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Legal Brief: Impact of Federal Freedom of Choice Act in Massachusetts

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), as filed in the current 2007-2008 term of Congress (110th Cong., S.1173/H.R. 1964), would establish as “the policy of the United States” that “the right to choose” between childbearing and abortion must be protected as a “fundamental right.”

The legislation would prohibit any denial of, interference with, or discrimination against the exercise of this choice “in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information” by any public institution or by any private entity “acting under color of law.”

When introducing FOCA in 2004, U.S. Senate sponsor Barbara Boxer declared that the legislation would supersede at the federal and state levels “any law, regulation, or local ordinance that impinges on a woman’s right to choose.”² FOCA will “sweep away hundreds of anti-abortion laws [and] policies” according to the abortion rights group National Organization for Women, referring to sensible limits on abortion that the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld as consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, its 1973 decision legalizing abortion.³

FOCA is so broad that it would mandate what “information” is to be conveyed or taught and what “services” are to be offered by government agencies consistent with the new national “policy” on abortion.

Public schools, healthcare providers and social service agencies would be forced to promote and provide access to abortion, and in the case of minors, to do so without parental knowledge or consent.⁴ The bill would also provide a new federal basis for protecting and funding reproductive cloning as a fundamental right.⁵

By invalidating federal and state freedom of conscience guarantees,⁶ FOCA would also force religious and other private institutions to provide or accommodate abortion access and other conscientiously opposed procedures or else be denied any government support such as tax exemptions or financial assistance.⁷ Therefore, FOCA

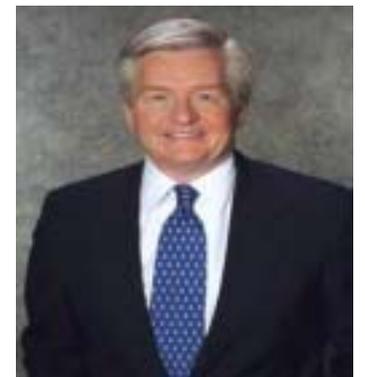
would impose radical legal changes in the Commonwealth by, among other effects:

- nullifying current common law and statutory policies in Massachusetts requiring informed consent for medical procedures related to childbearing or abortion
- nullifying a state statute requiring minors seeking abortions to obtain the consent of at least one parent or guardian, or absent parental consent, a judicial decree finding that the minor is mature or the the abortion is in her best interest
- nullifying a state ban on coverage for partial-birth abortions under state employee health insurance plans;
- nullifying any state safety regulations deemed to “interfere” with abortion access;
- nullifying state statutes guaranteeing freedom of conscience protections for private institutions and individuals
- compelling conscientiously opposed private institutions to participate in abortion, sterilizations and contraception or else be denied public assistance, tax exemptions or benefits; and
- nullifying a state ban on cloning for reproductive purposes.

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**WBZ's Dan Rea
to Speak at
Assembly for Life**

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from the president

Anne Fox

Immediately following the election, I received many emails from people who were all set to get to work to defeat the "Freedom of Choice Act." We started receiving calls at the office from people asking, "What can I do?" On the Sunday following the election, more than fifty Chapter leaders from across the state participated in our Chapter Leadership Conference. Since then, the Middleboro Chapter has been chartered and many others are being started or reactivated. Most of the buses to the March for Life were filled by mid-December. Pro-lifers in Massachusetts are on the move, ready to defend the protective laws we have enacted in the thirty-six years since Roe v. Wade.

Senator Obama is continuing to push FOCA. We have hundreds of Massachusetts people visiting targeted Congressmen and many others writing. Knowing that the entire bill is a hard sell, some advisors are recommending that he achieve the same end by challenging the various protective laws separately. This will test our mettle. We will have to be eternally vigilant - constantly informing people and activating opposition to the current effort.

The kinds of laws they will challenge - funding, parental consent, informed consent, partial birth abortion, etc. are very popular. Polls on each show support in the eighty percent range, even in Massachusetts.

A recent analysis of the election shows that only one percent of the news coverage about the election mentioned abortion. That means people did not vote for the winner because he was pro-abortion. They did not repudiate basic respect for life. Even Obama knew that he had to be perceived as pro-life and not pro-abortion.

