



Dear Members of the New Hampshire Legislature,

I am writing you today as the President of *Students for Life Action*, asking you to reject proposed constitutional amendments writing Late-Term, abortion-on-demand into your state constitution. Such abortion extremism should have no place in your state's most sacred document.

Students for Life Action works with over 1,400 pro-life student groups across the country. Our nine college groups in New Hampshire are particularly concerned with efforts (in some cases led by Republicans) to legalize barbaric abortions 7 months, 8 months, and 9 months in pregnancy. While such efforts were defeated last session, both proposed amendments, CACR 23 and CACR 24, appear to be an additional effort by Democrats to accomplish this goal.

The proposed New Hampshire Constitutional Amendment are broadly written to allow unlimited abortion after 6 months gestation, regardless of circumstances.

While CACR 23 appears to allow for limitations on abortion after 24 weeks, it allows unfettered discretion of the abortionist, making the distinction meaningless. Frightened women with medical complications will be told they "need an abortion" by the individual *selling them the abortion*.

Both Amendments are designed to ensure that even when a preborn baby reaches a stage of development at which she can feel pain, she can still be aborted, as science indicates that babies feel pain as early as 12 weeks, and certainly feel pain at 20 weeks. As scientific advances allow increasing chances of survival of babies at 22-weeks and 23-weeks, this amendment will lock in an arbitrary standard of 24 weeks, ensuring preborn babies at just under 6 months gestation -- babies capable of surviving outside the womb -- are still subject to the violence of abortion.

If either such amendment is permanently written into the Constitution, it will be difficult to change, even as medical advances and societal mores change.

The young people engaged by *Students for Life* on campuses every day know the truth that late term abortion is barbaric and wrong. They recognize these Constitutional Amendments are not designed to help women, but to increase the bottom line of abortionists by removing impediments to late-term abortions.

But beyond the moral considerations of enshrining late-term abortions in your Constitution, we wish to warn Republicans that these amendments will draw significant national left-wing forces (led by *Planned Parenthood*, with their tens of millions of dollars) to your state to mislead voters, as they've done recently in other states. We would question why any Republican legislator would join this effort and help subject your state to their campaign of lies.

This is a Democrat attempt to turn out Democrat voters, and should be rejected by all Republican legislators as such.

We ask that you stand up for life and reject these Constitutional Amendments and reject abortion extremism in general. Thank you for your consideration. **We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristan J. Hawkins".

Kristan Hawkins
President
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