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# NY Gov. Andrew Cuomo Demanded and Signed An Unrestricted Abortion On Demand Law Throughout Pregnancy



Gov. Andrew Cuomo

January 22 - Two weeks after threatening not to sign the state's annual budget if the senate did not pass a new law legalizing abortion on demand throughout pregnancy, New York Democrat Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the law within hours of the legislature's passage of the bill.

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Cuomo's actions came after republicans lost control of the NY state senate to mostly pro-abortion

democrats in the 2018 elections. Cuomo had the public support of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and *Roe v Wade's* attorney, Sara Weddington.

## Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker Signed A Law That Repealed All Existing Laws Restricting Or Prohibiting Abortion



Gov. Charlie Baker

July 27 - Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker signed a pro-abortion bill Friday to keep the killing of unborn babies legal in the event that the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade.

"It's a good day for Massachusetts," Baker said, prior to signing the bill, Surrounded by abortion activists, the pro-abortion Republican celebrated removing laws that could have protected unborn babies.

### Six More States Are Poised To Repeal Existing Abortion Laws And/Or Enshrine Abortion In Their State Constitutions

Maryland House of Delegates Speaker Michael Busch announced last fall that he plans to introduce a measure calling for a referendum on the 2020 ballot enshrining abortion on demand throughout pregnancy in the Maryland Constitution.



Speaker Michael Busch

**Vermont** - December 21, 2018 – Fearing that the U.S. Supreme Court might overturn Roe v. Wade in the near future, pro-abortion lawmakers in Vermont are planning to amend their state constitution.

**Nevada** State Sen. Yvanna Cancela is introducing legislation, nicknamed the "Trust Nevada Women Act" and backed by the national abortion rights group NARAL, would remove criminal penalties for abortions.

Virginia - Governor Ralph Northam appeared on a program on WTOP, radio and stunned listeners when he defended a bill to allow abortion up to birth in the Commonwealth with absolutely no restrictions. According to Gov. Northam if the child survived the abortion then the child's life would be saved IF, "that's what the mother and the family desired."



Northam

**New Mexico** - Santa Fe, New Mexico State Rep. Joanne Ferrary of Las Cruces said she plans to introduce legislation for the next session that removes the state's criminal ban on abortion in case the U.S. Supreme Court overturns 1973 Roe v Wade decision.

**Rhode Island** - The Rhode Island legislature is already holding hearings on bills that would enshrine the right to an abortion in state law. Rhode Island has the highest percentage of Catholics in the country (42%).

#### **Suggested Prayers**

**January 6** – That the light of Christ may illumine all minds to see the humanity of the unborn child, we pray

**January 13** – That God's beloved Son may send the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of the blind to the evil of abortion, we pray

**January 20** – That the commemoration of the 46th anniversary of Roe v Wade may encourage more Americans to support the right to life of the unborn child, we pray

**January 27** – That more people will come to see the danger and evil of laws permitting assisted suicide, we pray

**February 3** – That God who knew us when we were formed in the womb may empower more people to speak out for the sanctity of all human life, we pray

**February 10** – That those who have been sent by God to proclaim the dignity and worth of each human life may stay faithful, we pray

**February 17** - For women experiencing untimely pregnancies, that they may reach out in trust for God's help, we pray

**February 24** – For those who support the killing of the unborn, that they may come to see their error, we pray

March 3 – That the penitential season of Lent will lead us to realize our responsibility to speak out for endangered lives, we pray

March 10 – That this nation may turn away from the devil's advocacy for the culture of death in favor of a culture of life, we pray

March 17 – That we may really listen to God when He commands us to "Choose Life," we pray

March 24 – That we may respond with openness and love to the gift of each new life, we pray

**March 31** – For eyes open to see the value of each human life regardless of age or handicap, we pray

**April 7** – May Jesus who can raise the dead to life bring hope to women contemplating abortion, we pray

**April 14** – May men and women mourning the death of an aborted baby turn to the Lord of Life for comfort and forgiveness, we pray

**April 21** – May the Risen Lord turn the hearts and minds of those in the abortion industry from death to life, we pray

**April 28** – That those who favor abortion may come to see the humanity of the unborn child in the womb. we pray

May 5 – For those who are mocked because of their prolife beliefs that they will cling to the truth, we pray

May 12 – That mothers temped to abort their unborn children may reach out to a pro-life center for help, we pray

May 19 – For those who care for the physically and mentally challenged, that their service may be given in love, we pray

May 26 – That those in government responsible for making decisions regarding another's life may be guided by the Holy Spirit, we pray

**June 2** – For those who work in the pro-life movement rely on Jesus who conquered the world, we pray

**June 9** – That those considering abortion may remember God's commandment, thou shalt not kill, we pray

**June 16 -** For fathers of unborn children, that they may nurture and support God's gift of life, we pray

June 23 - That all pregnant women may realize that they carry within them God's special gift of new life, we pray

**June 30** – For a greater awareness that the freedom we have been given is to be used in accord with God's will, we pray

#### **Suggested Bulletin Inserts**

**January 6 -** January marks the beginning of many state legislative sessions. Present indications are that some states stand ready to introduce and pass strong pro-abortion legislation. This trend flies in the face of most polls that show that a majority of Americans oppose abortion except in only a few hard cases.

