From:

katie Raab <22204arlva@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:27 AM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Protest In Response to Pro-Abortion Resolution

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Good Day,

I am reaching out to voice my protest for the upcoming pro-abortion resolution to be considered in this evening's council meeting. I stand firm on the culture of life and the sanctity of the unborn. This resolution is not in consideration of those things.

Thank you

From:

Colleen Ayers <ayerscolleen@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:17 AM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]6/28 Resolution on Abortion

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I am writing in STRONG OPPOSITION to the resolution proposed for the 6/28 session of the Alexandria City Council to take actions in support of abortion.

The purpose of an abortion is to END THE LIFE OF A HUMAN BEING, without due process or any regard for the dignity of human life. Abortion is NOT a human right, but THE RIGHT TO LIFE IS, and it is codified in not only the 14th Amendment protections for life, but also the Virginia Bill of Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The misinterpretation of the US Constitution and the passing of legislation in Virginia over the past 50 years is a violation of our most fundamental human rights.

I find it insulting to be told that it is essential for me AS A WOMAN to have the right to kill my own offspring in order to "protect" my health, life, and financial ability, which is 100% NOT TRUE as attested every day in my own life and the life of many, many women that I know and love. Abortion has been shown to greatly increase the risk of mental illness for post-abortive women, to be coerced by domestic abusers as a control mechanism, and it is used to control victims of human trafficking, NONE of which help women but directly endanger them. And I have seen the damage done by proabortion health care providers in disregarding the pain and grief of mothers who have miscarried their children, and in some cases even refusing to provide neonatal care to babies born prematurely. Rejecting the human dignity of the preborn is a rejection of ALL human dignity and it infects every aspect of our social network.

The Resolution as proposed is furthermore incorrect in stating "the majority of the American people support the right of women to make these personal decisions without the intervention of their government." Numerous polls demonstrate that the majority SUPPORT at least some restrictions on abortion; according to a Gallup poll taken even after the leak regarding the Supreme Court's pending decision in Dobbs showed that 65% support placing government conditions on abortion.

Finally, I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the proposals for the City Council to take proactive steps in promoting abortion in Virginia at the state and city level. This is NOT a responsible use of our resources. If the City Council is concerned with the health and well-being of the women in our community, our resources would be better put to use in supporting social services, women's shelters, crisis pregnancy centers, and increasing access to prenatal health care. These provide EMPOWERING options for the women of our community AND our next generation of citizens.

If the City Council passes this resolution, I commit to campaigning against EVERY SINGLE MEMBER until the entire City Council has been replaced with representatives who can lead our community without violating our most fundamental human rights.

With utmost sincerity, Colleen Ayers 5067 Minda Ct Alexandria, VA 22304

From:

Barbara Juszczyk

bjuszczyk@hotmail.com>

Sent: To: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:04 AM CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Pro-abortion resolution

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As a resident of the City of Alexandria, I once again do not support the City Council and this resolution. I support the rights of an unborn child and I also do not support using my tax dollars to continually fund how the City Council uses our tax dollars. I can only hope and pray more city residents will one day see how biased the Council is and that mainly supports actions residents do not want taken/done. Maybe someday the voters will get a more balanced City Council that listens to the tax paying residents and not big business/builders, etc.

From:

Frances Leary <fleary@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:05 AM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Council Resolution

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Abortion is murder. Nothing more needs to be said.

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From:

Jason Rockett < jasonrockettcollingwood@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:24 AM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Not in my name!

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Dear Gloria,

It amazes me that the Alexandria City Council has time for such resolutions as the pro-abortion one being considered, all while the city is in such disrepair, the city's schools are among some of the worst in the country, and the city is no more prepared for a mere six-inch snowfall than it was last year when we were crippled by flurries. Resolutions are the vehicle of miserable, blowhard politicians; not representatives of the righteous. In this case, the coming pro-abortion resolution adds another adjective before "politician," and that word is Satanic!

Save your souls and scrap, this disgusting, fruitless pro-abortion resolution! It will not be in my name but on the souls of those who vote for it as they spend eternity burning in hell! Repent!

Sincerely, Jason Rockett

From:

JAL <amborocco@usa.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:13 AM

To:

Council Comment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Pro-abortion resolution

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Please be cautious in any wording that can be construed as directed at people of faith. There should be full acknowledgment of differing views on this issue.

Neither our city nor our country can ever come together by divisive language. In my view, it's best as a City government to focus solely on City issues where we can come together.

Best regards,

Jim Larocco 1132 Duke St 703-684-1984

From:

Gil de Montes Family <my3boysfamily@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:11 PM

To: Subject: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]Abortion Resolution

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Dear Gloria,

I am writing to voice my concern about the Resolution being submitted by Justin Wilson in response to the Supreme Court's decision to overturn the unconstitutional Roe vs Wade decision.

As anyone who is concerned about this decision knows, the courts ruling simply returns the legal disposition on abortion back to each state.

The resolution I'm referencing is not only unnecessary, but a political monkey wrench that will only lead to more divisive political sentiment in our beautiful city...which nobody needs.

Please just eliminate it and allow our country and city to adapt to what should always have been the case. Every state making social decisions that represent the sentiment of their constituents!

Thanks for your attention to this matter,

Andrea

Andrea A. Gil de Montes 703-981-3423

From:

Rosemarie Olszewski < rosieolszewski 139@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:22 PM CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

To: Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Regarding the Pro-Abortion Resolution Proposal tonight

You don't often get email from rosieolszewski139@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

To whom it may concern,

As a citizen of Alexandria, VA, I do not approve of this Pro-Abortion Resolution Proposal in response to the overturning of Roe v Wade. There are many problems I see in this resolution, the biggest is the implication that a woman must have the ability to kill her child in order to thrive in her own life. As a woman, I reject that opinion and believe that the best and only way we can help women in unexpected pregnancies is to support them financially, emotionally, and mentally during and after their pregnancy. Therefore, the city of Alexandria should be pushing legislation that supports expectant women and mothers instead of helping them kill their baby.

Thank you, Rosie

From:

Eric Wilson <eric.james.wilson@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:49 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]22-1353

You don't often get email from eric.james.wilson@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

The Alexandria City Council needs to stop pretending it is a model UN or student government. Quit wasting time on meaningless – and divisive – resolutions like this one. Quit antagonizing residents and organizations in our community that make Alexandria a better place to live, work, and learn.

Eric Wilson 1706 N Cliff Street Alexandria

From:

Patricia Korb <pakorb@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:57 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]As a citizen and voter of Alexandria I object to City Council considering the

pro abortion resolution.

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From:

Melissa Manaker <manakerm@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:58 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Deep concern regarding resolution promoting abortion

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Dear Alexandria City Council,

I am deeply concerned that the city I love would promote an agenda item which denies our youngest citizens their right to life. Abortion is not a "human right". Quite the opposite, it is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children, our future citizens, the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply concerned by the proposed resolution to protect and expand a procedure which destroys life. Rather than deny our children the right to life, we should be seeking ways to support at-risk women and youth to foster a culture of life and hope in our city. I am willing to help!

