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Will Massachusetts Allow Human Embryo Farming?

By Marie Sturgis

In 2005 the House and senate passed S2039, "An Act Enhancing Regenerative Medicine in the Commonwealth." This landmark legislation cleared the way for embryonic stem cell research in the State of Massachusetts. Among many other things, the bill (for obvious research reasons) redefined in law when human life begins. It now "begins" at 14 days or implantation, instead of at the moment of conception.

Human Cloning is Legal

As a result of the new definition concerning the beginning of human life, scientists will have substantial latitude to perform their research. Additionally, they are allowed to utilize the process known as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). This is cloning despite their claim to the contrary. Also, built into the law is a type of regulatory framework that is granted to the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Present Law Prohibits Farming

Some of the backers of the new law feared that the Department of Public Health could be problematic and overstep their bounds in overseeing and providing new regulations for the science industry. One such fear was expressed in September of this year. When DPH regulators announced that a new regulation was put in place that prohibits any person from knowingly creating human embryos by fertilization for the purpose of donating the embryo for research. The underlying law (in addition to the regulation) also prohibits the creation of

embryos by fertilization solely for the use in this type of research. The reality is that the law/regulation, as it was written, prevents scientists and researchers here in Massachusetts from setting up embryo farms and/or importing human embryos or stem cell lines from other states to do their research. Anti-life lawmakers voted in favor of the measure with this provision. Researchers (and some anti-life lawmakers) have expressed dissatisfaction with the legal status quo.

They worked to move special interest groups such as Women's Hospital, Partners Healthcare and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Children's Hospital Boston to write letters to sound an alarm. Fear tactics were used and they tried to convince officials that scientists will be inhibited in their research unless they are allowed to do what they want to do, which is starting their own embryo farms or importing embryos or stem cell lines from other states to do their research.

Legislation Will Allow Embryo Farming

Senator Cynthia Creem (D-Newton) has delivered once again to our opponents. She filed a bill Senate docket number 2779 titled: For legislation to clarify Chapter 27 of the Act of 2005 "An Act Enhancing Regenerative Medicine in the Commonwealth." This action is an effort to thwart the new DPH regulation that was put in place that prohibits any person from

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Distinguished Pro-Life Attorney, Philip D. Moran to be Keynote Speaker

"I am pleased and proud to announce that one of MCFL's most distinguished Founders, Attorney Philip D. Moran, will be our Keynote Speaker at the 34th Annual Interfaith Assembly For Life," said President Joe Reilly. The Assembly will be held on Sunday, January 14th, 2007 from 2 to 4PM in the Great Hall of historic Faneuil Hall.

Philip D. Moran graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in 1958, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. He later earned a Master's degree from Salem State in Education, and his Juris Doctor from Suffolk University.

He has been admitted to the Massachusetts Bar, the US District Court of Massachusetts, the US Court of Appeals, and the US Supreme Court.

He has served as Assistant District Attorney, and now operates his own law firm.

Attorney Moran is nationally recognized by Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who in the East, Who's Who in the World, and the Golden Anniversary Edition of Who's Who in America.

Recipient of MCFL's Ignatius O'Connor Award, Massachusetts Family Institute's Citizenship Award, The Gold Medal of St. Patrick from the Primate of Ireland at Maynooth College, he was inducted into the Knights of Malta, and received the Family, Faith and Freedom Award from Gary Bauer at the Kennedy Library.

A founder of MCFL before the unconstitutional decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton were handed down on January 22, 1973, he has served MCFL as Board Member, President and Board Chairman. This fall, he gave a magnificent speech to Concerned Citizens for the Rights of Unborn Children, a pro-life group in Chicopee.

In 1980, Phil and another MCFL officer wrote to the Pope protesting the pro-abortion stance of Father Robert Drinan. Four months later, a letter arrived from Rome acknowledging the receipt of their letter. Three months after that, Drinan had a decision to make. His political life was over.

Scott Harshbarger, nominally the Attorney General of Massachusetts at the time, spent two underground years, conspiring with Planned Parenthood, preparing a case that would do away with the requirement of parental consent before a minor could have an abortion. Phil Moran learned of it at the last minute, which time crunch Harshbarger had engineered.

The law was weakened to the assent of one parent. If it had not been for Phil's Herculean effort, Harshbarger would have been totally victorious. Harshbarger was furious.

Attorney Moran served for 14 years on several Lynn and Salem conservation and waterway commissions. He was a Director of the National Right to Life Committee, its Treasurer and an

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Come join us for MCFL's Interfaith Assembly – Sunday, Jan 14th !!!

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March for Life in Washington D.C. Monday, January 22nd!

Each year this awe-inspiring march lovingly attests to the humanity of the unborn child and the injustice of abortion. Please tell your friends about this important event, and let's courageously rally for the right of the unborn child "The Least of His." If you can't join us, please consider financially helping someone else.

Bus captains are listed on this page but also go to our website masscitizensforlife.org for the latest information or call the bus captains directly.

The MCFL delegation will meet to the left of the stage on the Ellipse starting at 11am. Look for the vertical blue and white "MCFL" banners to the left of the stage. This will allow our delegation to hear the entire March for Life Program. Please note that it may become difficult to enter the Ellipse area the closer it is to the start of the pre-March program. The crowd tends to gather at the corner of Constitution and 16th Streets, making it look as though there is no room on the Ellipse itself. However, this has not been the case. Our desire is to gather and walk as a statewide group, united and strong for life representing the commonwealth of Massachusetts! If you have a blue scarf please wear it.

