



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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Proposition 115 “Due Date Too Late” answers Frequently Asked Questions

Why support a restriction on abortions after 22 weeks?

The measure will protect a viable human being. At 22 weeks gestation a baby can survive outside the mother’s womb when they are born prematurely.

At 22 weeks, the mother can feel her baby “kick”. At this stage babies can react to their mother’s voice and touch, they can blink, open/close their mouth, stick out their tongue, smile and grimace, and they can suck their thumbs.

In late term abortions at 22 weeks, the baby is usually dismembered while alive. After 24 weeks, the babies are killed before they are delivered. Typically, a poison is injected into the baby or the amniotic fluid that results in death over an agonizing period of minutes to up to 24 hours. In either form of late term abortion, death is excruciating and cruel.



Twins born in Colorado. Legally “abortable” minutes before this photo.

Are late term abortions (after 22) weeks rare?

Colorado is one of only seven states that allow late term abortion. Each year, nearly 400 of these abortions are performed in our state usually on healthy babies.

The vast majority of states restrict abortion at 22 weeks, or at viability (which is the same period of time). Internationally, only 5 of the 198 countries permit elective abortion after 20 weeks.

Is this a partisan campaign?

No, the *Coalition for Women and Children*, the group behind Due Date Too Late, was founded by a group of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. According to polling, most Democrats, Republicans, and Independents oppose late term abortion.

A significant portion (37%) of those who signed the petition are Democrats or Independents. Limiting late term abortion is policy that unites members of both parties and the unaffiliated.

Does Prop 115 provide a criminal penalty for the mother?

No, the mother is not subject to any criminal penalties whatsoever. Neither is a pharmacist who unwittingly fills a prescription for an abortion beyond 22 weeks.

Does Prop 115 provide a criminal penalty for the doctor?

Yes, the abortionist can be charged criminally but is not subject to jail time. The abortionist is subject to a three-year suspension of a medical license.

Does Prop 115 provide for any exceptions?

Yes, there is an exception to save the life of the mother. It is unlikely the exception will be needed. In a medical emergency, a C-section is far safer than an abortion. In fact, performing a late term abortion, which requires time for dilation, would be medical malpractice during a medical emergency.

Is it true that almost all late term abortions are performed for medical emergencies or fatal fetal abnormalities?

No, this is a narrative fabricated by abortion rights extremists without any data in order to manipulate public opinion. If a mother has a medical emergency after 22 weeks, **delivery of the baby is far safer** than an abortion. A delivery can be performed in 30 minutes and an abortion after 22 weeks can take 2-4 days to complete. Abortion in these circumstances would be considered medical malpractice.

Colorado’s most notorious late-term abortion clinic admitted that they perform 70% of their procedures on normal babies. In the remaining 30%, many are performed on babies with readily treatable medical conditions.

Why does your initiative not seek to end all abortions?

Colorado voters have indicated that they will not pass such an initiative. Our effort is to bring a measure to the ballot which the voters support.

A majority of voters oppose late term abortion. We have an opportunity to help these babies and their mothers.

Ref: FAQ from Coalition for Women and Children
DueDateTooLate.com, FAQ July 2020 / August 2020

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The President's Corner

Proposition 115 (previously titled Initiative 120) is providing the Colorado prolife community **the best opportunity to restrict the killing of preborn children that we have had in years.**

Please promote it!

This proposition will **end late-term abortions in Colorado**, banning the procedure on babies that are older than 22 weeks. See the Due Date Too Late website <https://www.duedatetoolate.com/> for answers to common questions you might encounter when getting the word out to people in your spheres of influence.

Some concerns have been raised that Proposition 115 may be detrimental to the prolife movement because it will lend legal acceptability to abortion at less than 22 weeks and that passage of the proposition will reduce the incentive of the prolife community to end all abortions.

To the first concern, the proposition has no legal effect on abortions less than 22 weeks, neither positive nor negative. You can confirm this conclusion by reading the text (quite short) of the proposition on the Secretary of State's website <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Initiatives/titleBoard/filings/2019-2020/120Final.pdf>

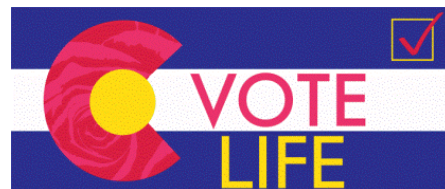
As to the second concern, the passage of **Proposition 115 will almost certainly increase prolife activity**, not decrease it, and is one of the reasons abortion supporters want to see it fail. We have had many years of legislative defeats (numerous bills not even getting out of committee). Several recent attempts to end abortion via ballot initiatives completely failed - receiving no more than about 30% support from the electorate. Prop. 115 appears to have more bipartisan support, and its success would be an encouraging sign that we are moving in the right direction - toward LIFE.