Respectfully yours,

Melissa Manaker

From:

Hart, Christopher <chart@lockelord.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:02 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Cc:

Cindy Hart

Subject:

Tonight's City Council Meeting; Proposed Resolution re Item 22-1353 (Re: Overturning

of Roe v. Wade)

You don't often get email from chart@lockelord.com. Learn why this is important

I write today on behalf of myself and my wife (cc'd above), both long-time Alexandria residents and citizens, to register my STRONG DISAPPROVAL of the Council taking the position it purports to take on behalf of the City and its citizens in connection with the referenced resolution. Please formally acknowledge your receipt of these comments and confirm that they will be made a part of the record of the Council's action in connection with this resolution, whenever it may be considered. We are and must always be a culture of life, not death. Let's not assume what the future holds. Let's let it unfold as it will. Perhaps this "post legal abortion" world will not lead to illegal and dangerous abortions, but to more resources and support being devoted to pregnant women to carry their babies to joyful adoptive parents. Death of an innocent life (or which there have been more than 63 million since 1973) should not be the "back up plan" for a contraceptive's failure.

Chris Hart



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From:

kathy.m.horne <kathy.m.horne@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:02 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] I support Alexandria's City Council Resolution Regarding Roe v. Wade

You don't often get email from kathy.m.horne@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

I am sure you are getting lots of comments:

I SUPPORT this resolution, a woman's right to choose, and any support the City of Alexandria can provide to ensure accessibility to reproductive health services.

Kathleen Horne 26 E. Bellefonte Ave Alexandria Va 22301

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

From:

Glenn Simolunas <gsimolunas@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:07 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

Re: City Council Resolution Regarding Dobbs v. Jackson, Roe v. Wade, etc.

You don't often get email from gsimolunas@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Concerning the Resolution Regarding Dobbs v. Jackson, Roe v. Wade, etc., this resolution denies the primary importance of the sanctity of life.

While some will explain the flaws in the original legal ruling and thus the questionable precedence derived from it and others will enumerate the multiple practical alternatives to abortion for unwanted or inconvenient pregnancies, I'd like to address its general effect on our community's norms, its values and ultimately its stability.

The normalization of abortion cheapens the value of ALL lives - no matter the age or other attributes of the person. It sets a tone that given human nature can easily devolve into atrocity as history has shown us time and time again.

So before you vote tonight, please consider the short and long term implications of this resolution.

Sincerely, Glenn Simolunas

From:

Michael Mills <mroycemills@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:10 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Proposed Resolution 22-1353

You don't often get email from mroycemills@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling."

Not only does this resolution fundamentally contradict the values of thousands of Alexandria residents, but it also interjects the City into a policy debate that is outside of its jurisdiction.

Indeed, focusing the City's time,

energy and resources on advocating and litigating abortion rights will detract from the primary challenges facing this City, including affordable housing, educational excellence and crime prevention.

In short, please stick to the job for which you were elected and stay out of this highly charged state and national issue.

Thank you for your consideration of our request,

Michael and Amy Mills 624 South Saint Asaph Street Alexandria, VA 22314

From:

MARY QUINN <maryquinn@aol.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:10 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Tonight's Resolution

You don't often get email from maryquinn@aol.com. Learn why this is important

We stand opposed to this resolution. Roe v Wade has been overturned. We do not support in any way that the city of Alexandria make abortion available. We are proud to stand for life.

The Quinns

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From:

Kathleen Brinkman <kbbrinkman@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:12 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]City Council Resolution abortion, etc @ tonight's legislative session

You don't often get email from kbbrinkman@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to express my opinion as a citizen in strong opposition to this resolution. Please may we not direct resources to this when there are so many other pressing needs. Let us all work together to take care of those in need. Let us be a caring community for all of us.

Thank you for your consideration.

K. B. Brinkman

From:

Robin Huddleston < robhuddleston@mac.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:16 PM

To: Subject: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]Opposition to Resolution

You don't often get email from robhuddleston@mac.com. Learn why this is important

- I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my family's values as an Alexandria resident.
- Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it violently ends innocent lives rather than healing or saving them.
- Abortion is not a "human right". Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children —male and female—the right to live.
- As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.
- The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children.
- Thank you for addressing my serious concerns in this matter.

Rob Huddleston

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Cecilia Franceski < cecilia.franceski@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:16 PM

To: Subject: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]Oppose abortion policies

You don't often get email from cecilia.franceski@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Good afternoon

I am writing to express my strongest opposition and to the proposed 22-1353 resolution. I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident. Alexandria is a city with a longstanding history traced back to our founding fathers. Our founding fathers enshrined the right to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The first among those is life. Any polishes that promote abortion directly contradict each Virginian's right to life. The life of an unborn baby is at stake. No parent can kill their born children, and no mother should be encouraged to kill her unborn child. Those vulnerable people not yet born require the same life-support at individuals on ventilators or dialysis. Would you support policies that promote killing the sick and informed? Certainly not, and you should similarly oppose this resolution.

Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.

Abortion is not a "human right". Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.

The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children. Groups such as Project Gabriel support mother and infants. Alexandria should be a city that supports women and children not condemns them.

Sincerely, Cecilia Franceski

From:

MARY QUINN <maryquinn@aol.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:20 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Tonight's Resolution

You don't often get email from maryquinn@aol.com. Learn why this is important

We stand opposed to this resolution. We do not want the city of Alexandria to support abortion in any way. We are proud to stand for life.

The Quinns

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From:

J & G Park <jim.geneva@cox.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:23 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Reproductive Health Care & Rights for the Unborn too

You don't often get email from Jim.geneva@cox.net. <u>Learn why this is important</u>

Dear City Council,

I think your latest resolution in response to the overturn of Roe V. Wade misses the one central question: what are we terminating? The answer to this question is we would be terminating the life of a developing *human being* that is alive and growing. Making murder safe in Alexandria is a sad goal. We need to meet the needs of all women in crisis pregnancies through compassion and offering resources (there are wonderful Pregnancy Resource Centers in our area that are waiting to help the mother bring the unborn child to term).

Please do not circumvent the political process while designating yourselves as the judicial system. This was sadly shown in the Roe decision where the Supreme Court inappropriately legislated a very poor legal decision.

The decision made by a woman as to when and how many children is not being taken away but rather highlighting the choice happens before life is conceived. Once a life is conceived, that child has rights too. I have witnessed where domestic abuse coerces women to have unwanted abortions.

Abortion is not a right nor is it protected under our Constitution.

Abortion causes untold trauma to women and men and once healed of its devastating effects, women and men are then free to see the coercion, manipulation and tragedy of this barbaric practice.

Women and men of color are disproportionately affected by abortion. Their race is being exterminated at a much higher rate than any other race. That is not helping their race but rather an insidious form of genocide.

Geneva Park, Alexandria, VA

From:

Rev. David Dufresne <fatherdufresne@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:26 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] please reject 22-1353

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I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.

Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.

The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children.

The MaRiH center on Duke St. is one such life-affirming and women empowering organization.

https://marih.org

AMDG,

Father David

Parochial Vicar of the Basilica of St. Mary 703-836-4100 ex 3016

Make an appointment: https://calendly.com/fatherdufresne/

Gloria Sitton

From: Stefanie Tierney <steftierney057@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:17 PM

To: Gloria Sitton

Subject: [EXTERNAL]City Council Second Legislative Meeting on 6/28/2022

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I am a resident of Alexandria and deeply saddened by the council's pro abortion resolution that completely disregards the potential and dignity of human life. I do Not support the lies and half truths put forward. If we support violence against the innocent unborn, how can we expect our community to act with compassion to one another. Please do not vote for this.

I am a firm believer that if we as a culture and society were to take all the time, effort, and money spent fighting about abortion and were to use it to care for the women who would otherwise seek an abortion, we would do much to alleviate the real problems in our society. We can do better than abortion!

