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“Yes for Life” Alliance launches campaign to educate voters on pro-life amendment

The Family Foundation and five other Kentucky nonprofit organizations are uniting together for this pro-life cause.

The Family Foundation and five other founding members recently launched the “Yes for Life Alliance” at the Kentucky State Fair.

The Yes for Life Alliance is united in its desire to see life cherished in the Commonwealth and is committed to educating Kentuckians on the Commonwealth’s Pro-Life Constitutional



Amendment, which is on the November 8, 2022 ballot.

After a decade of pro-life legislation being blocked in the General Assembly, voters elected new legislators that have enacted numerous pro-life laws within the last five years.

However, the gains made in protecting the preborn lives of our children are in danger. Activist judges could overrule the clear will of the people and their representatives, if they were to “discover” a right to abortion or abortion funding in Kentucky’s state constitution.

Eleven states have already had activist judges do exactly that.

The proposed Yes for Life Amendment would ensure that it can not happen here, meaning that the pro-life laws enacted by the General Assembly will remain in place.

It is for that reason some have called the proposed amendment to be Kentucky’s most significant piece of pro-life legislation in decades.

The U.S. Supreme Court is currently considering a case that could lead to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and return the abortion issue to the states, making this Amendment all the more important and urgent.

Alongside the 2009 “Trigger Law,” the Yes for Life Amendment will make Kentucky a bold pro-life state and ban abortions

**“The Yes for Life
Constitutional Amendment
is the final piece of the
puzzle to make Kentucky a
pro-life state.”**

—Angela Minter, Yes for Life Vice Chair

if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned.

Ultimately, voters will decide whether or not they want to end abortion in the Commonwealth. They will cast their votes in November of 2022.

Visit yesforlifeKY.com to find out more, thank pro-life legislators, and pledge to support life.

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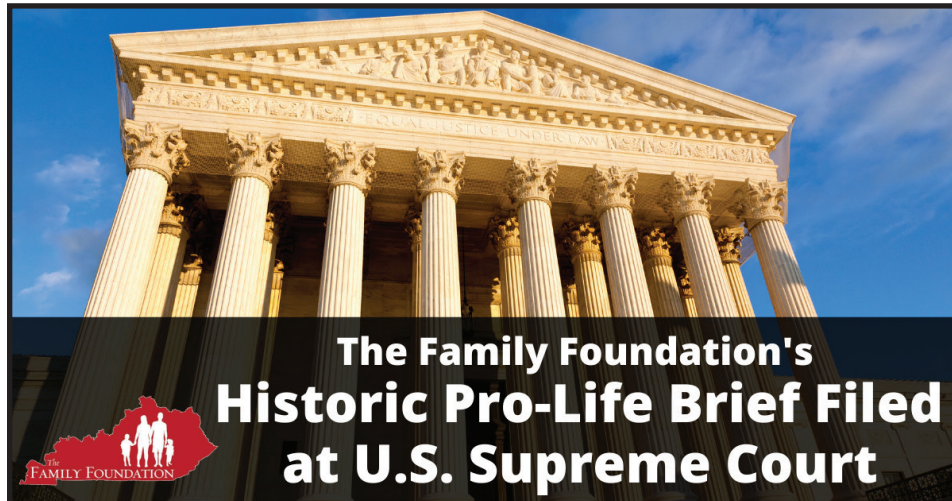
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The Family Foundation joins legal brief in major abortion court case before U.S. Supreme Court

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization gives Court chance to end the injustice of Roe — let states decide abortion.



The Family Foundation joined with the Constitutional Government Defense Fund (“CGDF”) and 21 other state family policy organizations in filing a legal brief asking the United States Supreme Court to overrule *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*.

In May, the Court decided to hear *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a lawsuit filed by a pro-abortion group challenging Mississippi's law banning abortions after 15 weeks. The lower courts held that the law was unenforceable, because the Supreme Court, in *Casey*, held that a Pennsylvania law was unenforceable because it

banned abortions prior to the unborn child being able to survive outside the womb.

