhood Alliance article notes that the Supreme Court decision leaves open the possibility that the Colorado legislature could better define the terms "child" and "person" to include pre-born children. I can tell you that the current Colorado legislature would not consider even for a moment the idea of revising the definitions for these words because the current legislature is in the grip of the abortion industry, and **they do not want the pre-born child to have any protection at all.**

This is just one more illustration of the consequences of elections. **We must elect pro-life representatives to all political offices,** or else get accustomed to the injustice the state of Colorado just visited on this poor girl.

¹<https://personhood.org/2020/06/04/prenatal-child-abuse-personhood-colorado/>

²<https://www.ppcitizensforlife.org/colorado-s-homicidal-ways/>



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The President's Corner

The struggle between the culture of life and the culture of death has
been a rollercoaster ride so far this year.

The dominance of the culture of death is once again illuminated by a
report from the Centers for Disease Control which concluded that the
birth rate in the United States fell to a record low last year (birth rate
recordings began in 1909). Birth rates have been in decline for over a
decade ([I wrote about it as far back as 2014](#)) and the "[overall fertility
rate now stands at 1.7, well below the 2.1 needed for population
replacement](#)."¹ **As a society we are literally committing suicide!**

In Colorado the coronavirus pandemic also served to illuminate the
strength of the culture of death in our own state. As I noted in my
columns in our [May](#) and [June](#) newsletters, abortuaries around the state
were allowed to continue operating even as all other non-essential
medical activities were shut down to preserve scarce personal
protection equipment for healthcare workers dealing with coronavirus
patients. Killing children was more important than protecting
healthcare workers!

On the other hand, it appears the exigencies of the pandemic
response have killed a particularly egregious bill at the state legislature.
[Senate Bill 20-156](#) would have essentially handed a blank check to
Planned Parenthood, funded through the medical insurance premiums
of Colorado residents, [according to analysis from former state Sen.
Kevin Lundberg](#). I'm sure it will be back next year unless the upcoming
election significantly changes the makeup of the legislature.

Finally, the [Due Date Too Late campaign has placed a late-term
abortion ban question on the November ballot in Colorado](#) after
successfully conducting the "cure" period to make up for the shortfall of
valid signatures when the petitions were first submitted. Now the real
work begins: convincing Colorado voters that such a ban is good for
Colorado. Unfortunately, this won't be as easy as it should be, due to the
grip of the culture of death on the state of Colorado.

So the struggle goes on. Pikes Peak Citizens for Life is engaging in
the struggle by surveying candidates about their views on defending life
([see responses on our website](#)) and promoting the late-term abortion
ban ballot question via all means possible. Please join us by voting for
pro-life candidates and by promoting the Due Date Too Late initiative to
everyone you can.

Matt

Libertarian Response Life Issues Survey

Five Libertarian candidates responded to PPCFL's Candidate survey
– *a significant increase*. Because their comments may help our readers
have a better understanding of the Libertarian position on life issues,
we are focusing solely on the Libertarian response this month. To view
Democrat and Republican responses, visit www.ppcitizensforlife.org.

1. Name / 2. Position Sought

3. Will you protect human life at every stage from fertilization to natural death? Y/N

4. Will you oppose taxpayer funding of abortion and the promotion of abortion? Y/N

5. Will you oppose the promotion of physician-assisted suicide and 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. Is human life a foundational (F) societal principle, one principle among many equal
(E) principles, or not (N) a principle at all? F/E/N