**January 13** – Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in the United States, aborting about 320,000 unborn babies a day.

**January 20** – Tuesday, January 22, marks the 46th anniversary of Roe v Wade, the Supreme Court decision which made abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy. Countless numbers of people have labored in the pro-life movement since that time to provide legal protection for unborn babies. The battle continues with more hands and hearts needed until success is achieved.

January 27 – The nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, aborts about 876 babies per day. Its most recent annual report shows that abortion is a lucrative practice for this tax exempt organization which produced a record income of \$1.46 billion. About half a billion of that came from taxpayers!

**February 3** – The twisted logic of abortion supporters is clearly seen in a quote by Gloria Steinem in a movie about Roe v. Wade: "It's the basis of democracy, that you control your own body." What Steinem fails to note is that when abortion is the subject, it is about controlling someone else's body—and ending his or her future. Life News, 9/6/18

**February 10** –As our society seeks to celebrate love on Valentine's Day this week, wouldn't it be nice if some of that love would be shared with women and their unborn babies seeking direction from pro-life pregnancy centers

**February 17** - Evangelist Franklin Graham responded to a politician who claimed an abortion is health care just like a tonsillectomy: "Far too many people who want to be governors, legislators, professors, and teachers in this nation have fallen prey to a culture of death philosophy. They are denying the worth of millions of children made in the image of God."

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**February 24** – Please pray that governors and state legislators propose and work for legislation that will protect all innocent human life from fertilization until natural death and not promote new anti-life legislative initiatives being pushed by Planned Parenthood and assisted suicide groups.

March 3 – This Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. During this sacrificial season, perhaps a donation to one of the many pregnancy alternatives groups might lead a pregnant woman to choose life for her unborn child. These groups sacrifice their time and talent daily to provide support for women who might otherwise choose abortion.

March 10 - Planned Parenthood's new president is Leana Wen who took the position at America's largest abortion provider for two incomprehensible reasons: because "I am a new mother" and she sees her new position as "lifesaving work." But as Commissioner of Health for Baltimore, she attempted to force pregnancy abortion alternatives(pro-life) organizations to promote abortions. LifeNews 9/13/18

March 17 – Planned Parenthood's new president, Leanna Wen, is Chinese American, her family having fled from China and been granted asylum and U.S. citizenship. Despite this background and her interest in women's rights and health, she has not condemned sex selection abortion in her native China, a policy that has led to 70 million girls aborted. Sex selection abortion and female infanticide have had significant negative effects on Chinese society including increased prostitution and sex trafficking, not to mention the problems resulting from Chinese men not being able to find wives. LifeNews 9/13/18

March 24 – California is earning the title of "the Suicide State" by virtue of recently signed, permissive assisted suicide legislation. Buttressing the state's End of Life Option Act which legalized assisted suicide, Gov. Jerry Brown signed additional legislation that allows an individual to aid, advise, and encourage a person to commit suicide-AND sign off on the method of suicide-while financially benefitting from the person's death." The Daily Wire, 9/22/18

March 31 – Chelsea Clinton, with an eye toward a political future, proclaims the pro-abortion Democratic position at every opportunity. In the campaign against confirming Judge Kavanaugh Chelsea boldly proclaimed that it would be "unchristian" to overturn Roe v. Wade thereby returning women to the "bad old days" of illegal abortion, ignoring the fact that legal abortion has also proved fatal to hundreds of women. "What is really unchristian is touting abortion as one of the greatest supports society can provide and telling women that they need to kill their own children in order to succeed." 9/14/18

**April 7** — Words of a pro-life counselor to women considering abortion: "Please consider how beautiful your little boy or little girl is and what will happen if you don't protect them. Please also think about how much joy babies bring into the world. Regardless of your situation, there are many people who will help you overcome the problems you face. Love your baby." Father Stephen Imbarrato, Stand 4 Life, 12/27/18

**April 14** - Each individual life is a special gift bestowed only once by God to each person and when it is lost it can never be replaced. Pleasure and convenience should never be a reason to take human life.