Our brief argues that the U.S. Supreme Court must overrule the clearly erroneous decisions in *Roe* and *Casey* because their holdings violate a common law right to life protected in the Ninth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

“After more than 62 million lives lost, it is past time for our nation’s High Court to overturn *Roe* and allow states to once again protect the right to life of their most vulnerable citizens.”

David Walls, The Family Foundation’s Director of Policy & Operations, said: “The right to life is the most fundamental right given by God and has long been recognized in common law. After more than 62 million lives lost, it is past time for our nation’s High Court to overturn *Roe* and allow states to once again protect the right to life of their most vulnerable citizens.”

Mississippi is advocating for overruling *Roe* and *Casey* through persuasively arguing that the legal standards have proven unworkable, the decisions have inflicted significant damage, science and society have changed, and there is a lack of reliance on the cases.

Our brief comes alongside Mississippi’s arguments with a historical first, asking the Court to consider an argument against abortion grounded in a different provision of the U.S. Constitution, the Ninth Amendment.

Kentucky’s second Safe Haven Baby Box is installed and ready to save lives

The Family Foundation advocated for House Bill 155 earlier this year, which brought Safe Haven Baby Boxes to Kentucky.

The second Safe Haven Baby Box in Kentucky was installed on August 30 and is now in operation. This Baby Box is located in Shepherdsville, at Zoneton Fire Station No. 1.

This is the direct fruit of a pro-life, God-honoring law. House Bill 155, the “Safe Haven Baby Boxes” bill was passed by the Kentucky General Assembly during the 2021 Legislative Session. The Family Foundation was honored to have advocated on behalf of the bill.

House Bill 155 strengthened Kentucky’s Safe Haven Law by allowing a patented “newborn safety device” to be installed in an exterior wall of hospitals, fire stations, and police stations.

These hospital-grade “baby boxes” permit mothers-in-crisis to safely and anonymously surrender their newborns, if they are unable to provide proper care.

On July 1, 2021, Okolona Fire Station One in



Louisville, KY became the first location in the Commonwealth to install a newborn safety device.

Now there is another, and hopefully, many more will continue to follow. Mothers in dire circumstances now have another option for giving their child the gift of life—safely, anonymously, and without fear of punishment or judgment.

Exemplifying the pro-life community’s commitment to more than just saving an unborn life, the Safe Haven Baby Boxes also display a national hotline that parents in crisis can call for guidance and support.

Kentucky’s Safe Haven Baby Boxes are a powerful tool to further promote a culture of life, even beyond the womb, and provide parents in crisis with another option.

If you are a parent in crisis or know one, please know that there are options available.

The Safe Haven Crisis Line is 1-866-99BABY1.

Vaccine Mandates and Religious Exemptions

Religious liberty experts equip people of faith with legal resources about religious exemptions to vaccine mandates.

Many of our supporters have reached out because they or someone they know are facing an employer vaccine mandate, yet they have objections to the COVID-19 vaccine. It isn't a theoretical exercise in medical ethics. For them, it is an unthinkable choice—violate their conscience and submit to a medical treatment against their will or be unable to put food on the table for their families.

Regardless of one's personal views on the COVID-19 vaccines, the increasing number of vaccine mandates is deeply concerning and undermines one of the most basic and widely-recognized principles of medical ethics—informed consent.

The American Medical Association's Code of Medical Ethics Opinion 2.1.1 recognizes informed medical consent to medical treatment as "fundamental in both ethics and law." It explains that "patients have the right to receive information and ask questions about recommended treatments so that they can make well-considered decisions about care."

Should the health care workers hailed as heroes for their tireless work through the pandemic now be fired simply because they don't wish to consent to a vaccine after carefully weighing the burdens, risks, and expected benefits of all options, including forgoing the vaccine?

While Kentucky law does not currently require employers to give their employees complete medical freedom, there are federal protections available for those with religious objections to the COVID-19 vaccine. For those facing vaccine mandates at work that have religious exemptions, we hope that this free legal resource from *First Liberty Institute* will be helpful. *First Liberty* is the largest legal organization in the nation dedicated exclusively to defending religious liberty for all Americans.

