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Opportunity exists for pro-family bills in 2015

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As a husband of thirty-seven years to my wife Sheila, father to our four children and a “Fiddy” to six grandchildren, it has been clear to me what a gift God gave humanity when He created the “family.” I’m sure that for many of the members of this legislature and the readers of this ‘sheeple’ (you’ve explained how family provides a cornerstone to life in any way nothing else could).

In Kentucky, we must go beyond the call to action on family. Our communities, from Hummersville to Hazard, pride themselves on generations of family tradition. Whether it is the passing down of farm rules to family businesses, family is the backbone of Kentucky cultures.

As family, the body politic, our heritage is a faithful, God-fearing people when it sets our great Commonwealth apart. We cherish God given rights to freely worship, we hold fast to time-honored values such as the right to life and the traditional definitions of marriage, and we are for the love likewise with compassion.

As such, I believe my running mate Chris McDaniel and I know that, in order to provide an environment for all Kentuckians to succeed, Kentucky needs to focus on attracting and retaining businesses.

To this end, I am running for Governor of the Commonwealth because I believe our elected officials have a similar responsibility as Governor, it will be my job to provide an environment for all Kentuckians to succeed.

This is why I’m running. I am proud to have received endorsements from Kentucky Right to Life in my campaign for State Representative and Commissioner of Agriculture. I believe in the pro-life of the Planet’s, the right of the unborn to their human life, and the protection of the foetus from abortion. All Kentuckians, even those in the womb, must be provided the opportunity to succeed.

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Four pieces of legislation need your help. Will you make the toll-free calls?

The Student Privacy Act - Senate Bill 76
Across the country, some school administrators have been focused on “being sensitive” to students who struggle with their sexual identity. Being kind and understanding, without doubt, is important. However, many schools have decided to also, for example, an 18-year-old high school boy who believes he is a girl “trapped in a boy’s body” to use the girls’ bathroom and locker room. This is foolishness – it is the interest of being sensitive to the boy; they are violating the privacy rights of all the female students. This bill gives the school other options, such as providing a single-user bathroom, providing a unisex bathroom or allowing the gender-conflicted student to use the faculty restroom (with the oversight and protection that it provides).

Face-To-Face Consultation Bill - Senate Bill 4 & The Ultrasound Bill
Two bills, one topic: Though The Ultrasound Bill has not yet received its Senate Bill number, legislators and citizens alike know that it is an effort to give women all the information they need to make an informed decision. Too often abortionists have kept facts from their patients – facts that when learned later have often led post-abortion women to deeply regret their abortion decision. And similarly, Senate Bill 4 helps remedy yet another injustice of the abortion industry. In 1998 the Informed Consent Law was passed to assure that women received all the information available and had the opportunity to ask questions of their physician. Instead, the abortion lobby twisted the meaning of the law in the regulation process so that a taped phone message is regarded as a “consultation.” SB 4 corrects that injustice – it requires a face-to-face consultation.

For More . . .
#1 Do you want to receive a free, weekly emailed UPDATE regarding legislation in the 2015 General Assembly? Or . . .
#2 Do you want a template for copying bulletin inserts to activate your church friends? Or . . .
#3 Do you want to help distribute other materials about legislation to churches in your area?
If so, call or email us ASAP:
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kent@kentuckyfamily.org

Please Make Four Calls!
Call 1-800-372-7181
Call the toll-free Legislative Message Line and leave the following messages for your REPRESERNTATIVE and SENATOR:
1. It is very easy. You will not have to speak to your legislator – simply leave a message for them with a receptionist. If you do not know who your Representative is, the receptionist can tell you.
2. Double your impact by having your spouse Call your times (on different days) and ask the receptionists to convey these following messages. And, ask her to “copy” each message to “House Leadership” since there is concern that they may not give these bills a hearing.

#1 “Pass The Student Privacy Act - Senate Bill 76”
This bill would bar school administrators from violating a student’s privacy rights when they suggest that someone with a different biological gender should share the same bathroom or locker room.

#2 “Pass The Student Free Speech and Religious Liberty Act - Senate Bill 71”
This bill guarantees that students would be free to maintain their 1st Amendment free speech and religious liberty rights without being penalized by school officials.

#3 “Pass The Face-To-Face Consultation Bill - Senate Bill 4 and The Ultrasound Bill”
These bills require the abortionist to make time for a face-to-face consult prior to an abortion, and it requires that he offer her the opportunity to see her ultrasound.

#4 “Pass The Responsible Payday Lending Bill - Senate Bill 32”
This bill restores usury regulations that were removed from small lending businesses, thus guaranteeing that interest rates would not exceed 36 percent. Before Feb. 3, (because the legislators are on recess until Feb. 3), the Legislative Message Line will be open from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm EST Mon thru Fri. After Feb. 3, you can call in the evening! The Message Line will be open from 7:00 am until 11:00 pm EST Mon thru Thurs. It will close at 6:00 pm on Fridays.

Student Free Speech and Religious Liberty Act - Senate Bill 71
This bill would prevent schools from infringing on the basic First Amendment rights of students in classroom assignments and speeches, and would require schools to grant access to public forums to religious student groups in the same way they grant it for all other groups. It would allow a valedictorian to “thank my parents and God” in their graduation address – no longer will “God” be censored. It will also restrict school officials from discriminating against a student group (like a Christian Student Fellowship) simply because it conducts its internal affairs and elects leaders in accordance with its stated mission. This bill would give students protection from school officials who talk about diversity, but who actually practice intolerance.

The Responsible Payday Lending Bill - Senate Bill 32
This bill would prohibit usury in the form of cash advance loans that charge an inordinate amount of interest. Supporters argue that some cash advance businesses charge an annual interest rate of up to 400 percent interest on some loans. SB 32 would restore the pre-1993 lending institution rules that mandated a maximum 36 percent annual interest rate can be charged. This bill would keep payday lending but regulate it so citizens do not get caught in an interest-debt downward spiral.

YOU can have an impact for the Lord!
Your call to the Legislative Message Line should only take about one minute. Think about it – it takes less time and it’s easier than ordering a pizza! You will be leaving a message for your legislator with a receptionist – do not be afraid, you do not have to be a debater, just a message giver. Here are a few tips to make your responsible Christian citizenship as easy, but as effective, as possible:

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**Veto override period and March 23-24**

Governor's veto period (10 days)

If the Governor vetoes the bill, the bill can only become Law if the General Assembly overrides the veto. A veto can be overridden by a constitutional majority of both chambers. In the House, a constitutional majority is 51 votes (more than half of 105). In the Senate, it is 20 votes (more than half of 30). If the veto is overridden, it does not become law.
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Opportunity exists for pro-family bills in 2015

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Several pro-family bills have been introduced, including SB 4, which would ensure that “informed consent” for women seeking abortion was done face-to-face with the physician and not with a tape-recorded phone message as some have been doing.

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It is painfully clear that there is so much more that needs to be done.

Each event will last just over an hour. It is my hope that each of us has a greater impact for the family and for the Lord as a result of our time together. Thank you for all you have done with us and for all over the years.

I look forward to seeing you again.

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Martin Carter, senior policy analyst for The Family Foundation

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