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Springfield Right to Life to Hold Rally Protesting Taxpayer Funding of Abortions.

Right to Life organization sees new ERA initiative as additional "back door way" to mandate taxpayer funding of abortions and remove Illinois few restrictions, such as parental notification on a minor obtaining an abortion.

Springfield Right to Life will hold a rally protesting the Taxpayer funding of abortion in Illinois on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 10 a.m. in front of the Lincoln Statute on the steps of the Illinois Capitol.

The protest is in opposition to the Illinois Legislature and Governor's passage and support of IL House Bill 40.

The group also is in opposition to Illinois adopting the now moot 1972 Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) without a clause limiting abortion funding.

When the IL HB40 becomes the law of the land it will effectively force taxpayers who are opposed to this grisly practice to fund and support abortion with taxpayer dollars.

This is in direct contravention to the majority views (58% opposed to abortion according to a 2014 CNN Poll¹). This and other polls found that:

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1. Abortion is wrong in all or most circumstances, and 2. Taxpayer funding of abortion is bad policy (only 39% favoring public funding for abortions.), 3. Citizens support legislation that restricts abortion to the early stages of fetal development: before the preborn child can feel pain, about 20 weeks. (62% of Americans favor this legislation²). 4. Citizens favor both a doctor confirmed pregnancy and a 72 hour waiting period following a this confirmation before an abortion can be performed³.

"Illinois has a 72 hour waiting period on the purchase of hand guns, 24 hours for rifles and shot guns. You would think the same sort of safety net would be offered to women considering an abortion. You would think that such a life-altering decision would be backed by a doctor's counsel.

"The fact is that these sort of common sense initiatives do not even make it out of committee, or even garner a hearing in such a legislative committee" said Tim Moore, President of Springfield Right to Life. "How about we pursue Equal Rights for Preborn Humans? This is a Human Rights issue," Moore said. "How about we set up a valid, FOIA based inspection system. If taxpayer money is funding abortions, shouldn't that information be transparent?"

"We picked this weekend to remind the Citizens of Illinois that in one year we will have the opportunity to elect public officials who will stand for protection of the preborn citizens of Illinois. We will be looking for leaders who will restrict and defund the organizations, who perform abortions. We will be looking for leaders with the courage to require inspections of abortion facilities. We would like to see our leaders require physician hospital affiliation and face-to-face doctor patient validation of every procedure at every stage of the abortion process. In short, we'd like a well-informed patient.

"We will be looking for leaders who will permit "right of conscience" clauses for medical personnel who are morally opposed to abortion. With the rush toward Illinois trying to adopt the ERA, we will call for either an outright down vote on the ERA or an "abortion-neutralization amendment".

The amendment would add to the ERA the sentence, "Nothing in this article [the ERA] shall be construed to grant, secure, or deny any right relating to abortion or the funding thereof." Pro-abortion and pro-ERA advocacy groups strongly oppose this simple revision. It is pretty clear why, since the courts would then have to construe abortion (again, taxpayer funded) as the same as any other medical procedure, eviscerating the tangled Supreme Court's "abortion privacy" doctrine, upon which most abortion law is based upon (Roe v. Wade and its progeny), and thus invalidate such laws as the Hyde Amendment, which restricts federal Medicaid funding of abortion.

1. <http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/03/06/cnn-poll-wide-divide-over-abortion/>

2. <http://online.wsj.com/public/resources/documents/13266JulyNBCWSJInterviewSchedule.pdf>

3. http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/general_politics/january_2014/49_favor_waiting_period_before_abortion

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