Religious Liberty Protection Tool Kit



What Title VII Protects

Title VII prohibits employers (private and governmental) that employ 15 or more employees from engaging in discrimination, harassment, or retaliation on the basis of religion. Employers must provide a "reasonable accommodation" of an employee's sincerely held religious beliefs and practices—unless the employer can demonstrate that it is unable to do so without undue hardship on the conduct of the employer's business...

In the context of COVID-19 and vaccines, EEOC Guidance states that an employer should thoroughly consider all possible reasonable accommodations, including telework and reassignment, and suggests that masking, social distancing, and periodic testing could be within the parameters of reasonable accommodations for unvaccinated employees, depending on the type of work the employee performs.

...If an employer states that they will not allow any religious accommodations, regardless of the employee's specific situation (not taking into account the specifics of an employee's job assignment and the available accommodations), the employer's vaccine policy may discriminate on the basis of religion in violation of Title VII...

In addition, Title VII protections apply to religious beliefs and practices even if those beliefs and practices are not recognized by any organized religion. The test under Title VII's definition of religion is whether the beliefs are, in the individual's "own scheme of things, religious."

When requesting a religious accommodation, the employee need not use any "magic words," such as "religious accommodation" or "Title VII," but the employee should provide enough information so that the employer is aware that the employee's religious beliefs conflict with the employer's vaccine requirements.

Employer Requests for Additional Information and Clergy Letters

Generally, employers should assume that an employee's request for a religious accommodation is based on a sincerely held religious belief. But sometimes an employer

reasonably needs more information about a religious accommodation request. In that case, the employer may ask the employee some follow up questions, and the employee should be willing to discuss his or her religious beliefs. EEOC guidance states that, when determining whether there is a conflict between an employee's religious beliefs and the employer's vaccination requirements, it is irrelevant that the employer does not think that the employer's requirements actually conflict with an employee's religious beliefs, nor does it matter whether most people of the employee's faith would agree with the employee's religious beliefs—it is the employee's own religious beliefs that are relevant.

In addition, sometimes an employer will ask the employee to submit a letter from the employee's clergy or faith leader to help show the employee's sincerity. If an employer has reasonable doubts as to the sincerity of an employee's beliefs, employees should provide information that addresses an employer's reasonable doubts. In cases where an employee can easily get a letter from clergy, the employee may do so, but is not required. Verification of the sincerity of an employee's beliefs need not take the specific form of a letter from clergy or fellow congregants. In other Title VII cases, courts have accepted verification of religious beliefs from the written testimony from previous supervisors or community members who were aware of the employees' religious practice or belief.

Reasonable Accommodations

As you approach your employer asking for a religious accommodation, you should carefully consider what accommodation you would accept. For example, several employers have accommodated employees who have religious objections to having the vaccine injected into their bodies by instead requiring them to submit to regular testing, temperature checks, physical distancing, and/or masking.

In sum, Title VII applies to the vast majority of public and private employers, and it requires that these employers accommodate employees who have a sincerely held religious objection to the vaccination unless doing so would impose an undue hardship on the employer. To receive an accommodation, you should make your request in writing.

For more information and sample religious accommodation requests, visit:

firstliberty.org/vaccine-protection-kit/

Biden's back-to-school video spouts LGBTQ propaganda, full of falsehoods and threats

The major threat to the safety and respect of our children isn't state-sanctioned discrimination, but rather federal bullying.

Rather than provide reassurance to parents and students in its recent back-to-school video, the Biden Administration is instead spouting LGBTQ propaganda—spreading lies about commonsense measures numerous states have taken to ensure safety, fairness, and respect for all students—and bullying these states with threats of a crackdown by the federal government.

The Biden Administration is attempting to pull the wool over the eyes of America's parents by speaking of acceptance, safety, respect, bullying, and discrimination. But the major threat to the safety and respect of our children isn't coming from state-sanctioned discrimination, but rather federal bullying.

False Claim #1:

"In some places, people in positions of authority are putting up obstacles that would keep you [transgender students] from playing on the sports' field...."

The Truth: The Biden Administration seeks to undermine the equal opportunity for biological women that is protected by Title IX of the Civil Rights Act and displace biological females from athletic opportunities by allowing biological males who "identify" as female to compete in girls' sports.

