

Kentucky Right to Life Victory Political Action Committee

**Attention All Candidates! For your 2024 PAC Questionnaire go to KYRighttoLifeVictoryPAC.org
(Please note, ALL questions must be completed and emailed by March 15, 2024
to be considered for endorsement)**

The Kentucky Right to Life Victory PAC exists to inform the public of ProLife candidates and issues during elections. We endorse candidates who work consistently to ensure that ProLife principles of protection and dignity for all innocent human life are upheld in the political arena, from the halls of Frankfort, to the US Congress, from the Courthouses of Kentucky, to the Judiciary of the Kentucky Appellate Court and our Kentucky Supreme Court.

What You Should Know About our Endorsement Process

Endorsement of a candidate is a thorough and rigorous process. The KRTL Victory PAC Committee evaluates candidates based on several criteria, including:

- Candidate questionnaire
- Voting record and Incumbency
- Involvement with prolife or pro-abortion community
- Candidate background
- Electability

Candidate Questionnaire: In the past each candidate was sent a comprehensive candidate questionnaire asking a variety of questions on ProLife issues. Beginning with the 2022 Primary Election the KY RTL PAC no longer mail out the questionnaire but all candidates, including incumbents seeking the Kentucky RTL PAC endorsement are encouraged to copy, complete and return the survey via email if they wish to be considered. Questionnaires might not be used in smaller community or local elections and referred to our local Right to Life Chapters.

Incumbency: KY Right to Life Victory PAC believes that incumbents should be rewarded for their demonstrated support of prolife legislation and issues. In a political race where there is a prolife incumbent and a prolife challenger, an incumbent with a perfect prolife voting record will likely receive the endorsement unless there are other extenuating circumstances from one of the categories outlined below.. Incumbent is defined as the person currently serving in the office who was elected in a general election for that office.

Voting Record: A candidate's voting record is a critical consideration when evaluating an endorsement. Very little speaks louder than a voting record as it reflects a candidate's commitment to Life Affirming issues. The voting record should also confirm a candidate's questionnaire responses. The voting record includes more than just votes on ProLife bills. We may include bills filed, amendments, votes for leadership, votes on committees, votes on party platform, etc.—any vote that exemplifies that the candidate is willing to walk the walk, not just talk the talk. Also considered is opposition to ProLife legislation or activities so that a vote is not taken.

Involvement with ProLife or Pro-abortion Community: Past and current involvement in the prolife movement and activities, as well as any past involvement and support of abortion advocates and supporters, will be considered regarding endorsements.

Electability: Our KRTL Victory PAC sometimes has very tough endorsement situations when there are multiple ProLife candidates in a race with a pro-abortion candidate who has a high probability of winning. In situations like this, it may unfortunately be necessary to endorse just one of the ProLife candidates so that the ProLife vote is not split.

If there are multiple ProLife candidates in a race with no pro-abortion candidate who can win, KRTL Victory PAC may decide to wait until the general election to endorse a candidate so that the strongest primary candidate moves on to the general election. Other times, KRTL PAC may endorse or recommend multiple ProLife candidates in a race.

Candidate Background: Often issues will be brought to the attention of the KY Right to Life Victory PAC by ProLife supporters or discovered during the interview process. Candidates with serious or questionable legal or personal problems will also most likely not receive an endorsement. KY Right to Life is very protective of its reputation as a respected authority on ProLife issues and the political process.

KY RIGHT TO LIFE VICTORY PAC 2024 ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Kentucky Right to Life is the ONLY Right to Life organization with chapters across Kentucky and is the designated State Affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee in Washington, D.C.

Since 1974, Kentucky Right to Life has sent a questionnaire on various life affirming issues to candidates for public office. **Our KY Right to Life Victory Political Action Committee (formerly KRTL PAC) questionnaire is our ONLY qualification questionnaire accepted for candidates by Kentucky Right to Life PAC, a Kentucky state affiliate of National Right to Life.**

Kentucky voters are strongly influenced by a candidate's position on life issues. Your response to us is necessary in order for us to alert our members and friends across the Commonwealth regarding your position on life issues and our endorsements.