Stefanie Tierney

Gloria Sitton

From: Sent: lindagreenberg581@gmail.com Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:47 PM

To:

Gloria Sitton

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Abortion

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Dear Mayor Wilson and Council,

I think it presumptuous and offensive for the city's government to support abortion when you know that abortion at any stage of the pregnancy is not supported by most people. The Supreme Court has just issued its findings which are that it is up to the people – the state – to decide what its abortion policy will be. Rather, the Council should be praising the Supreme Court for returning the issue to the local units, i.e., states, to conform to the clear intent of the U S Constitution, where the American people will have a chance to decide policy for themselves. The Supreme Court's decision does not deny abortions to those that want it. It simply does not make it the law of all 50 states automatically.

Linda Greenberg 5233 Bessley Place Alexandria

From:

Victoria Smith <tasmith89@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:37 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Make Alexandria a life sanctuary

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Hello,

I am writing in regards to the Alexandria City, city council meeting happening tonight June 28th that has 'prioritizing abortion' as a proposed resolution(22-1353).

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.

Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.

Abortion is not a "human right". Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.

It is not safe for the baby. If a baby SURVIVES an abortion it is considered a FAILURE. The safest place should be in their mother's womb. Abortions are also not safe for women. It is not natural for a pregnancy to end in this matter. Women are sometimes injured during abortions and can die from their injuries.

The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children. Like at the MaRiH Center on Duke Street. Or the nationally known Gabriel Project.

Thank you for your time, Victoria Smith

From:

Joanne Welsh <jwelsh.dc@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:37 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Oppose 22-1353 resolution

You don't often get email from jwelsh.dc@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Dear Council Members,

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution that fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.

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The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children.

Sincerely, Joanne Welsh Alexandria resident

From:

Sent:

To: Subject:

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nstead of jumping into a national and state debate on abortion rights advocacy and litigation of this issue, please focus on the basics of local	
Keeping our waters clean (see below). This is the type of issue on which you can make a difference and for w	vhich you were elected.
hank you,	
Michael Mills 524 South Saint Asaph Street Alexandria, VA 22314	
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June 28, 2022	

Michael Mills <mroycemills@gmail.com>

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]Proposed Resolution 22-1353

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:39 PM

From:

Verizon Team <zoenoah@verizon.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:42 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] opposition to abortion resolution

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This is to inform the city council that I am opposed to this resolution that will be considered by you this evening at your meeting.

Cathy Elliott

From:

Marianne McLaughlin <marianne.mclaughlin@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:45 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Resolution 22-1354

You don't often get email from marianne.mclaughlin@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

I am horrified to see the lack of respect for life and the failure to protect the most innocent amongst us in proposed resolution 22-1354. As a long time resident of the City of Alexandria, this resolution does not represent my beliefs or values. I urge you to have the courage to stand against infanticide and help to save countless children from being exterminated. Quite simply, regardless of semantics, advocating for abortion is advocating for the death of a unique individual human being.

Marianne McLaughlin

From:

Rosemary Holt <rholt91@gwmail.gwu.edu>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:45 PM

То:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Comment for Record Regarding Resolution Dobbs v. Jackson, Roe v. Wade,

etc

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Dear City Clerk Gloria Sitton,

I hope you are having a good day. I wanted to reach out about the <u>City Council Resolution Regarding Dobbs v. Jackson</u>, <u>Roe v. Wade</u>, <u>etc.</u> that is set to be discussed at tonight's Alexandria City Council's Legislative Session. I'd like to submit a comment for the record. See below.

I am a resident of Alexandria and believe strongly that abortion harms women, solves nothing, and ultimately prevents women and their families from receiving the resources and care they actually need and desire. On top of that, abortion is the direct killing of an innocent human being.

When Roe v. Wade was decided, we were told that access to legal abortion would ensure women's equality and help fix the issues that drive women to abortion. Here we are almost 50 years later and the super majority of women who obtain abortions do so not because they don't wish to be mothers but because they lack the proper resources to do so. And, in this unique moment in history what are abortion activists doing? They are attempting to give women more of what they don't want vs demanding real practical resources that would serve not just women facing a crisis pregnancy but all pregnant women.

I would like to see my city focus its time and monetary resources on the below services vs abortion. Additionally, the below services are areas in which it's likely the super majority of Alexandria residents agree.

- 1. 6 to 12 weeks of paid maternity and paternity leave for all businesses and organizations that operate within the city limits of Alexandria.
- 2. A child tax credit of \$500-\$1,000 per child.
- 3. The development of a program that provides safe and reliable childcare for single mothers that work nights and weekends.

Also, it is of note that the proposed resolution states "WHEREAS, limiting access to safe abortion has been shown to increase incidents of

domestic abuse, and laws criminalizing abortion can have profoundly negative impacts on women who suffer miscarriages; and" This is rhetoric and is not backed by any evidence or data. On the contrary, it is a fact that there is not one single anti-abortion law on the books in Virginia or any state in the U.S. that would hinder women from treating an ectopic pregnancy or receiving the necessary procedures to remove a miscarried unborn baby. Even despite poor labeling (i.e. miscarriages being labeled as spontaneous abortions by the medical industry for coding purposes), every real doctor understands the difference between miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy treatment, and abortion. Again, zero anti-abortion laws in effect impact these treatments. It is important that any adopted resolution regarding abortion access be based on fact and not untrue rhetoric.

Finally, Alexandra DeSanctis recently said, "Women deserve better than abortion. We deserve better than the lie that our children are the enemy of our success and happiness. Lethal violence against our own children is never the solution." Let us take her words to heart and strive to serve pregnant women, their children, and all families in Alexandria.

From:

Thu Vu <ithuvu@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:46 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

RE: City Council Resolution Regarding Dobbs v. Jackson, Roe v. Wade, etc.

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Dear Clerk Gloria Sitton:

I am writing to express my concern and protest the above resolution in its entirety. The decision in 1973 was a grave mistake and is now finally being made right. What Constitution or Religion would allow the murder of innocent lives and disguise it under the misleading terms "reproductive health" and "women's rights". We are the many voices of the voiceless babies. Covid-19 killed 800,000+ during the height of the epidemic, but abortion kills 800,000+ babies each year! As a mother, I find abortion unacceptable and inhumane in a civilized society. Life begins at conception. Life is not a "mistake" but the choice to end life is.

I am a firm believer that if we as a culture and society were to take all the time, effort, and money spent fighting about abortion and were to use it to care for the women who would otherwise seek an abortion, we would do much to alleviate the real problems in our society. We can do better than abortion!

Please know of my prayers as always, be a witness to the beauty and goodness of all human life, in all its stages!

Sincerely,

Ms. Thu Vu, Parishioner St. Rita's Parish Alexandria

From:

kimbarry@protonmail.com

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:48 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Proposed Resolution 22-1353

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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident. Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them. Abortion is not a "human right". Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives. The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children, such as The Mariah Center www.marih.org and others like them.

Please withdraw this proposal.

Sincerely, Kim Barry

From:

Veronica McGraw < veronicalmcgraw@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:56 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Resolution 22-1353

You don't often get email from veronicalmcgraw@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Hello,

I am writing in regards to the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.

As a young woman, I am tired of seeing abortion pushed as the solution for women experiencing unplanned or unwanted pregnancies. If we put even a fraction of time and money that is spent defending the right to abortion into helping pregnant women and providing them time, money, and resources, our world would be a much kinder and equitable place. We allow the patriarchy to continue to define our society when we say that abortion is the solution to economic and social problems. We don't fix the problems that affect women or disproportionately affect people of color, we just tell them to get an abortion.