Where abortion was highlighted, it made a huge difference. Obama outperformed Kerry's 2004 totals among Catholics by seven percent. In six states, however, Obama did worse than Kerry among Catholic voters. In these states: Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, California, and especially in Missouri and Pennsylvania, the Catholic bishops made statements about the importance of life issues relative to other issues in the campaign. These statements were widely covered in the main stream media.

We are left with the specter of FOCA, passed as a whole or piecemeal. Please check the information in the other sections of this *News* about FOCA, its specific impact on Massachusetts laws, and plans to lobby at the March for Life.

There is good news. Haleigh Poutre, the victim of child abuse, who was nearly killed when officials at the Massachusetts Department of Social Services tried to discontinue her life support after she apparently entered a coma, continues to improve. She has been

receiving physical, speech, and occupational therapy at Franciscan Hospital for Children in Brighton. WBZ TV aired a video of her amazing progress.

Black women, apparently because of prior abortions, are three times more likely to have babies born at 32 weeks or earlier and four times more likely to have babies born at 28 weeks or earlier than the general population. Black women make up 12.5% of the female population, but account for 38.2% of abortions. The researchers tried to find other variables that could explain the large disparity in premature births and were unable to do so. They also studied the dramatic decrease in premature births after abortion was made illegal in Poland.

The physical, developmental, and psychological effects on these babies and their families are devastating. The researchers conclude that previous abortions are the cause.

Obviously, the results of this study are applicable to any group of women - if they have abortions, their subsequent children are at high risk. (www.masscitizensforlife.org)

A recent study by the Center for Disease Control finds that **children conceived by in-vitro fertilization are two to four times more likely to be born with birth defects than children conceived naturally.**

A recently published study in the *Journal of Psychiatric Research* has found that **induced abortions result in increased risks for a myriad of mental health problems ranging from anxiety to depression to substance abuse disorders.** Abortion was implicated in between 4.3% and 16.6% of the incidence of these disorders. For 12 out of 15 of the mental health outcomes examined, a decision to have an abortion resulted in an elevated risk for women.

Ultimately, the authors write that abortion is directly "responsible for more than 10% of the population incidence of alcohol dependence, alcohol abuse, drug dependence, panic disorder, agoraphobia, and bipolar disorder in the population."

The team also found that spontaneous abortions, or miscarriages, had an independent effect on only 4 of the 15 psychiatric illnesses examined - indicating **abortion is significantly more traumatic for women than a miscarriage.** (www.masscitizensforlife.org)

Bishop Robert Hermann, St. Louis, Missouri Archdiocesan Administrator Bishop stated at the bishops' recent meeting, "I think any bishop here would consider it a privilege to die tomorrow to bring about an end to abortion. If we are willing to die tomorrow, then we should be willing to...take all kinds of criticism for opposing this horrible infanticide."

"If American youth are willing to go to war and lay down their lives to defend our freedoms, then every bishop should be willing to give up his life, if it means putting an end to abortion. And if we're willing to do that, then we should be totally fearless of promoting this cause without being concerned about political correctness, without trying to build coalitions with pro-choice people."

As we go to press, we have just heard about the death of Cardinal Avery Dulles, S.J., certainly the preeminent Catholic theologian in the US. Cardinal Dulles, who converted to Catholicism here in Cambridge, spoke for us, "*Many politicians, like much of the American public, seem to be unaware that abortion and euthanasia are serious violations of the inalienable right to life. These are not just 'Church' issues but are governed by the natural law of God, which is binding upon all human beings. The right to life is the most fundamental of all rights, since a person deprived of life has no other rights.*" May he rest in peace.

Finally, let us join my dear friend, Abe, who is praying for the intercession of St. Paul, in this his year, that the president elect will have an "on the road to Damascus" conversion.

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Visit the MCFL web site at www.masscitizensforlife.org

Society damaged by acceptance of abortion, speaker says

By Matt Doyle, Catholic Free Press Correspondent

Drawing on a wealth of literary references, Anthony Esolen, a professor of English at Providence College, asked and answered the question: "What kind of people dispose of their children?" Esolen spoke at a Massachusetts Citizens for Life meeting at the Hogan Center at the College of the Holy Cross on Sunday.

Esolen warned that even those who oppose abortion "breathe the same unhealthy air" and are subject to the damage it does to a society. He suggested that abortion as a way of life can create a people who are cynical, uprooted, fearful and incapable of wonder.

"We have become a people who do not like children," said Esolen. He recalled the days of his childhood when the presence of children in neighborhoods and large extended families were the norm.