10. How have you advanced the pro-life cause previously / what will you do once
elected? Other comments

1. Candidate	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10. Previous Record / 10.Comments
Zechariah Harris (Libertarian) Senate District 12	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	F	10) There is a lot of good work being done opposing abortion. I will work with whatever efforts are being put forth. Additionally my primary focus will be on lowering the costs and removing barriers for adoption and other life saving possibilities.
David Thompson (Libertarian) House District 14	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	E	7) But I believe the research that is associated with this is of importance 10) These positions are solely based on an individuals principles. I have never advanced the prolife cause in the past nor will I in the future.
John Hjersman (Libertarian) House District 16	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	F	3) Such protection is the responsibility of the mother 4) Medical procedures are the responsibility of the patient or her insurance, if any. 5) Your question combines two very different questions. Our lives are our own. Euthanasia is a delicate question. 6) Is this a trick question? They needn't adhere to abortion restrictions that take the decision out of the mother's hands. 7) It is the only way to get some social benefit from this horrendous event. 8) Let's not compound the tragedy by having two deaths. 10) Abortion is a heart-rending decision and awful burden on a mother. It should not be made worse by the intrusion of government.
Judith Darcy (Libertarian) House District 20	*	Y	N	N	N	N	E	3) My answer is not Yes or No. Yes, for me personally, I will do everything I can to protect human life, but as a Congressman not all areas of human life would be my job. When we are talking about medical/abortion decisions, why would we ask Congress to decide such a thing? This issue is not the government's business. This is a personal issue for a woman to decide with her family, significant other, doctor, and members of her spiritual advisory community (church). I will commit to do everything I can to stop allowing Congressman the power to allow or disallow abortion, they should not be involved. I fully oppose any form of government funding for abortion. I would consider legislation that would allow the Father some rights when it comes to abortion, but not without an option for the Father to opt out of support if he doesn't wish to be a parent. I adamantly oppose the death penalty in criminal cases, and I absolutely stand behind their right to life. I find this to be a government issue because it is the government carrying out the sentence. I am in favor of a person's right to self-ownership, and would support responsible Right to Die legislation. If a vaccination is determined that it will save lives I will never vote to force it on anyone. Again, people own themselves, they get to choose how they want to protect themselves, even if they will die without it. Unapproved medication/drugs are another issue that may be construed to make people need protecting. Again, I protect self ownership. If a person wants to take a medication that the FDA has not approved to treat themselves there is no reason they should not be allowed to do so. If a person wants to take drugs that a recurrently on the Controlled Substance list I will not oppose their choice, even if I feel it is unwise. War -Opposed -Lots of death. Short version: Abortion \$0 government funding -get government out of the abortion business. Death Penalty -Opposed -government shouldn't kill people. Right to Die -In Favor -People own themselves & government shouldn't choose how they live or how they die. Drug use -Opposed to government interference. War -Opposed. I could go on because there are a LOT of stages of life, but my job as a Congressman would be to protect liberty first. 4) Taxpayers should never pay for abortion. Ever. This does not mean I oppose any organization. I have personally used Planned Parenthood for well-woman visits. 5) I believe in self-ownership. If a person does not want to live they should be able to go about that responsibly. It is not for me to force life or death, on anyone. 6) I am not sure what this question implies. Since I believe that regulations are too numerous for every business & organization I am going to have to say no, until I learn more about the question. 7)#1 Gross. I think this is a horrible practice. Profiting from aborted babies is horrible. #2 Is this the job of government? I am not sure I would oppose this. Are the parents aware? Are they in agreement? Lots of good things have come from stem cell research. Just because it goes against my personal feelings does not mean that as a Representative I can infringe upon someone else's liberty by banning it. This is another question that would need to be addressed in the bill I was facing for voting. 8) I do not know. I have never had an abortion. It is not an issue I have ever needed to know such things about. It would require further research. That being said, I lean toward no, because that means more government regulations. I think that a woman should talk that over with her doctor, parents, family, significant other, spiritual advisors, etc. and not rely on someone that has not studied medicine (most Congressmen) to make this kind of decision for her. Since you do not allow a comment section for #9 -My answer is not listed. Human life is among OTHER principles. Liberty being higher than life (ask any veteran that was willing to give their life in the fight for liberty). So, it IS a principle, but not equal. Lower than liberty, higher than property. 10) I know hat my answers do not fit your agenda, but I want you to know that I want abortion to end. I have been pregnant, I gave birth, even though I had a choice to not do so. I considered abortion when I was pregnant with my first, for about a day or 2. I talked to my friends, my parents, my counselor at CU, my preacher, but never once did I think to call Congress & ask for help with my decision. This is not something that I could live with. I chose to have a beautiful daughter. The right to choose isn't always the choice to end a pregnancy, sometimes it's an opportunity to choose something good. I have helped friends when faced with unexpected pregnancy & encouraged birth. I have never told anyone DO NOT have an abortion, but I have always given my point of view, which is personally opposed. I have also told every single person that asks that abortion is not the government's business. Banning things never works. I wrote a paper on it in college. Coat hanger abortions & dying in back alley hatchet jobs is not preferable to education. I choose liberty, I choose life, I choose education, I choose choice, hopefully when all of those are combined we can end abortion without a ban from the government.
Michael Seebeck (Libertarian) House District 21	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	F	5) I own my own body. If I choose to end my life, it is my choice. Denying that choice denies my right of self-ownership. 7) ESPECIALLY for vaccines! 10) I had children instead of aborting them

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Update: No Fair Booths 2020

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life has received notification from the *El Paso County Fair* and the *Colorado State Fair* that due to the Coronavirus pandemic, they will not be having any booths/vendors this year. The fairs will be 4-H and FFA events only.

Thank you for your faithful service as volunteers at the Pikes Peak Citizens for Life booth over the past many years.

If the State and County Fairs resume normal operations for 2021, we will have our booths and will be in touch with all of you!

As of right now, the *Aquinas Conference* (July 29-Aug 2) **is still scheduled as planned.**

For additional information, or to volunteer for the Aquinas Conference, please contact Janet Campbell at (719) 660-0048 or janetcampbell729@comcast.net

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Sunday October 4 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

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