



September 30, 2025

To the Honorable Members of the South Carolina General Assembly,

Students for Life Action (SFLAction), on behalf of more than 1,600 student groups, including 14 active groups in South Carolina, and more than 230,000 trained activists operating in all 50 states, calls on the General Assembly to finish the good work of finally passing the *Human Life Protection Act*. The measure has repeatedly passed both chambers in the legislature, advancing protections for preborn children from the beginning of their lives.

The *Human Life Protection Act* prohibits nearly all abortions except in cases of medical emergency. Strict penalties for violations are applied and are meant to hold the abortionist responsible, as a predator operating an enterprise designed to end an innocent life. Anyone knowingly committing or facilitating an abortion—including prescribing or delivering abortion-inducing drugs or devices, regardless of being a physician or not—is guilty of a felony punishable by up to \$10,000 in fines, imprisonment of up to two years, or both. The legislation also makes it a felony to coerce an abortion by force or threats, holding abusers directly accountable.

To protect mothers' identities, this legislation ensures courts are required to consider and, as appropriate, order the preservation of anonymity in related civil or criminal proceedings with provisions to seal court records, limit hearing access, and allow lawsuits under pseudonyms. To restore a culture of Life in South Carolina, women must feel protected and supported. The *Human Life Protection Act* provides a common-sense way forward in how to abolish abortion for good, without compromising on principles that protect preborn children from their earliest days as well as mothers who are often the second-victim of the predatory abortion industry.

The voters' commitment to this approach can be seen clearly in the June 2024 election outcomes of the Republican "Sister Senators," who were replaced once SFLAction educated South Carolina voters on their betrayal of pro-life values in blocking the measure.

The legislation also keeps the focus of the enforcement on those predators who engage in a business of ending innocent life for profit.

The *Pro-Life Generation* stands ready to love them both, while keeping the enforcement of law fixed on those who use a business model that destroys. In the spirit of *Les Misérables*, the *Pro-Life Generation* shares the vision of Jean Valjean, helping women in crisis, rather than Inspector Javert, prosecuting them. Students for Life's [*Standing with You*](#) is a national resource for

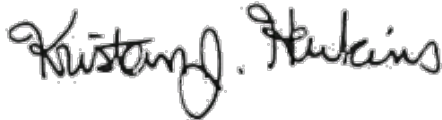
pregnant and parenting mothers, offering support and connection for women and young families.

As Clarke D. Forsythe wrote in [a *National Review* Op-Ed](#) recently, “The cause for life needs to be on the side of women, and their flourishing, because of the negative effect of elective abortion. And it cannot be on the side of women by promoting the prosecution of women for abortion. Advocates of prosecution need to decide whether they want to punish women *or* reduce elective abortion.”

SFLAction wants to make abortion unthinkable and unavailable, offering love and support to mothers and their preborn children from their first moments. In the *Human Life Protection Act*, the legislature can provide historic protections for the most vulnerable preborn babies, something that the voters of South Carolina embrace.

Sincerely,

Kristan Hawkins

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristan Hawkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President

Students for Life Action