We respectfully request that you carefully consider the following questions.
Download from the website, print and complete the questionnaire, then return by email to
Admin@KYRighttoLifeVictoryPAC.org.

**To be considered for endorsement, our candidate questionnaire must be completed emailed or mailed and received in our office no later than Friday, March 15, 2024.
A completed and signed 2024 questionnaire is required for endorsement consideration.**

PROLIFE, PROFAMILY ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list any ProLife, ProFamily activities, groups and/or events you have participated in or supported in your community, state or nation. In an effort to fairly evaluate a candidate, their community engagement is part of the evaluation process along with the answers to the questionnaire. (You may add additional details on a separate sheet of paper if needed.)

_____ Date _____ Reference _____

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Our candidate questionnaire provides a source of accurate profile of the candidate’s positions on ProLife, ProWoman, and ProFamily issues.

The purpose is to inform Kentucky voters so they can participate in the democratic process with factual information rather than hearsay and rumor.

The “FOUNDATION” of our work: We believe that human life is sacred from conception to natural death, and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society and the laws that govern that society.

We realize and respect the fact that you have a multitude of issues that will come before you as an elected leader. Our scope is narrow and focused but foundational to the aspects of every person. As you begin to review this questionnaire and thoughtfully reflect on your responses, the statement above is the guiding principle explicitly detailed in the following questions:

We begin with the “foundational and moral compass question” of ProLife laws and lawmaking...

A. Do you believe that human life is sacred from conception to natural death, and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society and the laws that govern that society?

_____ YES _____ NO

ABORTION & LIFE-AFFIRMING LAWS

On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court overturned the 1973 law by which the U.S. Supreme Court had legalized abortion on demand resulting to date in the destruction of 64 million unborn babies.

For 49 years, overturning Roe had been the “North Star” of the ProLife Movement.

Equal protection for preborn children, which is guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to our Constitution, now serves as the New North Star of the pro-life movement.

Overturing Roe and enacting Kentucky’s ProLife laws, as well as the Kentucky Trigger law protecting the unborn in our Commonwealth, are critical pro-life victories! Yet our fight to make abortion illegal and unthinkable while ensuring families have the support they need is far from over. At this moment, the pro-life movement is speaking with clarity and unity: we will completely end abortion and ensure that equal justice is achieved for every human being.

The Fourteenth Amendment expressly forbids the states from denying “to any person within [their] jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws’... Crucially, the Amendment then goes on to provide that ‘no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws’”.

Thus, the personal protection afforded to every member of the human race under the Fourteenth Amendment should be extended equally to the preborn.

1. Do you agree, that the personal protection afforded to every member of the human race under the Fourteenth Amendment should be extended equally to the preborn?

_____ YES _____ NO

2. If you were in a position to do so, would you support a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would, with respect to the right to life, treat as “persons” all human beings, born and unborn, regardless of age, health or condition of dependency?

_____ YES _____ NO

For over 50 years, Kentucky Right to Life has worked with Kentucky Legislators, Administrations, State policy makers advocating the passage of many pieces of ProLife and life-affirming legislation. These include, but are not limited to: parental notice for minors seeking abortions; “Women’s Right to Know” – women’s informed consent requiring women seeking abortions to be provided information on the fetal development, alternative services and adoptions; Pain Capable – banning abortions at 20 weeks; Born-Alive Infants Protection Act; Non-Discrimination Abortions (banning abortions based on disability, sex, race or other); Abortion Pill Reversal; Fetal Heartbeat bill (2019) – banning abortions after a detectable heartbeat; Women’s Informed Consent (2017) requiring ultrasound and oscillation of the fetal heartbeat; Human Rights of the Child Act (2018) – Banning Dismemberment Abortions; HB3 in 2022 (6 prolife bills in one restricting mail-order abortion drugs in the Commonwealth and the dignified care of post-aborted fetal remains and the Trigger Law. (This is not an exhaustive list but as of today every word of every was in intact)

KRTL has a proven record of life-saving victories, publicly advocating for woman and children to carefully create a life-affirming strategy for a ProLife Kentucky. This strategic plan has always involved working with our Legislators on an incremental approach, which allows for the greatest number of lives saved while pursuing the ultimate goal of establishing respect for the sanctity of human life in our laws and culture.