The Save Girls' Sports Act, which has been adopted in at least 8 states, protects women's and girls' athletic opportunities by ensuring that only biological females can compete in female sports contests.



False Claim #2:

"In some places, people in positions of authority are putting up obstacles that would keep you [transgender students] from... accessing the bathroom...."

The Truth: The Biden Administration is advocating for biological males and females to share showers, locker rooms, restrooms, and overnight accommodations at school and school-related activities, such as field trips.

Privacy Acts taken up in various states provide reasonable privacy accommodations to any student while ensuring that all students'

privacy, safety, and dignity are protected in inherently private facilities.

False Claim #3:

"In some places, people in positions of authority are putting up obstacles that would keep you [transgender students] from... receiving the supportive and life-saving care you may need."

The Truth: The Biden Administration is advocating for placing kids on puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones, even performing transgender surgery—such reckless actions clearly violate the first duty of medicine: do no harm.

The "Help Not Harm" Act, enacted in Arkansas, ensures that children receive help, not harm; treatment, not transition; and protection, not politics.

Benefits of Marriage - Part 2: Academics

When individuals submit to God's plan for the family, the blessings of God usually follow through their lives to future generations.

Unfortunately, in America, marriage rates are at an all-time low. More and more individuals are now choosing to raise children as single parents or parents who cohabitate. That first institution – the Biblical plan for the family – however, is for one man and one woman to unite in the covenant of marriage for life and raise their children with their union as the foundation of their lives. Recent statistics show that there are many benefits for children if parents follow the Biblical blueprint for marriage and family.

One of the benefits of intact marriages raising children is academic performance. There are many factors involved in determining a child's academic success, such as emotional support, leadership from parents, discipline, and many other things. However, study after study has found that a major factor that will play a massive role in a child's academic success is if he or she is raised in a household where the biological mother and father are committed in marriage.

Nicholas Zill, a sociologist from the Institute for Family Studies states, "Beginning with the 1966 Coleman Report, a long line of studies have found that students from intact, married families do better in school than those from disrupted or unmarried families."

Statistics show that children who are living with both married parents are performing better academically. The National Household Education Survey revealed that over half of students that are being raised by their mother and father in a marriage relationship had mostly "A" grades. The survey then showed that less than half of students who are being raised in other family types received mostly "A" grades. In fact, fifty-four percent of married-parent students had mostly "A" grades.

Furthermore, statistically, children have better behavior in school when they are raised in an intact married mother and father. National Household Education Survey also found that students who are being raised by either a single mother or single father, or by cohabitating birth parents were being suspended at a rate one-and-a-half-times higher than that of students who are being raised by an intact marriage.

Children who are raised in intact families of a mother and father united in marriage statistically do better in school. Christine Kim who formerly served as a policy analyst for the Heritage Foundation wrote, "Overall, children from intact families complete more years of schooling and achieve higher educational attainment than do peers from other family forms."

“Help Not Harm”: The Family Foundation joins effort to stop transgender experiments on kids

Children shouldn't be sterilized. They shouldn't be mutilated. And they shouldn't be left to deal with the regret that follows.

Children wishing they had a different body should absolutely get the help they need when they find themselves wishing they had a different body. Thankfully, we know that the vast majority of children (80-95%) who are currently struggling will come to reconcile with their biological sex by adulthood—if they aren't pushed to transition.

Unfortunately, transgender activists and their allies tell these vulnerable children to “be yourself” EXCEPT change your body chemistry, change or amputate healthy body parts, and change your appearance with surgery.

Children aren't ready to make big, life-altering decisions. Why would we encourage them to stop puberty, take cross-sex hormones, face potential sterility, and even prepare to permanently amputate or alter healthy body parts?

Adding insult to injury, transition as a form of “treatment” for minors is experimental and puberty blockers are being used off-label.

There is no robust evidence about the long-term effects of transition on



“We must take a stand to protect our children from the dangerous transgender agenda. Minors should not be sterilized, mutilated, and left to deal with the regret that may follow. We stand with all who believe that children deserve Help Not Harm, and we call on lawmakers in Kentucky to help lead the fight.”

— David Walls
Director of Operations & Policy for The Family Foundation

minors. Recently, stories are emerging about the long-term physical and psychological consequences some individuals are suffering.

