



# 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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## So It Begins

By K. McCarty

It was a dark and stormy night in downtown Colorado Springs. As my friend and I walked down the sidewalk in the rain, I saw a man walking towards us brandishing a clipboard and pen. I prepared for the worst. He opened his mouth and asked us if we would sign a petition for women's reproductive rights in Colorado.

I was disarmed. I didn't know what to say, so I said the first thing that came to mind. "I am pro-life!" My friend piped in, "Me too!"

I started forming counter-arguments in my mind. But the man just shrugged his shoulders, said "OK, cool," and kept walking.

Afterward, I was disappointed. Disappointed in myself for not engaging more, and disappointed that the grim reaper disguised as a petitioner was so laissez-faire in his approach as he gathered signatures for ballot Initiative 89, which would enshrine a "right" to abortion in the Colorado State Constitution and force taxpayers to fund abortions.

What would I do differently if I am approached again about this initiative?

In the first place, I would have asked questions! Questions such as "Colorado already has some of the most extreme abortion laws in the nation. Children can be killed anywhere from conception until the moment of birth. Why do you think this is necessary?" Or "How do you justify collecting signatures for an initiative that will enshrine the murder of children in the state constitution and force taxpayers to pay for it?" I could have shared how abortion hurts women, or that Colorado has become a late-term abortion tourism state. Are these things that the signature collector really wants to be involved in?

Although some of these petitioners are out collecting signatures because they strongly believe in Initiative 89, others are simply collecting a paycheck. **Asking questions might help one of them change their mind about what they are really doing.**

Engaging in a lengthy conversation also serves another purpose. **The longer you can keep the petitioner talking, the less time he or she will have to approach other people.** That means fewer signatures for Initiative 89!

Did you mistakenly sign this petition, thinking it was something else? Or do you know someone who regrets signing it? You aren't locked in! A voter has the option to remove his or her name from the petition. To do this, you may email the Colorado Secretary of State at [elections@coloradosos.gov](mailto:elections@coloradosos.gov) or [ballot.access@coloradosos.gov](mailto:ballot.access@coloradosos.gov).



*Engaging with petitioners is a strategy we can use to try to defeat Initiative 89.*

## SCOTUS to Hear a High-Stakes Abortion Pill Case This Month

An abortion pill case is scheduled to come before the Supreme Court in late March about lack of safety and testing when the FDA approved the abortion pill. As [reported](#) in an article from Catholic News Agency, "Their decision could determine whether the abortion pill mifepristone can be prescribed by telemedicine or sent through the mail." The decision could also set limits on which point in pregnancy the pills could be taken.

Alliance Defending Freedom senior counsel Erin Hawley, whose firm argued the case in the Fifth Circuit, stated: "The FDA's own label for these drugs says that roughly one in 25 women who take them will end up in the emergency room." Hopefully the Supreme Court will hold the FDA accountable for their actions that have put women's lives and safety at risk.

Reference: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/256689/us-supreme-court-to-hear-major-abortion-pill-case-in-march>

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## The President's Corner

The public square is very active at the present moment!

First, there are dueling citizens' initiatives on life issues that are collecting signatures simultaneously. **Do not mistakenly sign the anti-life initiative thinking it is the pro-life initiative.** [Initiative 89, the "Right to Abortion" initiative](#), is being carried by paid signature gatherers and is [sponsored by, among others, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains and the ACLU](#). The initiative aims to enshrine abortion in the state constitution as well as remove restrictions on taxpayer funding of abortion.

[Initiative 81, the "Protections for a Living Child" initiative](#), is being carried by volunteer signature gatherers and is sponsored by [the Colorado Life Initiative](#). The initiative aims to end abortion in Colorado. [See their website to learn](#) how you can be one of the volunteer signature gatherers.