Please, instead of trying to enshrine the right to abortion in Alexandria legislation - take time to actually find solutions to the problems that make unexpected pregnancy a scary thing. Help women be empowered to choose life for their children and give them the tools they need to do it. There are a variety of places in the Alexandria area that provide all sorts of assistance to pregnant women, their children, and families in general. I am happy to pass a list along if you need a place to get started. Thank you!

Best wishes, Veronica McGraw

From:

Mark Trauernicht <grieve.not@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:00 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Pro-abortion resolution

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- I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.
- Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them. In essence, a license to kill.
- Abortion is not a "human right". Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.
- The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children. For example, organizations like The Gabriel Project. There are many others.

--Mark Trauernicht

From:

Karen Mah-Chamberlain <mahcham@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:07 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Comment for the Record

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Dear Gloria Sitton,

Please include the following comment on the record for the City Council Resolution regarding Dobbs versus Jackson (22-1353) to be decided at this evening's meeting.

It is appalling that the City proposes to devote energy and resources to promote abortion rather than resolving to address the inequalities and violence that beget crisis pregnancies. How can we defend a practice that helps mask rape, domestic violence, and bigotry?

I am strongly opposed to this resolution.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, Karen Mah-Chamberlain

From:

Elizabeth Spoth <spothelizabeth@comcast.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:14 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Proposed 22-1353 Resolution

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Dear City Clerk, Gloria Sitton,

As a resident of the City of Alexandria, I am <u>deeply offended</u> by the proposed resolution 22-1353 regarding "City Policies related to the Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe V. Wade Ruling". Abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.

The City of Alexandria should be focused on <u>helping women</u> with their babies by supporting the crisis pregnancy centers that support mothers in every way.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth S. Spoth

From:

Caroline Nogier <caroline.nogier@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:18 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Comment for City Council Legislative Session on June 28, 2022

You don't often get email from caroline.nogier@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Dear Ms. Sutton,

I am writing to submit a comment for record at tonight's City of Alexandria City Council Legislative Session.

As a woman, as a mother, as a licensed nurse, as a former fertility awareness instructor to young women in the Bronx, NY, as a Co-Worker to the Sisters of Life (religious order of women who dedicate their lives to walk alongside, feed, cloth, and house vulnerable women, their families, and babies) I vehemently oppose the resolution regarding Dobbs v. Jackson, Roe v. Wade, etc. that is being submitted tonight.

Abortion is not a human right, and it is illogical to think it is. How can a person have any human rights if they are not first allowed to live? Not allowed to first BE human? Therefore the fundamental right for every person of which all others depend upon is the right to life. You can not have human rights or women's reproductive rights or marriage rights, etc. if you are not first given the right to life.

Rather than seeking abortion, we should focus our city's energy and resources on supporting women when they struggle, so that they can give life to their child. If you have ever spoken with a woman who is in a crisis pregnancy she usually has many reasons to not have the child which include not having support, financial resources, or time. But when offered these things she would hands down choose to give life to her child. Thus let's focus on giving women support and the resources they need.

A woman I highly respect Tweeted recently (emphasis mine):
"The child conceived in rape
The child conceived in poverty
The child with a disability
The child with a single mother
The child with drug-addicted parents

Has equal value to the child conceived in privilege, health and wealth.

Every child has a right to live. Let them live."

With prayers and hope, Caroline Nogier

From:

Maura Leary <maura.k.leary@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:25 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]City Council Resolution

You don't often get email from maura.k.leary@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Good afternoon,

I am an Alexandria resident and I am writing to express my strong support for the resolution in response to Dobbs v Jackson, Roe v Wade, etc.

The removal of reproductive health choice in large swaths of the country makes it so important to protect it where we can. Please approve this resolution.

Maura Leary 3005 Farm Rd Alexandria, VA 22302

From: An

Anne-Marie Dardis Minnis <amdardis@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:28 PM

То:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]For tonight's City Council meeting 22-1353 resolution

You don't often get email from amdardis@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Dear Members of the Alexandria City Council,

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.

Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service;" quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.

Abortion is not a "human right;" quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children the right to live.

As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives. I am further offended by this move to pass a resolution without giving adequate time and notice to hear from all of your constituents in a reasonable and professional manner.

I ask the City Council to instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers **AND** their children.

Sincerely, Anne-Marie Minnis

From:

Elizabeth Patrick <stevenspianostudio@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:35 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

City Council Resolution Re: Dobbs V. Jackson

You don't often get email from stevenspianostudio@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Every person deserves the right to live from conception onwards.

Vote down this dangerous resolution.

From:

Terry Riley <tjcr1@live.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:07 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Stop Alexandia City Mayor Justin Wilson's and his City Council's abortion proclamation in support of Black/Brown Genocide. Stop the killing of innocents!

You don't often get email from tjcr1@live.com. Learn why this is important

Please end Alexandria City's history of supporting black/brown genocide. (See BlackGenocide.com)

Parishioner, Basilica of St. Mary's Alexandria City

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From:

idrivera7@aol.com

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:07 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Please take the correct action

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 unborn children the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed
 resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.

As resident of Alexandria, I want you all to pay attention to the above messages that I have typed.

Jenny D. Grover 120 Ingle Place Alexandria, VA 22304

From:

hippsnang@aol.com

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:43 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]

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 and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.
- The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children.

If you use the last point, please consider including, if possible, your own examples of organizations that support both mothers and their children in the local community.

From:

Jim and Mary Carroll < jimandmarycarroll@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:44 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Don't pass the resolution please

[You don't often get email from jimandmarycarroll@hotmail.com. Learn why this is important at https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification]

I beg of you- please don't find yourself doing the wrong thing.

I'm 60- lived in my beloved Alexandria all of my life along with parents, grandparents, great grandparents.

Your resolution goes against God.

I beg of you, please don't pass it.

You will be personally in great peril if you move forward. I fear for your souls at the hour of your death.

Mary Downham Carroll

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

sandra levy <sslevy@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:42 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Resolution on the Dobbs case

You don't often get email from sslevy@yahoo.com. Learn why this is important

I am writing to object to the proposed Council resolution written in reaction to the recent Supreme Court decision in the Dobbs case that overruled Roe v. Wade. I see that among other objectionable points, it claims that women of color and other marginalized groups have been more harmed by not having better access to abortions. In fact it is abortion itself, promoted by eugenicists for generations particularly against women of color, which has especially and unalterably harmed them, as well as others. If Council has anything to say about this matter, it should be to promote life, and not death.

Sandra Levy 106 W Walnut St Alexandria

From:

Kristina Thomas <kristina.sault.thomas@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:46 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Please ban the murder of the innocent!

You don't often get email from kristina.sault.thomas@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Please place into written law, as it is in the law of all of our hearts, that the murder of human being at any stage of development (moments after conception, 6 weeks, 20 weeks, birth, 12 years, 40 years, 80 years, moments before natural death, is wrong and cries to God for justice.

From:

Noah Rogness <noah.rogness@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:50 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Regarding Resolution for Dobbs v. Jackson

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Dear Council Members,

It brings me sadness that in a time when we need unity and families need your support - you are taking up a resolution this evening that aims to minimize families, add additional emotional trauma, and foster a culture of death.

Instead, it would help if you looked at how the city can support new families. We should be looking at ways we can encourage young parents that they would not only want to move to Alexandria but stay in our city for decades to come.