There is no solid data that “transitioning” reduces the risk of suicide. In fact, there might be growing evidence that those things actually increase the risk.

Body dysmorphia is real and unimaginably painful. Depression, anxiety, and any number of other mental health challenges are real. The awkwardness of puberty and the social dynamics of adolescence are undeniably frustrating.

For every one of these challenges, children need compassion and, often, a good counselor. But telling children to alter their bodies radically and

irreversibly is not an answer to any of these challenges. It's a dangerous experiment, and it must stop now.

It is time for Kentucky's legislators to ensure that harmful, dangerous, experimental gender transition procedures become unthinkable within the Commonwealth.

Let's help, not harm our kids!

Olympic first draws attention to the growing threat against women's sports

Transgender athletes competing against opposite biological sex at the Olympics raises serious questions, exposes growing threat.

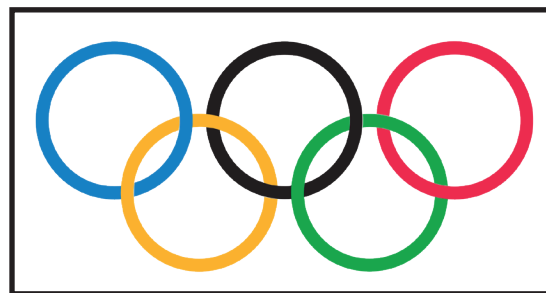
While the media widely celebrated the inclusion of “transgender” athletes in the Tokyo Olympics this summer, other athletes raised serious concerns about the unfair advantage of biological males competing against females.

The female weightlifting competition at the Tokyo Olympics was overshadowed by the participation of the first openly transgender Olympian in their event.

While LGBTQ activists and the media enthusiastically focused on the “historic event,” the women competing against a biological male were not celebrating. When the three medalists were asked about what they thought, nearly eight seconds of awkward silence went by before USA bronze medalist Sarah Robles finally spoke into the mic: “No, thank you.”

As at least eight states in the USA have enacted laws protecting girls' sports and over 20 others are considering similar legislation, an international debate has been unleashed.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has recently admitted that its transgender guidelines, allowing competition against the opposite biological sex, needs changing



because it is not backed by science.

A number of scientific studies are showing that biological males retain a 10-50 percent advantage over biological women after puberty, and that advantage is not significantly reduced merely by suppressing testosterone.

“Advantage does not always equate winning or losing. ... It is about what you are able to do that others are not,” said Linda Blade, president of Alberta Athletics, former Team Canada competitor in the heptathlon, coach, and co-author of *Unsporting: How Trans Activism and Science Denial are Destroying Sport*.

“Hubbard's appearance in the games opened people's eyes to the problem.”

Even some transgender activists, like Dr. Harper (who has advised the IOC on transgender athletes), have admitted that biological males competing against biological females raises concerns about fairness. The British doctor admitted that hormone therapy may not completely “mitigate the advantages, enough” and “that of all the sports I might be concerned with, Olympic weightlifting might be near the top of the list.”

Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord. . . Let's pray as we apply truth & hope to culture.

The "Let Us Pray" daily devotionals equip us to engage the culture biblically on relevant public policy issues facing Kentucky.

One does not need to evaluate the culture very closely to see that our world continues to unravel into chaos and advance in complexity. It is causing much confusion on how we are to understand various issues in the public square, morality, and ethics.

Everyone possesses a worldview, a way in which they interpret the world around them. Believers, however, are called to see the world through the lens of Scripture. God's Word is truth, and Christians are to apply the objective truth found in the Bible to all issues, including religious liberty, sexuality, marriage, life, and more.

"I desire to see the daily 'Let Us Pray' email be a tool to help Christians effectively apply Biblical principles to the ever-changing issues we face in the public square."

Unfortunately, a devastating study recently conducted at the Cultural Research Center based at Arizona Christian University found that only 6 percent of Americans possess a Biblical worldview.

It is no wonder why we are seeing America sink into a realm of moral chaos when a very slim minority of Americans are Biblically evaluating the truth about marriage, life, family, and much more.