KRTL adamantly opposes abortion. The historic June 24, 2021 overturning of Roe, ensures prolife matters are now resting in the hands of the States. Kentucky State leaders and lawmakers have the capacity to ensure our ProLife state laws will reflect the values of Kentucky voters reducing the number of lives lost to abortion and protecting women’s health.

Since August 1, 2022, no abortions are being performed in our Commonwealth. We are witnessing aggressive marketing of abortion tourism and travel outside of our State to obtain an abortion - and this may be out of the purview of Kentucky laws. However, the marketing and trafficking of illegal abortion pills into Kentucky are a daily occurrence that must be addressed.

Abortion terms are often confusing and used interchangeably, i.e. medical/chemical abortions, RU-486. In December, the FDA ended a long-standing restriction and safety dispensing standards on a medication used to terminate early-stage pregnancies. The elimination of the rule by the Food and Drug Administration means abortion pills can be prescribed through online agencies or telehealth and mailed to patients in states where permitted by law.

Previously, the pills could not be mailed and had to be dispensed via hospital, physicians, and abortion providers. Kentucky Right to Life worked with Legislators in 2021 and 2022 to address the “risky business” of mail-order at home abortions, banning mail-ordered abortions in Kentucky and requiring best healthcare practices for women seeking an abortion to be seen by a physician.

We believe Kentucky women deserve to be seen by their healthcare provider and have follow-up care when engaged in such a life-impacting decision.

3. Are you morally and/or medically opposed to chemical abortions, such as RU-486, the abortion pill, and other drugs known to prevent the newly created human being from attaching (implantation) to his/her mother’s womb or medications that cause the woman’s body to expel her developing child in the early stages of her pregnancy?

_____ YES _____ NO

4. (A) If you are in a position to do so, would you advocate, support, sign into law and/or defend the banning mail-order abortion drugs, i.e. chemical abortion medications/RU-486 and the distribution thereof in the Commonwealth of Kentucky,
(B) and work to establish and support legislation, i.e. “aiding and abetting laws” that would prevent individuals and/or organizations advertising, marketing illegal abortion pill trafficking in the Commonwealth?

_____ YES _____ No

Medical Conscience Clauses

KRTL believes that matters related to exemptions based on conscience should be applied consistently.

5. If you are in a position to do so, would you advocate, support, sign into law and/or defend expanding and updating conscience clauses allowing all health care providers and pharmacists to opt out of participation in any type of induced or elective abortion, including surgical, chemical and medical? Such a conscience clause would necessarily include a provision that these employees could not be overlooked for promotions or raises based on their refusal to participate in abortions.

_____ YES _____ NO

6. Do you believe medical schools and nursing programs operating in conjunction with universities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that receive State funding should have mechanisms in place such as conscience exceptions that permit students to be excused from participating in specific curricular activities and training, i.e. abortion procedures that violate the student's religious or ethical beliefs?

_____ YES _____ NO

7. If elected, and if you are in a position to do so, would you advocate, support, sign into law and/or defend legislation that requires universities offering medical and nursing programs to have in place "formal written polices" that govern the granting of an exemption from performing or participating in procedures that are in conflict with a student's moral beliefs and matters of conscience such as abortion or those that violate the student's religious or ethical beliefs, such as gender altering surgeries on minor children.

_____ YES _____ NO

ABORTION FUNDING

8. Do you support the complete removal of federal, state and local tax funds from supporting the abortion industry?

_____ YES _____ NO

9. If you are in a position to do so, would you advocate, support, sign into law and/or defend appropriation measures redirecting all "family planning" grants to agencies and health care providers who provide alternatives to abortions and who do not perform, counsel or refer for abortions?

_____ YES _____ NO

ASSAULT ON HUMAN LIFE AT ITS EARLIEST STAGES

Biological related technologies have been advancing rapidly in recent years. While most of the developments offer great promise, some require that another human life at an early stage of development be harmed or killed.

The right to life of human beings must be respected at every stage of their biological development beginning at the moment of fertilization, regardless of fertilization occurring in the womb, the Petri dish, or another scientific venue. Humans in their tiny embryonic stage of development should not be used for lethal medical experimentation, including embryonic humans whose lives have begun by in-vitro fertilization or by cloning.