I call on you to drop your resolution regarding Dobbs v. Jackson and instead direct the City Manager to budget for ways to recruit families to live within our cities and to support new families welcoming children into their homes.

Noah Rogness

From:

Noah Rogness < noah.rogness@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:50 PM CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Regarding Resolution for Dobbs v. Jackson

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Noah Rogness

From:

Amy Brink <amyangelabrink@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:51 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Oppose - Right to Abortion resolution

You don't often get email from amyangelabrink@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

- I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.
- Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.
- Abortion is not a "human right". Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.

Amy Brink

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Mary Petrino <mary.petrino@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:51 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Opposition to Resolution 22-1353

You don't often get email from mary.petrino@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Yesterday, I submitted comments using the 311 portal. As an Alexandria City resident and taxpayer whose child was educated in Alexandria City Public Schools, I strongly OPPOSE use of my tax dollars to fund abortion and abortion providers.

- I strongly urge you to **REJECT the proposed 22-1353 resolution** regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which **fundamentally contradicts my values** as an Alexandria resident and taxpayer of nearly 50 years.
- Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.
- Abortion is not a "human right". Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn
 children the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for
 protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.
- The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and *re-direct the focus toward recognizing and* supporting both mothers and their children.

Mary A. D. Petrino, DM, ASID, CID, LEED AP NCIDQ Certified Interior Designer 324 South Fayette Street Alexandria, VA 22314-5903 cel + 1 703 785 5588 res + 1 703 299 4180

From:

Patrick McGervey <patrick.mcgervey@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:52 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Proposed 22-1353 Resolution

You don't often get email from patrick.mcgervey@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling." However, I urge you to retain the portion regarding budgetary proposals to ensure "accessible maternal and child health services," and I urge you to do as much as is possible to support mothers and children in our city!

The direct killing of innocent life can never be a solution to any problem. There is an obscene amount of wealth in our city. It is disgusting that amidst this wealth there are mothers and children in need and mothers considering abortion as their only option. In any case where a mother chooses abortion out of desperation because resources are not available to her or are not adequately advertised, every single one of us in this city is responsible. The city should do everything possible to prevent those situations from happening.

Respectfully, Patrick McGervey Evans Ln, Lynhaven

From:

Stephen Akers <stephen.akers@icloud.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:58 PM CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

To: Subject:

[EXTERNAL]22-1353 Comment

You don't often get email from stephen.akers@icloud.com. Learn why this is important

Dear Alexandria City Council,

I write to comment and strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling." This resolution contradicts our values as Alexandria residents.

Science has evolved since the Roe decision in 1973. At the time, it was unclear when a 'person' came to be. Today, we now know that the genetic code for a unique, whole, living human person is present from the moment from conception. This represents the true crux of the abortion debate in America. At this moment, with factors held normal, the fertilized egg/embryo/clump of cells/whatever-term-is-preferred-today will grow into a human child, teenager, adult - nothing else. When to confer rights is simply the debate. As someone who seeks to follow the science, and not play God, I believe life is life, and humans rights must apply to all humans, including at the earliest stage of development. This is not a religious decision; it is a scientific truth recognized by various religions yet ignored by too many who claim to 'follow the science.'

Abortion ends lives rather than healing or saving them, and is therefore not an essential reproductive service. It is not a "human right." Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on humanity and life itself and denies unborn children the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply opposed to the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys our residents' lives.

The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children. Many resources can be found at https://sbaprolife.org/pregnancy-help.

Thank you, Stephen Akers

From:

Lauren Firich < lauren.firich@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:02 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Comments on Abortion Resolution

You don't often get email from lauren.firich@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Hello, I am a citizen of the City of Alexandria residing at 4850 Eisenhower Avenue. I strongly disagree with the sentiments contained within the proposed resolution that support for a woman's right to choose abortion: https://alexandria.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=11016837&GUID=157B6F3A-5AE5-45FE-A9FC-61E6EE5B9072

We must help and support all peoples, including women and babies (even those in the womb). Everyone deserves an equal chance to survive and live in our world. We must provide resources (not abortion) for families with unplanned pregnancies or who are just in need of help with a pregnancy. I am including a picture of me and my new niece born a couple weeks ago. I am thankful for her life. Every child deserves a chance to live. Thank you!

Lauren Firich

From:

Bill Porter < wbporter.jd@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:09 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Resolution 22-1353

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I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident, my view of the case as an attorney and graduate of Georgetown Law School, and the views of many Alexandria residents. The Council should focus its attention on real issues that arise in Alexandria and not hypothetical ones.

William Porter Alexandria, VA 22304

From:

neilgsox <neilgsox@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:09 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Abortion

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I find it outside the scope of the council to begin overseeing the abortion business in Alexandria.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Gloria Sitton

From: Michael Marinaccio <michael@magnitudedc.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:22 PM

To: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov; Gloria Sitton

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Public Comment concerning ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS 22-1353

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme

Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

Attachments: PublicLetter.pdf

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Ms. Gloria Sitton, City Clerk,

Thank you for your time. I am a citizen of Alexandria. Please submit my comments to be read for the public record.

In regard to the City Council Second Legislative Meeting, scheduled Tue Jun 28, 2022 5:30 PM - 10:30 PM, to which the topic of approval is a resolution currently unnumbered (22-1353 resolution.pdf), regarding Dobbs v. Jackson, Roe v. Wade, etc. — I must share my intense disagreement.

Abortion is an affront to our humanity and integrity. It specifically supports an oppressive, patriarchal system that targets and hurts women, disproportionately low-income, minorities, and survivors of abuse. I could spend much time describing my beliefs as a Christian and parent, but my stance of life at conception is not widely shared. Instead, I want to focus on the common good of the city and its citizens.

Today, women AND men are led to believe their bodies are tools for play, social/professional advancement, and liberation. This promiscuity and distraction costs our nation billions of dollars a year in divorces, disease, adoptions, destroyed homes, child abuse, and more. This destruction becomes compounded when you add abortion.

As surely as the sun rises and sets each day, sexual intercourse between a man and a woman can lead to a child. You can attempt to distill the process in a lab, but there is still only one way to create human beings. Those small embryos, then fetuses, whether you believe they are a person or not, are the only path to life. Each person writing, reading, hearing this resolution has had the privilege of being born. Whether by loving parents, hateful parents, abuse, rape, or any other path. All of us have the ability to say and do the things we do because we were born. All I ask is that we afford the unborn that same opportunity.

Abortion — what a clever trick of men! I can think of no better way for men to manipulate, oppress, and break disadvantaged women than embracing abortion as a public policy. You are robbing women of their children, robbing them of their happiness, and scarring their mental health for life. You are convincing them that there is a life better worth living than being vulnerable in the company of others. That nobody wants them or could ever take them in. Disconnect sex from procreation and you are teaching women that they should be alone forever and that they are primarily a tool for sex. A tool that is easily rejected in old age. To say nothing of the life that could have been, a new human person, had we (all of us) been brave enough to weather the storm with and help their mother.

Dear Mayor and city councilmen and women. We are one of the wealthiest cities in the United States. Sign an assistance package for mothers in need, open a pregnancy center, create a scholarship for new mothers, mandate better child care support laws or maternity leave. If all you, Mayor Wilson, can do to help Alexandria women is sign a piece of paper that enshrines abuse against them, then we have really lost our way. Please cease this insensitive and inhumane resolution and pass something of substance for your constituents.