He described a current generation of people who do not know what it means to have kin and would be scarred because they lack the interaction with family.

In each of the four conditions Esolen listed as by-products of abortion, he offered support for his thesis that society was becoming more and more entrenched in those conditions. For example, he said society was growing cynical because of what it was doing to children.

Esolen described a typical school day filled with "inaneities." He said that this day was preceded and followed by a long ride on a yellow bus, leaving little time for things of childhood.

Citing the works of Robert Frost, Esolen said that the man who was a "swinger of birches" would not have been the poet he was under today's restrictions on children.

Today, Frost would not be allowed to climb a tree and slide to the ground "without a helmet" - a metaphor for an overly protected and restricted world.

Esolen noted that vacant lots are no longer filled with children playing baseball. These children, Esolen said, once "united a community" by their presence.

He suggested the innocence of childhood is being lost. When a society is uprooted, said Esolen, it no longer tells its children stories. "People who love children tell them stories about when they were children. They are living in time that covers the eternity."

Esolen warned that "if you only have what is now, you lead a pretty thin life."

Esolen talked about Memorial Day to illustrate the changes that have taken place in his lifetime. He noted that his hometown would have a parade that would go from burial site to burial site and included a Mass at the Catholic cemetery. That activity is over.

There is no duty to the dead, said Esolen, "because we know we are going to be forgotten by our descendants in turn."

He turned again to his literary background to illustrate a stark difference in attitude brought about by a society that does not see itself connected to the past, present and future. Esolen cited a poem by an English Protestant writer, Edmund Spenser. In "Epithalamion" the writer sees his marriage as being united to all eternity.

"He (Spenser) says the act of love is a holy act," said Esolen. Spenser saw the creation of children as participation in something much larger than the private action of two people.

"We have no sense of that," said Esolen. "Love is not participation in a grand act; it is merely appetite."

Esolen noted that for the first time in American history a majority of people are living alone.

"We say we are independent," said Esolen, "but don't



Left to Right: Professor Tony Esolen, his wife Debra, Kasia Pakaluk and her husband, John Henry

believe it. We are terrified at our fragility."

He said that the last thing such a fearful person wants around is a child who reminds them of their weakness and the absence of choice.

Esolen suggested that the best things in life are those things about which we have no real choice and can not plan. "If you plan an adventure, you are not on an adventure," he said.

Esolen tied in the idea of choice to the planning of children. He said, "To the extent that you 'plan' your child, you are not planning a child at all; you are planning an egotistical extension of yourself."

He said that children are precisely intended to "break open that hardest substance in the universe: the human heart." Esolen said the child offers hope of life, and life in abundance.

Esolen said that a society that accepts abortion as a way of life is rendered "incapable of wonder at ourselves, at God, at the world he has given us."

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Fourth Annual Respect Life Mass

St. Agnes Church

Medford Street, Arlington, MA

Sunday, January 18, 2009

A reception will follow Mass in the Msgr. Linnehan Library
adjacent to St. Agnes Church

All are welcome and encouraged to attend

For more information: (781) 648-0220



Pro-life Citizens Gear-up for Lobby Day at Massachusetts State House

Lobby Training Day

Attend the MCFL Lobby Training Day!
And be well prepared for your State house visit.

Where: Saint Joseph Middle School
110 May Street
Needham, MA 02492

When: Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009
10AM- 2 PM

Directions: From Rte. 95 (north and south) take Exit 19 B (Needham/Highland Avenue). At the fifth set of lights (1.7 miles from Rte. 95) take a left onto May Street. Middle School is on your right at 110 May Street, Needham, MA.

Lobbying Day at the State House

February 24, 2009

Time: 10:00AM to Noon
Meet: Nurses Hall, State House, Boston, MA

For more information: Call the MCFL Office
617-242-4199, Ext. 227

By Marie Sturgis
MCFL Executive Director

In February, MCFL members and pro-life friends from all parts of Massachusetts will be on hand to lobby at the State House on behalf of the "Woman's Right to Know" bill or "Laura's Law," and other relevant pro-life concerns.

Are you prepared for Lobbying Day February 24th, 2009, from 10 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Massachusetts State House? Pro-life activists are needed, so make every effort to join the MCFL lobbying team!!