**April 21** – Each year spring and Easter speak of the gift of new life, both joyful events to celebrate. Sadly the new life announced by a positive pregnancy test is not always a welcome result so we must reach out to women and give them the hope that new life brings.

**April 28** – "Life's dignity and meaning is lost in the secular eye. No human life, no matter how unanticipated, by us is ever a mistake on the part of God." Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso in his keynote Address to the Florida Respect Life Conference on 9/29/18

May 5 – Eliminating Planned Parenthood's financial lifeline to taxpayer-funded resources such as Medicaid and grants would significantly decrease the availability abortion. This taxpayer funded lifeline subsidizes Planned Parenthood's main business, the killing of unborn children. Father Ted Pacholczyk, column in Florida Catholic, 12/7-20, 2018

May 12 – Remembering all mothers on Mother's Day is a yearly occasion to give thanks for the gift of life bestowed on us by God and our mothers. It would be fitting to honor women who declined the deceptively easy answer of abortion and instead chose life for their baby.

May 19 – Italy is a country that has something to teach others. The abortion rate in that country has been declining because doctors are simply refusing to do abortions. Legalized in Italy 40 years ago, access to abortion is declining because so many doctors are simply objecting to the procedure. Stand4Life, 12/25/18

May 26 – The CDC reported that abortions have been declining steadily since the mid-2000s. A word of caution: not all states (including California and Maryland) report the number of clinic abortions to the CDC. And an additional troubling note: no major research organization has counted how many Americans are getting abortions by ordering abortion-inducing drugs over the internet. Stand 4 Life, 12/25/18

June 2 – Doctors diagnosed their unborn child with a series of life-threatening disabilities in the seventh month of pregnancy. The solution offered the British couple was abortion. Although heartbroken at the diagnosis, the mother said, "But God is a creator and He doesn't make mistakes. We will look after the gift we have been given." And they have, giving the baby 24 hour care and showering her with love.

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**June 9** – The new CEO of Planned Parenthood defends her organization's abortion activities (approximately 320, 000 babies killed annually) by grouping abortion with cancer screening and birth control, terming each activity "standard medical care." Classifying abortion as health care is a perversion of medical's traditional role of healing. LifeNews.com, 12/27/18

June 16 – On this day celebrating the blessing of fatherhood, one hurting group of fathers is ignored--those whose partners chose to abort their unborn child. The Supreme Court has ruled that fathers can have no role in the decision of a woman to have an abortion. "Abortion leaves indelible footprints in the texture of masculinity, in the recesses of a man's heart... A father is a father forever, even of a dead unborn child." "The Hollow Men: Male Grief and Trauma

following an Abortion," pamphlet by Vincent Rue, Ph.D. **June 23** – A dangerous assisted suicide bill has been introduced in the New Mexico state house. It is a destructive bill for many reasons, including its authorization of suicide tourism because a woman would not have to be a New Mexico resident to obtain an assisted suicide in that state. Thus any citizen wishing to undergo assisted suicide need only to travel to New Mexico where an expansive bill will allow it.

June 30 – Arguing that the state has the power to protect unborn children from abortion on the basis of sex, race or disability, a brief by 19 states attorneys general states, "Surely a State that has the constitutional authority to protect members of the Down syndrome community from being discriminated against in employment or public accommodations can protect that same community from wholesale elimination by eugenic abortions." LifeNews. com, December 19, 2019



## NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE APPLAUDS CONGRESSIONAL BRIGHT LINE ON EXISTING PRO-LIFE POLICIES

WASHINGTON – In an effort led by Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) and Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.), 169 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and 49 members of the U.S. Senate sent the President letters urging him to veto bills that weaken existing pro-life policies, and indicating that they will vote to sustain such vetoes. Those numbers exceed the number required to sustain a veto in either house.

Jennifer Popik, J.D., legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), commented, "We appreciate that the Congress is drawing a bright line — that they would vote to sustain a veto on any

appropriations bill, or any other bill, that would weaken existing laws against federal funding of abortion or weaken other pro-life policies."

Many important pro-life policies are kept in place by provisions of such appropriations bills, sometimes called "riders." This includes the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding for abortion (except to save the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest).

Pro-abortion advocacy groups have been pressuring Democratic congressional leadership to attack these prolife riders

#### Together We Can Defeat the Enemy

It is time for pro-lifers to join together with National Right to Life, our local right to life chapters, churches, bible studies, and community groups. We must block attempts to enshrine abortion in state constitutions and work for passage of pro-life legislation. Pro-life individuals are being harassed and castigated by pro-abortion antilife extremists. We believe that with perseverance, hard work, prayer and trust in God we will ultimately prevail. We know that there are millions of Americans who want a culture of life. We must work together and unite to win the battle for life. May God bless us all.