In regard to the City Council Second Legislative Meeting, scheduled Tue Jun 28, 2022 5:30 PM - 10:30 PM, to which the topic of approval is a resolution currently unnumbered (22-1353_resolution.pdf), regarding Dobbs v. Jackson, Roe v. Wade, etc

Michael & Elizabeth Marinaccio

Thank you for your time. I am a citizen of Alexandria. Please submit my comments to be read for the public record.

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Abortion is an affront to our humanity and integrity. It specifically supports an oppressive, patriarchal system that targets and hurts women, disproportionately low-income, minorities, and survivors of abuse. I could spend much time describing my beliefs as a Christian and parent, but my stance of life at conception is not widely shared. Instead, I want to focus on the common good of the city and its citizens.

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From:

Jeremy Greiner < jpgreiner42@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:11 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Alexandria and abortion

You don't often get email from jpgreiner42@gmail.com. <u>Learn why this is important</u>

I love the City of Alexandria, but the proposed resolution to make abortion a critical healthcare right is misguided. Abortion is not healthcare as it ends the life of an innocent, defenseless person. Healthcare is supposed to heal or make people well, not kill them.

I encourage the City to partner with people who work to support families and/or pregnant women. I was scared the first time my wife told me she was pregnant and we had all the resources needed to support a family, so I can imagine how scared someone can be when there is a lack of support. But that does not make killing the innocent child a good solution. In fact I have personally talked to one woman who shared her difficulties, mainly depression, after having an abortion. Her situation is very common. I think it would be a good idea to figure out ways that guarantee fathers have to provide for their children.

I also encourage the City to promote families. No one should like the idea of getting an abortion and the best way to prevent abortions is with strong families. There are many other benefits to the City having strong families, such as less reliance on the City's social support net. I wish I had more time. This is not a simple topic. There are a lot of interactions and facets to abortion, but one thing is for certain, it ends the life of an innocent person, and that cannot never be called healthcare.

Thank you, Jeremy Greiner

From: Father Noah Morey <nemorey@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:53 PM
To: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Please reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution

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Good afternoon,

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.

Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.

Please uplift our society by supporting organizations that promote the dignity of human life, which includes all mothers and their babies, for we are "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Sincerely,

Father Noah Morey

From:

Cecily Crandall <cacran@comcast.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:13 PM

To: Subject: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov PUBLIC COMMENTS RE: Resolution 22-1353

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06-28.22

SENT VIA EMAIL—Please include the permanent record.

Dear Mayor Wilson and City Council Members,

As a longtime resident of the City of Alexandria, I strongly urge the Mayor and City Council to OPPOSE the adoption of resolution 22-1353 reacting to the Roe vs. Wade USSC decision. I fundamentally oppose any and all proposed City policies related to abortion services.

I completely oppose the use of public resources to retain or attract potential abortion providers to the City of Alexandria. Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite. Abortion does not improve, heal or save lives. Abortion 100% ends life and abortion providers do so in the most violent manner against the unborn—the most innocent of lives.

As you may know, many abortion providers are part of the organ harvesting industry in which the body parts of babies are sold to various entities to be used in a variety of ways. In some cases, the aborted babies are kept alive in order to remove organs to be sold, then denied healthcare and allowed to painfully perish. These are barbaric practices that do not protect or advance human rights—they deny them. As a taxpayer, I am horrified at the thought of my hard earned dollars paying for such practices and that would these would be encouraged by our City Council to occur in our town. The City should instead, collaborate with those providers who save lives and re-direct it's focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children.

Viewpoints have changed in the City of Alexandria and most don't support on-demand abortion, though those opinions probably don't reach the ears of City Council with our current system. European countries have much stricter laws that the U.S. as do many countries. The U.S. has some of the most unrestricted abortion laws in the world on par with North Korea and China.

I ask that the Mayor/Council members vote against Resolution 22-1353 and be a voice for the innocent babies.

Sincerely,

From:

Gretchen Whitehead < gwhitehead@bssva.org>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:17 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Proposed resolution tonight

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I strongly urge you to reject "right to abortion" abortion is NOT healthcare, it murders an absolutely innocent baby.

Thank you, Gretchen Whitehead

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Linda App < linda.app@comcast.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:18 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Voter's Strong Opposition to Proposed Resolution on City Policies

Supporting Abortion

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I am an Alexandria voter, and I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident, as well as the values of the majority of Americans who desire some limitations on abortions.

Abortion is not healthcare; someone always dies.

City Council should stop magnifying the small minority of voices who want unrestricted access to abortion at any time for any reason, and falsely calling it a constitutional right. It is not, as the Supreme Court has ruled.

City Council needs to focus on its job of delivering on basic city services, and that does not include abortion.

Linda App City of Alexandria Voter

From:

Jennifer Munson < j.i.c.munson@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:28 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Rejection of Ordinance 22-1353

You don't often get email from j.i.c.munson@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

City Clerk Sitton,

I am writing today in order to record my rejection of the proposed <u>Ordinance 22-1353</u>. The included resolutions are an affront to the human dignity of all and I strongly oppose the proposal in its entirety. I request the City of Alexandria reject this proposal. The City of Alexandria should seek to promote the health of all persons, including those in utero, instead of using tax payer money to fund organizations that terminate the life in utero.

The City of Alexandria should pass legislation in the FY 24 budget to include funding for support of maternal health - both in utero and postpartum health - for the mother and child. This funding should support crisis pregnancy centers in particular which support the physical, mental, and emotional health of the mother, child (in utero and postpartum), and father.

Sincerely,
Concerned City of Alexandria Resident
J. Munson

From:

Katherine Beck <katherinebeck17@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:28 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No to abortion

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- Hello
- I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident. Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them. This is an absurd proposition and it is not welcome where we live.

Katherine Johnson

From:	scrichey@comcast.net
Sent:	Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:29 PM
To:	CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov
Subject:	[EXTERNAL]Re tonight's meeting

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LIFE COUNTS. AMEN. Murray and Sheff Richey ______

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Thomas Cox <tcox44@gmail.com> Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:35 PM

Sent: To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]On the Record for Resolution 22-1353

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Hi,

I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting, but wanted to let my voice be heard. I am sad to see the Resolution on the table tonight which takes no account of the Supreme Court's reasoning for their decision. Furthermore, I see the assumption continues to be made that the overwhelming majority of America supports unrestricted access to abortion, which they do not. I want the voices of those who wish to protect the lives of the unborn and support the pregnancies (wanted or unwanted) or mothers all over our nation.

If our children are our future, but our culture protects the right to murder them in the womb, what are we saying about our most vulnerable members? My wife and I are annoyed by the language that pretends to speak for all women. So many women lead the pro-life movement and have had an important impact on the foundation of Roe being overturned and the battle now moving to the state and local level where many more Americans will be heard.

Thank you for lodging the complaints of all those residents of Alexandria and the Northern Virginia Area who are tired of being ignored as if we don't matter when we make up 50% or more of the ignored side of the issue.

Thanks,

-Tom Cox

From: arthurschultz@verizon.net

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:33 PM

To: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Proposed Roe v. Wade resolution

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Gentlemen:

- I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.
- Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.
- Abortion is not a "human right". Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.

The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children.

Regards, Arthur V. Schultz Jr Alexandria, VA 22309

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From:

Maria Campo <mcampoborrell@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:31 PM

To: Subject: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]Reject Proposed 22-1353

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- I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident and is not a right protected by the Constitution of the United States.
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- The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children.