The purpose of the day is to educate legislators about the importance of pro-life issues and to seek support for the "Woman's Right to Know" bill or "Laura's Law," which will be introduced in the next session. It is important that constituents educate their legislators about the bill.

One of the objectives of lobbying day is to help pro-life citizens to develop a relationship with those who represent them and their interests. It is important for pro-life people to meet with their elected officials. This kind of citizen action will help legislators understand issues of concern to the pro-life movement with greater clarity. A face to face meeting with a lawmaker can have a tremendous influence. Meetings can last anywhere from ten to twenty minutes. Life issues impact all of us and this includes constituents in any legislator's district. Pro-life people cannot afford to sit on the side-lines and hope things will happen - they need to participate in the democratic process - such personal interactions are invaluable.

We will assemble at 10:00 AM for instructions and information in Nurses Hall; from there people will meet with their respective lawmakers. The building of a relationship between a constituent and his representative is paramount if we seek to build a Culture of Life. We look forward to seeing you!





by Marie Sturgis

Massachusetts Citizens for Life (MCFL) will soon mark the 36th anniversary of the infamous U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in our country. Pro-life people will join together in prayer and remembrance at the Annual Assembly for Life. We are delighted to have with us this year the Cardinal Spellman Chorus directed by Dorrie Besette '69, to provide some vocal inspiration.

It is our hope that you can be with us at Boston's historic Faneuil Hall from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 25, 2009. The event promises to be an inspiring day of pro-life fellowship with outstanding clerical representatives leading us in prayer for all who have been harmed by abortion.

MCFL is pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for the Assembly this year is WBZ Radio talk host Dan Rea. He is the host of *NightSide* on WBZ News Radio 1030 which is on every week-night from 8:00 pm to midnight. The program is thoughtful and provocative because it covers a multitude of issues and crosses political, social and economic spheres.

Dan Rea's outstanding career in media brought him a number of acknowledgements and awards including the first Annual Excellence in Journalism Award, from the Massachusetts Bar Association. His extensive work as an investigative and political reporter with WBZ-TV led him to expose dishonest practices in the Boston office of the F.B.I. and ultimately lead to securing freedom for an innocent man who was wrongly accused. In spite of a busy career and family commitments, Mr. Rea is able to give some of his valuable time to the needs of children, the blind, those less fortunate and the disabled. He serves on the board of a number of charities, including the Samaritans, a suicide prevention organization.

Dan Rea is a home grown Massachusetts son. He and his wife, Jeanne are the parents of Dan III and Catherine Florence.

The title of his presentation is "Politics of Abortion." We look forward to hearing Dan Rea at Faneuil Hall and hope to see you there!

Veteran television journalist and radio host Dan Rea to keynote assembly at Faneuil Hall

Massachusetts Citizens for Life

Annual Assembly for Life

Sunday, January 25, 2009

2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Faneuil Hall, Boston

**A day of remembrance and prayer to mark the 36th
anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision.**

Keynote Speaker: Dan Rea

"The Politics of Abortion"

Rev. Basil Yarde

WEZE - "Ministry in Spotlight"

Cardinal Spellman Chorus

under the direction of Dorrie Besette

A Pictorial Tribute to the Chapters 2008



The Cambridge/Somerville Chapter at the Walk



The North Adams Chapter's 30th trip to the March for Life in Washington, Left to Right: Tim Dupras, Will Dupras, Greg Vigna, Denise Vigna



Connie Murphy of the North Suburban Chapter chats with the ladies at the EWTN table on Boston Common



Members of the Fitchburg/Leominster Chapter at the October Walk for Life



The Greater Fall River Chapter enters a pro-life float to bring a positive message to the residents of Fall River.



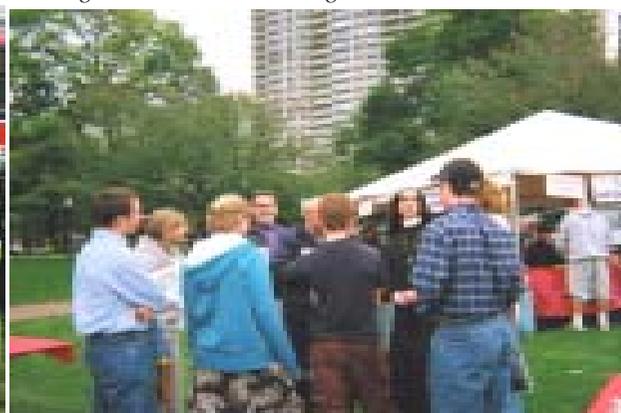
Members of the Cambridge/Somerville Chapter turning the corner onto Arlington Street



Bob and Katie O'Brien manning the booth at the Marshfield fair for the South Shore chapter in August.