Important info from the March For Life Committee... We take the count of Marchers at the top of the program right at Noon. Please be sure that you are at the Rally before **NOON**. Some of you will attend other functions in the morning, which is good. However, last year many of you did not get to the Rally at all. Many of you were crowded on side streets along Constitution Ave and we can not see or count you from the stage. **THE MEDIA CAN NOT SEE YOU.**

MARCH FOR LIFE BUSES

Red Eye Buses:

Springfield, Susan Lopes, (413) 583-5034 or (413) 592-6015

Berkshire County, Jack, Linda Kinsey (413) 663-7005

Blessed Sacrament Church, Greenfield, Larry, Maureen Filiault
(413) 863-4777

Overnights:

Weymouth, Donna O'Reilly (781) 337-5307

St. Margaret Church, Burlington, Janet Callahan (781) 324-3564

Dedham & Andover, Theresa Gorey, Jane Flynn (978) 475-6673,
(978) 658-6115

MCFL invites you to our
2007 Annual Fundraising Dinner

Friday, April 13, 2007

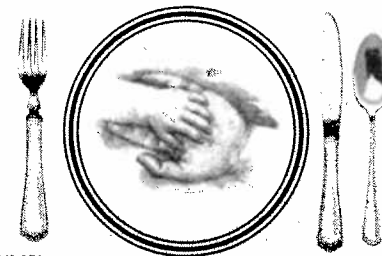
At the *Lantana*, Randolph, MA

Speaker: Eve Silver

6:00 pm Social Hour

7:00 pm Dinner, Raffle, Awards

With Special Guest: First Lady Mrs. Anne Romney



Eve Silver's amazing journey began as a young woman who had two abortions that were performed so poorly that she later had seven miscarriages. Years went by, she developed breast cancer. She was treated. Then, it came back three years later resulting in the removal of both breasts. Ms. Silver felt so moved by the plight of women suffering from breast cancer. She was a Charter Member of the Susan G. Komen Foundation's National Hispanic Latina Advisory Council until she read that the Komen Foundation also funds Planned Parenthood.

"Why is the Komen Foundation giving Planned Parenthood its *Race for the Cure* money?" wonders Silver. "That money is earned by sneakered women struggling to raise money for research and grass-roots groups!" Silver says. She spoke directly to leaders within the Komen organization who, she says, were sympathetic but turned a deaf ear to her pleas.

"It makes me wonder what other abortion related agendas SGK may be supporting, like the black-out on the 16 statistically significant epidemiological studies linking abortion to breast cancer. Is one hand washing the other? Women deserve to know the fact that there is a breast cancer link, a physiological pathway between abortion and breast cancer that leads to an empty legacy for women with a history of breast cancer in their families."

Eve Silver understands the anguish of abortion, the devastation of breast cancer and betrayal from a foundation designed to help women. Her raw emotion is inspirational, informative and most of all genuine. You can't help but be touched by her moving story. Hear more at our Annual Dinner.

Please encourage members of your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to purchase raffle tickets. Contact the MCFL State Office for more information or to order raffle tickets.

The Dinner Committee: June Newman, Cathleen Murphy, Paulette Martinville, Bea Martins, Ed Nazarro, Michael Schaffer and Peg Whitbread

Pro Life Legal Defense Fund Century Dinner

April 20, 2007
Newton Marriott

Cocktails at 6:00 pm,
Dinner at 7:00 pm

choice of Salmon or Prime Rib

Ticket Cost \$125
Speaker TBA



For more information:
Contact Colbe Mazzarella 617-569-4570

Pro-Life Events Calendar

3rd Saturday of every month

Meet at 8 am at St. Stephen's Church for the monthly prayer vigil to end abortion at Framingham Union Hospital.

Sunday, January 14

34th Annual Interfaith Assembly for life at Faneuil Hall from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm with Keynote Speaker Attorney Phil Moran.

Monday, January 22

March for Life in Washington, D.C. Let's courageously rally for the right of the unborn child!

Saturday, March 17

Boston Catholic Men's Conference Scheduled. Email: info@Bostoncatholicwomen.org, voicemail: 617-977-0916, mail: 350 Massachusetts Ave #145, Arlington MA 02474-6713

Sunday, March 18

Boston Catholic Women's Conference. Use above contacts for more information.

Good Friday, April 6

Cardinal Sean O'Malley and Father David Mullen in the 20th Annual Way of the Cross for Life. Start at 9am at Government Center T and End at noon at the Cathedral. Contact Colbe Mazzarella for more information 617-569-4570 or ccmazz@aol.com

Friday, April 13

2007 MCFL's Annual Fundraising Dinner with Keynote Speaker Eve Silver and Special Guest First Lady Mrs. Anne Romney. Cocktail hour starts at 6:00 pm at the Lantana Restaurant in Randolph.

Friday, April 20

Pro-Life Legal Defense Fund Century Dinner held at the Newton Marriott. Cocktails served at 6:00 pm, a choice of Prime Rib or Salmon. Ticket cost \$125. Contact Colbe Mazzarella for more information 617-569-4570 or ccmazz@aol.com



Have a Joyous New Year!

Please see Linda Thayer's Vocation of Love, Stem Cell Research and Pro-Life Presentation schedules online at masscitizensforlife.org!

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