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Marcella Hadeed <marcellahadeed@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:39 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Proposed 22-1353 Resolution -- following Roe v Wade decision

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Dear City Clerk-

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v Wade Ruling". This resolution fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.

Furthermore, the City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children.

Sincerely,

Marcella Hadeed

From:

Edward Caughlan <ejc7b@virginia.edu>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:42 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Dobbs v Jackson Resolution

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I sincerely hope you will not adopt the resolution condemning the recent Dobbs Supreme Court decision. It does not speak for all citizens of Alexandria, many of whom acknowledge abortion as the murder of a human life. We can seek common ground in supporting women in crisis pregnancies but this resolution would be divisive and harmful.

Sincerely,

Edward Caughlan

From:

Kevin Kane <niles317@msn.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:43 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Opposed to Abortion resolution

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Hello,

I am writing in opposition of your proposed abortion resolution that you are planning for this evening's City Council Meeting. I stand with the Culture of Life and am opposed to the resolution you are proposing.

Thank you,

Kevin Kane

Alexandria resident and voter

"It is love alone that gives worth to all things." -St. Teresa of Avila

From:

j g0rd0 <jg0rd0@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:43 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Reject: Proposed 22-1353 Resolution

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Dear City Clerk & Council Members,

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.

Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.

Abortion is not a "human right" - abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.

The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children - organizations such as The MaRiH Center.

Sincerely, Jason.

From:

Anne Tulloch <anne.e.tulloch@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:46 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]REVOKE Dobbs v Jackson City Concil Resolution!!!

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Ms. Sutton,

As a City of Alexandria resident (Belle View) with a stake in the resolutions and decisions passed by city council, I FIRMLY and STAUNCHLY DISCOURAGE the passing of the proposed Resolution regarding the Dobbs v Jackson SCOTUS decision under consideration tonight.

Human Life begins at its conception in the womb, and every human life not only deserves, but innately receives by virtue of its earliest existence the RIGHTs to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness protected by the US Constitution. Therefore, Abortion in any form, which itself terminates a human life at any stage, for any reason, is by definition murder.

Therefore, I STRONGLY REQUEST the Alexandria City Council NOT PASS this proposed Resolution. I would be EXCEEDINGLY UPSET and vote for Council members' replacement at the next available opportunity should they decide otherwise.

Many thanks for your forwarding my request to the Council for awareness, considering, and hopefully denial of this Dobbs v Jackson Resolution.

Sincerely, Anne Tulloch Belle View, Alexandria

From:

Mike Carroll < mvcarroll@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:47 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]City Council Resolution Regarding Dobbs v. Jackson, etc.

You don't often get email from mvcarroll@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Regarding the upcoming City Council session, the included resolutions on the subject topic are extremely proabortion and are an affront to human dignity. I protest; please reconsider. It would be more appropriate to use the available funding and resources to support women and families facing unexpected pregnancies. Women deserve better than abortion.

Respectfully, Mike Carroll Alexandria, VA

From:

Suzan Cummins <suzantc@comcast.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:47 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]TONIGHT's Proposed Resolution 22-1353 - STRONGLY OPPOSE prioritizing

'right to abortion'

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Council Members of the City of Alexandria -

I have been a resident of the City of Alexandria since 1989 and *strongly oppose* Resolution 22-1353 as it fundamentally contradicts my values as a resident and a human being who believes in human rights and justice. Throughout my years as a resident I have personally been engaged in protecting and supporting women and families who experience a crisis pregnancy by working with non-profit organizations that provide funding, material goods; by personally donating funds, by providing mothers transportation to doctor's appointments as well as directing them to the many resources easily and quickly available through the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. In addition to the numerous services that faith organizations provide, there are many non-profit organizations, such as the Marih Center on Duke Street, which provide all kinds of help to families; Project Gabriel is another phenomenal ministry that gives direct help to families – rather than killing their children. The City should collaborate with these and the many other resources that focus on recognizing and supporting mothers and their children.

To suggest abortion is an 'essential reproductive health service' completely ignores the right of a defenseless, voiceless human being to live. It is certainly NOT essential. There are many other ways to address a crisis pregnancy, as noted above. No one suggests this is easy, as life is not easy and is full of challenges. But abortion ENDS a life, it does not heal or save. Allocating funding and our tax dollars to SUPPORT women and families is the compassionate, caring solution. Abortion is not.

Sincerely,

Suzan Cummins

3008 Holly St.

Alexandria, VA 22305

From:

Susan Doyle <SDoyle@bscva.org>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:47 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Please reject 22-1352

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Dear City Council members,

PLEASE put your energies into supporting organizations which support mothers and children--like our wonderful Mother of Light Center. Resolutions, laws, policies all matter--they communicate what we value most. Let's support life, in the most loving way possible.

Susan Doyle 3618 Valley Drive Alexandria 22302

The woman's soul is fashioned as a shelter in which other souls may unfold. Edith Stein

Susan Doyle
Director of Religious Education
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Gloria Sitton

From:

Katherine Hoffman <kljhoff@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:43 AM

To:

Gloria Sitton

Cc:

Katherine Hoffman

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]City Council Second Legislative Meeting on 6/28/2022

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Please pass on to City Council members that I urge them to pass The resolution to retain access for abortion procedures in Alexandria.

I tried to use the web site alex311 but couldn't connect.

Katherine Hoffman 635 First St. Alexandria, VA 22314

Sent from Mail for Windows

From:

Olivia Price < livieprice 44@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:02 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Comments Regarding Alexandria City Council Meeting Tonight

You don't often get email from livieprice44@yahoo.com. <u>Learn why this is important</u>

Good afternoon,

I am emailing to express my concerns regarding the resolution that will be discussed tonight titled "City Council Resolution Regarding Dobbs vs Jackson, Roe v. Wade, etc."

As seen in the recent Supreme Court ruling, there is no legal right, nor should there have ever been a legal right to abortion. For the past 50 years, the lives of 60 million preborn children have been lost at the hands of abortion. In addition, men and most especially women have been greatly harmed and damaged by the access to abortion, all while making large corporations, such as Planned Parenthood, rich.

Abortion is not a "safe" procedure for a woman or a developing baby as it leads to the ending of a precious baby's life as well as greatly harms the life and emotional well-being of the mother. Currently in VA, abortion is legal in the first and second trimesters of pregnancy. When fertilization occurs, a baby's entire genetic makeup is determined, including sex, hair and eye color. In the first trimester of pregnancy, the baby develops to have a brain, spinal cord and organs. Even the baby's heartbeat can be detected within this first trimester. During the second trimester of pregnancy, a baby has fingers, toes, eyebrows, hair and can yawn, stretch, and suck their thumb. As indicated by the scientific facts, a baby's life begins at fertilization and continues to develop throughout pregnancy. With all these facts in mind, some may say this still does not qualify as a human life. To those who argue that, I would ask then when does a human life begin? When does a baby get access to the rights that born Americans have? Some may also say that even though it is a child, it is not always wanted by a mother for various reasons. In that case I would also ask, since when does one person get to end the life of another on the basis of convenience or wanted-ness?

A child in the womb needs their mother just as a child outside of the womb does as well. Therefore, a baby should be protected in the womb as would a child outside of the womb. Mothers of preborn children should also be protected and cared for by true life saving healthcare, not abortion facilities that falsely promise "safe" reproductive options all while profiting off of abortion procedures and harmed women. Women should not continue to be told the lie that abortion is "safe" or empowering or a necessity because motherhood is not a burden but a blessing. Pregnancy and even motherhood may certainly be a challenge and not always planned for some, but no financial gain, is worth more than a child's life. Regardless of circumstances, women should be empowered to choose motherhood in cases of an unplanned pregnancy and a child's life should be protected.