MCFL members pose before boarding bus to bring walkers from Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton to the MCFL Walk



Ed Long from South Boston captures a crowd



Chris Hanley of the Fitchburg/Leominster Chapter getting ready to go to Boston for the Walk for Life on October 5



Madeline McComish of the North Suburban Chapter mans the MCFL table at the Walk.



Cathy Murphy of North Suburban and Dr. Jefferson of Cambridge/Somerville with Operation Rescue's Bill Cotter

Meet our newest chapter!



Young man displays a BADD hand at MCFL's Walk for Life on Boston Common



Maura Reardon (far left) and youth from St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Springfield for the March in Wash. D.C.



President Anne Fox and MCFL are proud to welcome the Middleborough Chapter



The Pioneer Valley Chapter hosted a meeting of the MCFL Board of Directors in November



John Curry gets ready for the Roslindale parade



Edie McDaniel chairs a meeting of the new chapter in Middleborough



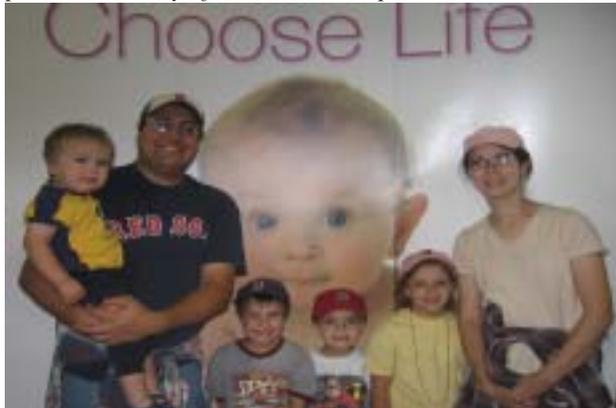
The Margaret O'Hara West Roxbury/Roslindale Chapter poses on the day of the Roslindale parade in October



West Roxbury/Roslindale on the parade route



L to R: Ron Gengo, Maryanne Quirk, Claire Dondis, Ed Desmond, Catherine Luvisi at Belmont Chapter's Party



Family enjoying the Pioneer Valley booth at the Eastern States Exposition (Big E) in Springfield



Head table at the Pioneer Valley Mother's Day Dinner with Rep. Todd Smola at the podium



The Annual Life Chain in Longmeadow attracted nearly 50 pro-life participants

Freedom of Choice Act

FOCA will nullify more than 550 federal and state laws including:

- *Partial Birth Abortion Ban, 2003*
- *Hyde Amendment* (restricting taxpayer funding of abortions)
- Restrictions on abortions performed at military hospitals
- Restrictions on insurance coverage for abortion for federal employees
- Informed consent laws
- Waiting periods
- Parental consent and notification laws
- Health and safety regulations for abortion clinics
- “Delayed enforcement” laws (banning abortion or when *Roe v. Wade* is overturned and/or the authority to restrict abortion is returned to the states)
- Bans on partial-birth abortion
- Bans on abortion after viability. FOCA’s apparent attempt to limit post-viability abortions is illusory. Under FOCA, post-viability abortions are expressly permitted to protect the woman’s “health.” Within the context of abortion, “health” has been interpreted so broadly that FOCA would not actually proscribe any abortion before or after viability
- Limits on public funding for elective abortions (thus, making American taxpayers fund a procedure that many find morally objectionable)
- Limits on the use of public facilities (such as public hospitals and medical schools at state universities) for abortions
- State and federal legal protections for individual healthcare providers who decline to participate in abortions
- Legal protections for Catholic and other religiously - affiliated hospitals who, while providing care to millions of poor and uninsured Americans, refuse to allow abortions within their facilities.

Information from Americans United for Life,
[http:// www.aul.org/FOCA](http://www.aul.org/FOCA)

FOCA will increase abortions by 125,000 per year in the United States

Dr. Michael New’s studies published by the Heritage Foundation show that a large reduction in abortions (actually 124,948 per year) can be attributed to laws which require parental involvement, informed consent laws, and restrictions on government funding of abortions.