God's Word is applicable and useful in every area of our life, including the arena of



Baxter Boyd, Church Outreach

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public policy. I desire to see the daily "Let Us Pray" email be a tool to help Christians effectively apply Biblical principles to the ever-changing issues we face in the public square.

These emails address pressing issues in our state or nation, provide Biblical guidance for believers through the eternal truths of God's Word, then conclude the email by leading Kentuckians to unify in prayer asking the Lord to intervene.

It is my hope that the "Let Us Pray" emails (*like the one below*) help Christians in Kentucky to fulfill Peter's command to, "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15).

LET US PRAY: Attempting to Play God



LET US PRAY. . .

Father, may every American understand that only You have the power and authority to create us and determine our sex. Lord, empower medical professionals to deliver good and measured healthcare, and not just become advocates for ideologies. Father, reveal to those who are convinced of the transgender worldview that You are opposed to the pride they promote. May we be used by You, Lord, to remind our world that everyone is created in Your image for a wonderful plan. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Email me to receive The Family Foundation's "Let Us Pray" devotionals in your inbox Mon. - Fri.
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A very concerning and absurd resolution has been passed by the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees in favor of the transgender movement. With this resolution, the AMA is advocating to end the designation of sex on all future birth certificates.

Why is the AMA lobbying that there be no designation of sex on birth certificates? The AMA believes gender is "fluid," which means every individual should be able to choose their sex at the right time. The association also believes that this act will prevent future discrimination against those who are struggling to identify with their biological sex.

This worldview from the transgender movement, which is being represented by the AMA, is nothing short of deranged. Scientifically, one cannot fundamentally change their chromosomes, and therefore, one cannot choose or change their biological sex. The AMA should not be focused on advancing transgender ideology, but rather should be focused on providing measured and sure medical help.

The most dangerous part of this whole debacle is the fact that the AMA believes that they or an individual can play God. Those who buy into the transgender ideology are on very scary footing as they believe they have the authority to override how God, Himself, has made them. God created each and every one of us in His perfect wisdom, and it is the height of pride to think that God made a mistake that we can change.

The Family Foundation and allies standing strong for faith, family, and freedom

The Family Foundation and fellow state family policy councils are battling on the frontlines in almost 40 states.



David Walls

Director of Operations & Policy for The Family Foundation

In the midst of an increasingly hostile culture, media, and government, it's encouraging to be reminded of the unity we have in Christ with our fellow family councils (FPCs) across our great nation.

Earlier this summer, I was honored to represent The Family Foundation in Washington, D.C. with our close to 40 fellow state FPC leaders; along with national allies Family Policy Alliance, Focus on the Fam-

ily, Alliance Defending Freedom, and Family Research Council.

These organizations, like The Family Foundation here in Kentucky, are committed towards a vision where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive and life is cherished in public policy in our states and in our nation.

Together, we work to advance pro-family legislation, mobilize churches on these critical issues, and be a voice for pro-family citizens within our own states.

And there could not be a more monumental and exciting time to be serving the Lord in the public policy arena and equipping His body, the church, to be courageous advocates for truth and the family.

Just this year, the pro-life movement has seen historic gains in the fight to end legalized abortion, with a record-setting 90 pro-life laws having been passed so far in 2021. This includes Kentucky's Yes for Life Constitutional Amendment, passed as House Bill 91 in the 2021 Session, that is set for a vote by the citizens of Kentucky in November 2022.

These laws have already had a major impact on the U.S. Supreme Court, which has the opportunity to overrule its unjust and disastrous *Roe* decision in the upcoming *Dobbs* case that is expected to be argued later this year. By God's grace, at this very moment, we could be paving the way to extinguish abortion in America!

But that's not all! There has also been a significant increase in pro-family bills at the state level pushing back against the all-encompassing LGBTQ agenda. This includes continued momentum for "Save Girls' Sports" bills, protecting women from unfairly being

forced to compete against men, and the "Help Not Harm Act," protecting children from transgender medical experiments and drugs that can leave kids sterilized and mutilated.

As our world continues to grow darker, The Family Foundation and our fellow FPCs, are needed more than ever. God has generously used the FPC movement to help achieve many of the legislative victories seen this year. But so much more is left to do!