If you are still on the fence, consider whether the prenatal environment will be better or worse if Proposition 115 passes. Yes, legally it will still be a dangerous environment, but only up to 22 weeks. **Without Proposition 115 the prenatal environment is dangerous in Colorado up to the moment of birth.** Would you not agree that the passage of Proposition 115 is better than the alternative?

As for Pikes Peak Citizens for Life, we will continue defending life not only until abortion and assisted suicide/euthanasia are *illegal*, but until these barbaric acts are utterly *unthinkable*.

Matt

Yes! Proposition 115 Ends Late Abortions



Life Network Fundraising Gala – 2020 Broadcast

The 37th Annual Life Network Gala will look different this year, as has been true for so much in our lives, due to COVID restrictions.

On **Friday, October 9th, at 7pm**, at churches all over our area, supporters will have the opportunity to attend one of at least eight *Broadcast Host Sites* – to digitally share the key elements of the Gala including a ministry update by Rich Bennett, President of Life Network, and a powerful message by Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood facility manager turned pro-life advocate.

Since there will not be the table sponsorship opportunities typically available at the Gala, attendees at the broadcast sites will have the chance to donate to Life Network's life-saving work. For a list of church partners and to register for one of these locations, go to elifenetwork.com/events/.

Democrats for Life Defend Prop 115

Dr. Thomas J. Perille, MD, known locally as a passionate leader with *Democrats for Life of Colorado*, recently responded to a radical pro-abortion opinion column by Ian Silverii in the Denver Post. His support for Proposition 115 (*aka Due Date Too Late*) is eloquent and succinct:

"I would like to set the record straight on the late-term abortion restriction on the ballot in November. Ian Silverii parrots the talking points of abortion extremists, which does a disservice to Colorado voters.

*From its inception, **Democrats, independents, and Republicans have been involved with and supported the initiative.** This is reflected in the 153,204 valid signatures collected by the petitioners, despite the challenge of a global pandemic. I am a member of a progressive group of Democrats that helped conceive of and successfully promote the initiative.*

*The initiative is hardly "arbitrary" and it is easy to enforce. The initiative restricts abortion after 22 weeks, except if the woman's life is in jeopardy. This gestational age was chosen because there is a broad support in the United States for restrictions of late-term abortions. **A 22-week old fetus is biologically indistinguishable from a baby born at 22 weeks gestation.** If a baby can survive outside the womb with medical intervention, it is cruel and unjust to be able to kill her in the womb...*

Dr. Perille rejects the arguments of pro-abortion absolutists and goes straight to the heart of why Proposition 115 should be approved:

"This is a common-sense initiative that should appeal to all Coloradans."

Reference: Thomas J Perille, "Simply asking a reasonable question about abortion" 2 Aug 2020 <https://www.denverpost.com/2020/08/02/letters-simply-asking-a-reasonable-question-about-abortion-8-2-20/>

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Yes, Vote on Prop 115...
to End Late Term Abortion



Michele Mason, Local Advocate

**Awarded 40 Days for Life International
LEADER OF THE YEAR**

Local pro-life hero, Michele Mason, awarded 40 Days for Life International **Leader of the Year**.

Twelve years ago, Michele (mother of 13) nearly lost her son Luke, following a devastating prenatal diagnosis. The near-tragedy propelled Michele, a self-described introvert, to take a leap of faith and apply to lead Colorado Spring's 40 Days for Life campaign. Since 2008, Michele has led 23 vigils with remarkable impacts.

- **28 confirmed babies saved** from abortion
- **1 abortion worker who converted** and quit her job
- Establishment of a **new pregnancy help center**

To view the inspiring video, honoring Michele Mason, visit www.40daysforlife.com

Fall 40 Days for Life Vigil: September 23 to Nov 1

Join the local vigil effort at:
<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/colorado-springs/>



LIFE CHAIN 2020

Sunday October 4; 1:30pm to 3:00pm

A peaceful 90 minute public witness of pro-life individuals praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. A visual statement of support for the sanctity of human life. -Academy Blvd @ Austin Bluffs or Monument @ Hwy 105. For info, contact: Linda Kracht at newlifeinhim.jesus@gmail.com or Stephanie Kemp at stephanierkemp@gmail.com

Due Date Too Late!

*“Yes, Proposition 115
ends late abortion.”*