Heritage Foundation

Make sure that the Freedom of Choice Act is never brought up in Congress! It is the most important thing you can do for life in the near future - maybe ever!

We are arranging visits by local constituents with Congressmen **Lynch, Delahunt, Neal, Oliver, Markey, Tierney, and Capuano**. If you live in one of their districts, call the MCFL office for information about meetings in your district.

If you live in the districts of Congressmen **Frank, Tsongas, or McGovern**, we will not be visiting them. It is still very important to contact them.

If you are unable to visit, or as an educational piece before or after your visit, you should contact your Congressmen by mail or phone.

Please read the article “Freedom of choice act will nullify 550 federal and state laws.” Pick an issue that is important to you, like parental consent, partial-birth abortion or informed consent. Send a brief statement to your own Congressman explaining the impact of the Freedom of Choice Act on your concern. Urge your Congressman to oppose the introduction of the Freedom of Choice Act. It will have much more impact if you refer to the Act by its entire name as much as possible.

Some forms of contact are much more effective than others. We strongly suggest you follow this priority in deciding what method of approach you will use:

- (1) **FAX** your letter - handwritten is ideal
- (2) **Mail** your letter
- (3) **Call the Washington office** - ask for the person who handles the life issues. If there isn’t one, you still want a legislative aide.
- (4) **Call the local office** and try to get the most appropriate person. We have found that e-mail is by far the least effective.

“FOCA will supercede anti-choice laws that restrict the right to choose, including laws that prohibit the public funding of abortions for poor women or counseling and referrals for abortions. Additionally, FOCA will prohibit onerous restrictions on a woman’s right to choose, such as mandated delays and targeted and medically unnecessary regulations.”

Planned Parenthood

Lobbying the Legislature

by Marie Sturgis, MCFL Executive Director

Massachusetts Health Frameworks Curriculum

Looking ahead to the next legislative session, we can expect opponents to come out en masse to push for passage of an education bill that would add the radical Health Frameworks to the core curriculum in all Massachusetts Public Schools. The bill was defeated during the last two legislative sessions, so proponents will do all they can do to insure passage this time around. For the present time, the Massachusetts Health Curriculum Frameworks are just recommendations.

Large umbrella organizations, like Care for Youth, with its many “member organizations” like the Massachusetts ACLU, the Boston Teachers Union, or League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, appear to be poised and ready to mobilize their activists. If the measure is passed by lawmakers, our state could be the first in the country to make health education a mandatory graduation requirement.

One of the major objections to the proposal is that it would override parental authority, especially in the area of sexuality. The Frameworks would allow students to be given information on how to obtain birth control and abortions without parental consent or knowledge. The Frameworks could eliminate any choice for local communities in determining what would be taught to their children.



“Woman’s Right to Know”/ “Laura’s Law” Legislation

Twenty-four state have passed the “Woman’s Right to Know” law with one state, Montana, unable to effect the law because of court order. Additionally, sixteen states have passed the “Woman’s Right to Know” law which offers the ultrasound option, thus bringing the total to forty states having passed some version of the “Woman’s Right to Know” law. Of note: Arizona and Florida have laws that require an ultrasound to be used for abortions after the 1st trimester of pregnancy, but the burden is on the mother to make the request to view it. Also, Indiana and Utah have laws that place the burden on the pregnant mother to request to view the ultrasound throughout pregnancy. Inspired by the sixteen states with ultrasound, we have added the ultrasound option to the Massachusetts “Woman’s Right to Know”/ “Laura’s Law” bill, which will be introduced in the next legislative session in January.

The legislation gives a woman considering abortion the right to know the medical risks of abortion, its alternatives, and nonjudgmental, scientifically accurate medical facts about the development of her unborn child before making a permanent, life-affecting decision.

The Woman’s Right to Know Bill - “Laura’s Law”
will be filed on January 12, 2009

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¹ FOCA, 4.

² Statement of Sen. Boxer, 150 Cong., Rec. S 187 (Jan.22, 2004).

³ National Organization for Women, “Freedom of Choice Act Would Guarantee Roe Protections in U.S. Statutes,” April 30, 2007, available online at <http://www.now.org/issues/abortion/070430foca.html>.

⁴ Statement of Sen. Boxer, supra note 2, specifically referring to FOCA sponsors’ intent to abolish informed consent and parental consent requirements.