Additionally, there are anti- and pro-life bills being considered in the state legislature. Please consider giving testimony on one or more of these bills. Anti-life [Senate Bill 24-068](#) aims to make assisted suicide easier in Colorado. It is scheduled to be heard February 29 in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee and so it may have already occurred by the time you see this newsletter. However, I suspect it will pass out of the Senate and so the public will get another chance to testify on it when it arrives in the House, so stay tuned (it may happen quickly). Pro-life [House Bill 24-1106](#) aims to make information about abortion pill reversal available and will be heard March 5 in the House Health and Human Services Committee. Pro-life [House Bill 24-1224](#) aims to assert the personhood of a living unborn child and, as of this writing, is not yet scheduled (but likely will be scheduled soon).

Legislative schedules can change without notice, so **refer to the legislative website frequently for up-to-date information.** Testimony can be offered either in person, via Zoom, or in writing and [is explained at the legislative website](#).

Also, the Republican and Democratic Party caucuses are scheduled for March 7 and 9, respectively. [As mentioned in our February newsletter](#), **the caucus is the grassroots means by which we can propose pro-life resolutions for our parties** and select delegates who will support pro-life candidates at the higher assemblies (county, state, congressional). We highly encourage everyone able to participate to attend the caucuses and support pro-life delegates and resolutions.

**There is no lack of things we can do.** Thank you for whatever help you can provide in defense of life!

*-Matt*

**64,000**

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

It was widely reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) in late January and February that over 64,000 children were conceived in rape in states that banned or seriously limited abortion between the June 2022 overturn of Roe v Wade and the end of 2023.

Hogwash (to put it mildly).

In the [words](#) of Michael J. New writing for National Review online, “The article [in JAMA Internal Medicine] is frankly one of the worst and most misleading pieces of advocacy research that I have ever encountered in my years as [a] social scientist.”

Not only is the methodology of this study questionable, but the authors are also employed by pro-abortion organizations. The fact that such an obviously biased article, one that relied on unsupported, exaggerated, and inaccurate data, would be published in a once highly regarded professional journal, is a travesty. Far more credence accrues to this piece of shoddy reporting than it deserves because of its publication in that forum. And because it was published by JAMA, it has been covered far and wide by news outlets giddy to report the preposterous numbers.

The focus of the article is the supposed need for women who have been raped to have access to abortion. Rape is a horrific crime. It should result in severe punishment ... for the rapist, not for his victims. **Women who are the victims of rape deserve love, healing, and compassion – not further violence and trauma from an abortion.** Shouldn't we be more focused on preventing and punishing rape than pushing women who have been victimized in this way into abortion?

Reference: <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/no-64000-children-have-not-been-conceived-in-rape-in-states-with-pro-life-laws/>  
<https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/4458616-bad-math-bad-research-the-truth-about-abortion-and-rape-related-pregnancy/>

## Making Assisted Suicide Easier

News from our PPCFL Blog by [Matt Niedzelski](#)

As [we have noted before](#), advocates of physician assisted suicide (PAS) follow an incremental strategy. So it is no surprise that a bill in the legislature ([Senate Bill 24-068](#)) seeks to make PAS easier. A [look at the bill's summary](#) (as introduced) demonstrates the point:

- Advanced practice registered nurses will be able to assist in the suicide (presently it requires physicians)
- You will no longer need to be a Colorado resident
- Brushes away conflicting requirements to receive federal money
- Reduces the wait time from 15 days to 48 hours

**In the end they want to make it easy for people to be murdered, especially those who are deemed to be undesirable (the terminally ill, the disabled, the depressed, the elderly, etc.).** We must work to defeat SB24-068 and to repeal assisted suicide in Colorado.

## Memorial Gift

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“My friend for life”

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## Thrifting for Life

Life Network's thrift store, located at 5406 N. Academy Blvd in Colorado Springs (near Academy and Montebello), continues to be an important part of their ministry to serve moms and dads in need of resources.

Life Network recently shared on their [blog](#) that parents who complete their Parenting Program, in addition to receiving vouchers for necessary items such as car seats and diapers, also receive gift cards to the Thrift Store. This helps their clients supplement with other items they might need, such as furniture and household items.

If you are cleaning out your closets or downsizing, consider dropping off your gently used items at Life Network's Thrift Store to help support their mission! Visit their website to see a list of items that they are able to accept:

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