We must continue to take a stand for God-honoring public policy if we are to see our individual states and nation uphold the Biblical values on which our great republic was founded.

It is an honor and privilege to stand with our fellow brothers and sisters from across the nation fighting this good fight in their states. I am excited for how the Lord has and will continue to use The Family Foundation in the mission He has called us to within our great Commonwealth.



Leaders from state family policy councils gathered together in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Kentucky's COVID-19 Special Session

Special Session: General Assembly Checks Governor, But Misses Opportunities to Protect Religious Liberty & Parental Rights.

Kentucky's special legislative session, meant to address Kentucky's response to COVID-19, concluded shortly before midnight on September 9, 2021.

We are thankful the Kentucky General Assembly took ownership of the COVID-19 response, which is where the Kentucky Supreme Court said the decision-making power belongs, and made the difficult decisions that are part of serving as our elected representatives.

The Republican majority, explaining a desire to shift emergency powers away from the Governor and toward local governments that are more accountable to constituents, struck down the statewide mask mandate for public schools that the Kentucky Board of Education issued in August and banned any type of statewide mask mandate for Kentuckians until mid-2023.

Governor Beshear vetoed portions of the bills, but the vetoes were overridden and the laws will go into effect.

In keeping with The Family Foundation's core principles of engaging in public policy that protects religious liberty and parental rights, we informed you about a number of floor amendments filed during the special session that touched on those principles and members of The Family Foundation team were at the Capitol closely monitoring the debates.

While we understand the constraints of an emergency session and desire to limit its length to save taxpayers money, we are disappointed that the floor amendments addressing important topics of religious liberty and parental rights were not considered. We believe their consideration could have resulted in improved legislation.

We are grateful to Sen. Matt Castlen, Sen. Adrienne Southworth, Sen. Stephen West, Rep. Felicia Rabourn, Rep. Shane Baker, and Rep. Savannah Maddox for filing floor amendments on these important topics.

Emphasizing the importance of addressing vaccine mandates and religious exemptions, President Biden effectively issued a nationwide vaccine mandate the same night the special session ended. He is ordering all employers with more than 100 employees to mandate COVID-19 vaccines as a condition of employment or require weekly testing.

This development is deeply concerning and will have far-reaching consequences for religious freedom, conscience rights, and for the rights of families to make their own health decisions.

This abusive act only further underscores how important it is for Kentucky to act to protect its citizens in the upcoming legislative session in January.

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2021 Saw an Explosion of Pro-Family Legislation Across the Nation. What About Kentucky?



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Some GREAT things are happening and about to happen! I have always understood that when you see the Lord moving, move with Him — THAT is our plan!!!

First, the YES For LIFE Constitutional Amendment will be on the ballot on November 8, 2022. That is a H-U-G-E decision for all Kentuckians. This pro-life amendment would affirm there is NO right to an abortion or funding for an abortion in the Commonwealth.

The Family Foundation helped lead the effort to get this amendment on the ballot and is a founding member of the Yes for Life Alliance, committed to educating Kentuckians and getting everyone out to vote!

Secondly, we are preparing for the critically important 2022 Legislative Session and working on a special briefing for legislators this Fall that will equip them regarding the explosion of pro-family bills that have passed in other states.

For instance: 1) "Save Girls' Sports" that protects women from having to compete with guys who "identify" as girls; 2) "Texas' Heartbeat Bill" that has effectively banned most abortions with a new pro-life legal approach; and 3) "Help Not Harm Act" that would protect Kentucky children from transgender medical experiments.

We must continue to protect unborn children while recognizing that Kentucky has done little to protect against the ever-expanding LGBTQ agenda that threatens the religious freedom, safety and privacy of all Kentuckians. These issues must be addressed by legislators in the upcoming session.

As we open our Fall period of fundraising, I humbly ask that you consider giving in such a way as to enable us to move forward with strength in all these areas.

Please put your shoulder to the wheel and help us financially once again as we engage the "YES For LIFE" amendment and a bold pro-family legislative agenda for Kentucky.

Please join us in these GOOD changes that can be made in the next year. I believe we can – and must – make a difference.

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