



Dear Members of the Florida Legislature, Senate, & House Leadership,

I am writing you today as the President of Students for Life Action. Our organization works with over 1,400 pro-life student groups across the country whose mission is to abolish abortion and make it both unavailable and unthinkable.

Today we're assembled at your state capital, specifically to call on you to pass HB 1519, a strong *Life at Conception Act* sponsored by Reps. David Borerro & Mike Beltran this session. As the new *Heartbeat Abortion Prevention* law has not yet taken effect, the state of Florida still has over 80,000 abortions annually.

The young people I work with everyday know the truth that science is clear, human life begins at conception. Over 2,362 babies are aborted every day in America. That's over 862,000 every year or 100 in the last hour alone. Each of those abortions ended a unique human life, worthy of love and respect, and entitled to life and to be treated with dignity.

Within the first 18 days, a preborn human fetus develops blood vessels and initial brain development. Yet the CDC states that nearly 91% of abortions are committed in the first trimester, prior to 12 weeks. That's why it's time Florida to fully recognize that humanity and legally protect the lives of preborn children from conception onward, as other neighboring states have done.

Recent statistics show the number of abortions in Florida is increasing, due to women traveling from out of state, engaging in abortion tourism. Florida must act **this session** to finally end abortion completely.

We ask that you stand with the women and children of Florida and neighboring states to protect them from the predatory abortion industry. As legislators, you have an opportunity to be part of a movement to end the practice of abortion, saying no more deaths will occur on your watch, and encourage other states to follow the lead you set in Florida, as you have on so many other issues.

Thank you for your consideration, I urge you to stand for life and reject abortion by advancing a strong *Life at Conception Act* this session.

Sincerely,

President, Students for Life Action