- 10.** If you are in a position to do so, would you advocate, support, sign into law and/or defend the legal prohibition on all human cloning, which is the cloning of human embryos either for reproduction or research and or any changes to existing laws in an attempt to expand human cloning?
_____ YES _____ NO
- 11.** Do you believe the state should provide protections for nascent humans against biological research?
_____ YES _____ NO
- 12.** If you are in a position to do so, would you advocate, support, sign into law and/or defend against legislation that would permit the cloning of human embryos or laboratory-created life for the purpose of the harvesting their stem cells for research or therapeutic cloning? (procedures requiring the creation and destruction of human lives)
_____ YES _____ NO
- 13.** If you are in a position to do so, would you advocate and support measures that allow living human embryos (i.e. in-vitro fertilization) to be destroyed or manipulated for research or medical experimentation?
_____ YES _____ NO
- 14.** If you are in a position to do so, would you advocate, support, sign into law and/or defend prohibiting publicly funded universities, medical centers and hospitals from engaging in any type of human cloning, including both research/therapeutic cloning, SCNT (somatic cell nuclear transfer), and embryonic stem cell research?
_____ YES _____ NO

ASSAULT ON HUMAN LIFE AT ITS EARLIEST STAGES (continued)

Sexual assault, rape and incest, the severest forms of barbarity inflicted on women and girls, persist in the shadows. The issue of rape and incest is an extremely sensitive and personal matter, and those harmed by sexual violence carry a lifetime of scars.

In recent months, this grave matter has dominated our airwaves, exploited by pro-abortion advocates, and gained prominence due to recent political campaign ads and political races.

As a lawmaker or serving in public office, you will often find yourself faced with the uncomfortable yet crucial discussion surrounding these dark societal facets, acknowledging the existence of a hidden violence that often persists within the sanctity of homes. Domestic violence, and sexual assault are often shrouded in the veil of privacy and remains largely invisible.

It is crucial to recognize the profound trauma experienced by victims of such heinous assaults. Incest is a grave crime leaving long-term deleterious impacts on victims. Incest persists in an ominous silence within families, states, and societies. We believe it is critical to confront the problem of incest comprehensively. At the personal, societal, and state levels there must be laws that protect and affirm life, as-well as policies and programs that support women and girls victimized by violence and enforced laws that ensure their perpetrators are held responsible.

We believe that it is an irrational societal expectation for a woman to kill her child due to the actions of the perpetrator – and the crime of the father. This is not a real solution and further compounds the initial violence of the assault and often protects the perpetrator and keeps this grave issue in the shadows.

In response to the media and pressure from the pro-abortion industry, ACLU, and Planned Parenthood, there is a political issue brewing, and some are calling for “exceptions” to Kentucky’s law: **Exceptions to current law that would permit an abortion procedure that would allow “terminating the life of the child” conceived in an act of sexual assault.**

As public discourse on this issue intensifies, we ask policymakers, elected officials and candidates for public office to reflect on their own ethical standards, ensuring your decisions and actions align with your life-affirming principles.

Subjecting a woman or young girl to an abortion only compounds the initial violence of the assault.

Public policy makers and government leaders must decide the type of leader and public servant they desire to be... Good leaders operate by the highest ethical standards.

HARD CASES CAN MAKE BAD LAW, HARD CASES CAN ALSO OFFER THE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO CREATE THE KIND OF LIFE-AFFIRMING SOCIETY WE WANT TO LIVE IN.

The circumstance of one's conception, must not be used to determine the value of one's life

“Good leaders abhor wrongdoing of all kinds; sound leadership has a moral foundation”

(Prov. 16:12).

15. Do you believe that a child conceived as a result of sexual assault (rape or incest) is any less human, or has any less dignity than a child conceived in the loving embrace of their parents?

_____ YES. _____ NO

16. Do you believe that a child conceived as a result of sexual assault (rape or incest) should be protected by the same laws protecting the lives of children conceived in the loving embrace of their parents?

