



CMDCCW FALL BOARD MEETING
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY REPORT
September 15, 2021

Listed below are our national legislators and their websites:

Senator Bill Hagerty – hagerty.senate.gov (our new senator!)

Senator Marsha Blackburn -- blackburn.senate.gov

District 02 – Representative Tim Burchett -- burchett.house.gov

District 03 – Representative Chuck Fleischmann – fleischmann.house.gov

District 06 – Representative John Rose – johnrose.house.gov

At their websites it's so easy to send messages to them. As citizens and Catholic Christians, it's very important that we stay engaged with what's happening in our government! Fortunately, our senators and representatives are conservative usually voting our conservative East Tennessee values, but it doesn't hurt to let them know our opinions. You can receive their newsletters regularly to know what they are doing to get more up to date information. Check the Tennessee Catholic Public Policy Commission www.tncppc.org for issues that make a difference to Catholics.

This is the link for Tennessee Right to LIFE to get current information. https://www.tnrtl.org/current_pro_life_legislation
The Texas law prohibiting abortions after a detectable heartbeat has been upheld. Tennessee has a targeted abortion prohibition that makes it illegal to perform an abortion based on a specific reason including a baby's gender, race or diagnosis of Down syndrome. That and other pending legislation as well as an upcoming Mississippi case before the Supreme Court are giving hope to the possibility that Roe v. Wade may be overturned. Tennessee and several other states have "trigger laws" banning abortion that will go into effect after Roe v. Wade is overturned.

The 3.5 trillion dollar "infrastructure bill" includes "human infrastructure" which we understand includes health care (abortion!). Nancy Pelosi is pushing "Women's Health Protective Act" HR 3755 (Abortion!).

The "Born Alive Abortion Survival Act" (HR 619) has been introduced by Republicans in the House numerous times. The Democrat majority will not allow it to be brought to a vote!

HR 1 "For the People Act," the bill would negate every election law passed in individual states and give the federal government near total control of the electoral process. Some states have passed common-sense laws to ensure the integrity of the election process. Those laws would be wiped off the books. It has passed the House and is awaiting a vote in the Senate (S 1).

HR 5 "Equality Act", making boys who identify as girls eligible to participate in girls' sports and access girls' locker rooms, attacks on religious freedom, etc. It has passed the House and is awaiting a vote in the Senate (S 393).

Priestsforlife.org – Fr. Frank Pavone -- Another good resource for pro-LIFE information.

The Fall 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil takes place September 22 – October 31 at the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic on Cherry Street in Knoxville. If your church has signed up to participate, please plan to go. If not, you can go anyway. There are always supposed to be at least two people there. We have never encountered any problems. Right now they do chemical abortions, but they are enlarging to be able to do surgical abortions.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men/women to do nothing." Edmund Burke

"When a man/woman knows the right thing to do and does not do it, he/she sins." James 4:17

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14