⁵ Office of the General Counsel, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Memorandum 4 (Aug. 15, 2008), available online at <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/FOCA/analysis.pdf>

⁶ USCCB Memorandum, supra note 4.

⁷ FOCA would revive the opportunity to file “color of law” claims against private parties similar to those granted in *Doe v. Bridgeton Hosp. Assoc., Inc.*, 366 A. 2d 641 (N.J. 1976)(requiring private hospital to perform abortions) and initially in *Taylor v. St. Vincent’s Hospital*, 369 F. Supp. 948 (D. Mont. 1973)go (reversing upon passage of a federal conscience clause that would be superseded by FOCA the court’s earlier order forcing Catholic hospital to perform sterilizations).

Rose Drives

MCFL Pioneer Valley Region	\$2,166.98
Greater Fall River Chapter	\$9,192.83
U.S.J.B. Chapter 93, Fitchburg, a Division of Catholic Family Life Insurance	\$500.00
North Adams Chapter	\$2,066.00
Cape Cod Chapter	\$1,209.00
St. Francis Xavier, Hyannisport	\$288.00
West Roxbury Chapter - Holy Names Church	\$754.00
Danvers Chapter	\$1,004.08
Cambridge/Somerville Chapter - St. Catherine's Church	\$530.00
S. Boston Chapter - St. Monica/St. Augustine Church	\$303.00
Lawrence Chapter - St. Patrick's Church	\$1,000.00
Churches	
St. Bridget's Church, Abington	\$530.00
St. James, Stoughton	\$283.00

Memorials

Francis P. Sullivan

by Jim & Josephine Castano, Elizabeth Smith, Doris Giamo,
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Grinley, Mr. & Mrs. R. Pucel, Clare Clements,
Mr. & Mrs. Henderson, Mr. & Mrs. Tierney, Mr. & Mrs. Welch,
Lawrence Sullivan, Parmenter School Sunshine Club

Adrian J. Provencher

by Peter Ryan on behalf of Ryan's Wine Shop, Inc.
Garry Richards with Waltham Traffic Supervisors
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Dellacamera

Joseph I. Mulligan, Jr.

by Paul F. McDonough, Jr., Esq., Bob & Tina Mulligan

Anne Rudnicki

by Lilla, President of the League of Catholic Women of the
Archdiocese of Boston

Regina D'Eon

by Gertrude Creedon

Frank - 1st Anniversary

by Ann O'Connor

In Loving Memory of

Robert T. McDonald

by the McDonald Family

In Honor of

Dr. Gertrude "Trudy" Murphy

by Virginia M. Kalaghan

In Celebration of the 93rd Birthday of

Annette Nichol

In Honor of the 90th Birthday of

Adrienne Krawczyk

Massachusetts Marches for Life!

January 22, 2009 in Washington, D.C.

Massachusetts Caucus: Massachusetts people will caucus in the Russell Senate Office Building, Room #325, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM on January 22, 2009. There will be speakers and continental breakfast. During that time you can lobby your own legislators.



- 1) The Capitol
- 2) Russell Senate Office Building
- 3) Rayburn House Office Building
- 4) Longwood House Office Building
- 5) Cannon House Office Building
- 6) Metro, Capitol South
- 7) Metro, Smithsonian
- 8) Massachusetts Gathering Place
- 9) March Grandstand
- 10) Supreme Court

Sen. Edward Kennedy, 317 Russell Senate Office Building
Sen. John Kerry, 304 Russell Senate Office Building
Cong. John Oliver, 1111 Longworth House Office Building
Cong. Richard Neal, 2266 Rayburn House Office Building
Cong. James McGovern, 430 Cannon House Office Building
Cong. Barney Frank, 2252 Rayburn House Office Building
Cong. Nicki Tsongas, 2229 Rayburn House Office Building
Cong. John Tierney, 120 Cannon House Office Building
Cong. Edward Markey, 2108 Rayburn House Office Building
Cong. Michael Capuano, 1530 Longworth House Office Building
Cong. Stephen Lynch, 319 Cannon House Office Building
Cong. William Delahunt, 2454 Rayburn House Office Building

Massachusetts March

Let us march together to show our legislators and the world that people from Massachusetts care about life. Wear your blue knitted cap and meet at 9th Street between Madison and Jefferson, across from the Museum of Natural History (see #8) at noon.

Massachusetts Bus Information: www.masscitizensforlife.org/events.html

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