_____ YES _____ NO

ASSAULT ON HUMAN LIFE IN THE MOST VULNERABLE STAGES

Kentucky Right to Life is sensitive to the reality that as a State leader you may find yourself addressing legislative matters that are likely to be emotionally challenging on a personal level for you, and for the constituents you serve. We are always available to you, to explore and discuss these multifaceted moral and policy matters that impact today's culture.

When a loved one experiences a painful, terminal, or debilitating illness, their family may believe that the kindest and best medical treatment would be to relieve their suffering and end the person's life.

Euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide is an emotionally debated subject for many. On the one hand, no one wants to suffer tremendously at the end of their life due to a condition that will inevitably kill them. On the other hand, family members and friends greatly value their time with their loved ones, especially when they are ill and likely to pass away soon.

The laws regarding whether doctors can administer treatment to assist with ending life, often referred to as “right to die” or “death with dignity” laws, vary from state to state.

In the Commonwealth of Kentucky

- **Kentucky Law explicitly does NOT condone, authorize or approve mercy killing (KRS 311.639).**
- **Kentucky Law does not permit euthanasia, nor permit any deliberate act to end another's life, banning assisted suicide (KRS 216.302).**

17. If you are in a position to do so, would you advocate, support, sign into law an attempt to overturn current Kentucky law prohibiting assisted suicide; or efforts to legalize euthanasia?

_____ YES _____ NO

18. Do you believe that cognitively disabled people in a persistent vegetative state have the right to receive nutrition and hydration?

_____ YES _____ No

KRS 311.6225 sets forth the provisions for the Medical Order for Scope of Treatment (MOST)

An adult with decisional capacity, an adult's legal surrogate, or a responsible party may complete a medical order for scope of treatment directing medical interventions.

The passage of the law and regulations outlining the provisions of the **Kentucky “MOST” (Medical Orders Scope of Treatment)** established the elements of the voluntary form completed by the patient and signed by their physician outlining their wishes on medical treatment and end of life. By KY law, Kentucky Right to Life (along with other organizations) serves in a consulting capacity when considering any updates to the MOST form or law. Changes to the MOST form require legislation.

19. Would you reject any attempts to modify or change the MOST form that are not endorsed or confirmed by Kentucky Right to Life?

_____ YES _____ NO

AUTHENTIC PROLIFE LEADERS

20. If the chairman of a committee to which a ProLife bill is assigned does not call it up, would you, as a member of the committee, sign a discharge petition or challenge the Chair, so the bill could receive a fair hearing and vote?

_____ YES _____ NO

21. Would you reserve your support of a candidate for legislative or political office, regardless of party, because of his/her pro-abortion (“pro-choice”) position?

_____ YES _____ NO

22. Will you clearly state on your website and your campaign literature that you are Pro-Life?

_____ YES _____ NO

23. If elected and in position to do so, will you support all current Kentucky life-affirming laws that protect unborn children?

_____ YES _____ NO

The Kentucky ProLife Caucus

24. For candidates currently serving in the Kentucky House or Senate, are you a member of the ProLife Caucus?

_____ Yes _____ No

25. If you answered Yes to question 24, did you read the ProLife Caucus Bi-Laws before joining?

_____ Yes _____ No

We encourage members of the House and Senate to join and participate in the Kentucky ProLife Caucus.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL RESPONSES.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED AND SIGNED QUESTIONNAIRE BY Friday, March 15, 2024

*“In a society which claims to have even the veneer of civilization,
such behavior is totally unacceptable.
We cannot close our eyes to the destruction of innocent life at any stage of
development or any impaired condition of existence.
To do so degrades our own culture and all of us.”*

From the pen of The Honorable Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Donald C. Wintersheimer (1931-2021)
From his opinion case: (2004 Woods v. Com)

BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW and Email Your Candidate Questionnaire to:

Admin@KYRighttoLifeVictoryPAC.org

CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION SUCH AS ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAILS
REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL IN THE OFFICE OF KENTUCKY RIGHT TO LIFE.

Signature of Candidate

Candidate’s Name (Please print)

Date

Office & District (to which you are seeking
election or re-election)

Candidate’s Phone Number (required)

Candidate’s Email Address (required as
endorsements will be emailed)

Name of Campaign Committee

Address of Campaign Committee

Campaign Office Phone Number (Required)

Campaign Office Email Address (Required)

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