The resolutions being discussed in tonight's City Council meeting are abhorrent. To continue to claim the that abortion is a "reproductive choice" and a "right" is a perpetuated argument that is harmful to women and babies. To ask for funding to "ensure accessibility of...safe abortion services" and to "protect the availability of abortion services in Alexandria" is not going to help women and their children. Innocent babies should have the right to life and the opportunity to live. Mothers should be given more care and encouragement when pregnant. Funding should be allocated to organizations that care for both the mother and child, such as Mother of Light Center in Alexandria, which provides clothing, diapers, food and care to men, women and children in need. Adoption and foster care services should also receive more funding as they provide care and compassion for children in most need. For long enough has funding been going towards abortion facilities that do not care for mothers, their unborn children or families. I protest the pro-abortion resolution being discussed in tonight's meeting and encourage the City of Alexandria to truly value the life of women, children and their families by providing real support to life saving organizations.

Thank you, Olivia Price

From:

Josh Cosby <jcosby@live.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:06 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Opposing the Dobbs v. Jackson Resolution

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Hello,

I am writing as a concerned resident to strongly OPPOSE the discussed resolution opposing the Dobbs case. We must protect the lives of the unborn residents of Alexandria as well.

Thanks, Joshua Cosby

From:	Sarah McBride <sgmcbride@gmail.com></sgmcbride@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:07 PM
To:	CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov
Subject:	[EXTERNAL]Tonight's meeting

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Dear Ms Sitton,

I write today to express my disappointment at the planned City Council response to Dobbs this evening. Like much of the country, the Supreme Court decision in Dobbs is completely misunderstood—for one thing, the Roe v Wade decision was an instance of the highest court in our land overstepping to make law, instead of interpreting it, as it is charged to do by the Constitution. For another, as the Roe decision rests on privacy and not equal protection, the holding was on extremely shaky constitutional grounds as written. But aside from these points—

I'm tired of politicians making abortion, pro-life, pro-choice, anti-woman, partisan arguments to suit their own selfish, lazy interests. As a country, we are failing our families, our women, our children—and by oversimplifying the abortion "debate" politicians are hoping the voters are too incensed and blind to see their failures. Provide women with real choices instead of the intrinsically immoral, terrible, desperate "choice" of ending a pregnancy because they have no health care, job security, or equal protection in a political world run by men. Women deserve better; our country can do better. And the City of Alexandria can certainly do better.

I implore the City Council to enact real, effective legislation to use our tax dollars and provide safety nets at the local level—give women actual choices and support instead of grandstanding with fake support for "womens' rights." If you care about women, provide them with more than abortions.

Thanks, Sarah McBride

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Sean Cooksey <seanjcooksey@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:09 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Opposition to Resolution on Roe v. Wade

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To the mayor and the city council,

As a resident of Alexandria, I strongly oppose the proposed resolution on the Dobbs decision and Roe v. Wade. This divisive and extreme resolution does not reflect the views or values of Alexandria residents, and it will only further exacerbate the political animosity and polarization that our city and country face. I ask that you please table or withdraw the resolution, and not adopt it.

Sincerely, Sean Cooksey

From: Jean Albright < jeanalbrightlcsw@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:12 PM
To: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Tonite's Pro abortion resolution

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I totally oppose this resolution. There is not one word in it about the sacredness of life and the living being inside the woman. Where are their rights? It is cold, cruel, and callous to not even mention the unborn child and to deny them any rights. This issue merits deep discussion with both sides to reach agreement and compromise, if that's possible. This resolution addresses only one side of this issue and railroading it through would be a real disservice to the sacredness of life. I don't think you would be so quick to pass it if you had to perform or watch the abortion; or live with women who have regretted it. We are talking about human life. I would ask that everyone watch a video about the development of the fetus in the womb. By 15-16 weeks, it resembles a little person. If you have a faith, you know God has already given it a soul. At 8+ weeks the unborn baby feels real pain in an abortion. Every abortion stops a beating heart and brain waves of the baby. This is an issue of life and death and not to be decided lightly. Please have an open mind and educate yourself fully about this issue. Thank you.

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From:

T.M. Sherman <tmshe@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:13 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Strong opposition

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I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.

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 and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.
- The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children.

Thank you for listening to your constituents on this important issue.

Theresa Sherman

From:	Teresa Donovan Cotter <teresadonovancotter@gmail.com></teresadonovancotter@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:17 PM
To:	CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov
Subject:	[EXTERNAL]Roe v Wade Resolution

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Dear City Council,

I am a 30 plus year resident of Alexandria and a property owner. I thank you for all your hard work to make our City a great place to live.

I write to ask you NOT to pass the proposed resolution that would give primacy to abortion in our City. We are talking about our most vulnerable persons, a child in the womb.

Please let us support other ways to help women in crisis pregnancies.

I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Thank you.

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From:

Sandra Ellis <sandraellis07@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:17 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

Comment in re: Resolution Regarding Dobbs v. Jackson

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Dear Ms. Sitton:

I am writing to express my concern and complete opposition to the Resolution Regarding Dobbs v. Jackson that is on the docket for tonight's City Council Session. It is highly inappropriate of the City Council to act with this ill-thought out, knee-jerk response, when the ramifications of the decision are still being worked out in more appropriate venues. Moreover, this resolution simply escalates the already bitter differences at issue in the Dobbs case and it will do nothing to actually resolve the matter. The City Council is not doing the residents of Alexandria any favors in voting on this resolution, because in the end it is not an issue that will in any way be resolved by the Council. Rather, the City Council will be exasperating an already divisive situation. I sincerely hope the City Council will choose to remove this item from its agenda.

Thank you, Sandra Ellis Alexandria Resident

From:

Abby Johnston <ajohnsto17@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:22 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No to 22-1353 Resolution

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Dear Ms. Sitton,

I am writing in protest of the 22-1353 Resolution. While many abortion centers claim to provide help for women who want to continue with their pregnancy, this is often a lie. Just a little while ago, I met a woman who told a Planned Parenthood center that she wanted to keep her baby, and they refused her assistance, saying they would only give her an abortion.

Please help mothers like her, who are abandoned by this broken system. Places such as the MaRiH Center, which help women coordinate complicated social services, and give clothes, formula, diapers, etc., are much more deserving of city support.

If this resolution is passed, I will no longer shop in Old Town.

Sincerely,

Abigail Johnston

From:

Mindee Danette <mindeepadilla@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:36 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Against the Pro Abortion Resolution

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Our family is against this proposed resolution and do not want it passed. We find such an idea dissapointing.

Thank you, Mindee Arritt 1219 Duke Street

- Mindee

From:

Eric Strobach <estrobach@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:47 PM

To:

Subject:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]Reconsider the "Resolutions"

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Hello,

I understand there to be a proposed resolution to be discussed tonight at the Alexandria City Council's Legislative Session, regarding the recent overturning of Roe vs. Wade. Seeing that the resolutions are pro-abortion in nature, I beg you to reconsider. America's elimination of millions of defenseless humans over the past several decades has been a gigantic stain on our national heritage, and I must protest these stated "resolutions." I understand the concern for the rights of the mothers, but what of the rights of the infants inside? They have less rights than the mother does.

From:

Elizabeth Tehrani < lizlevy@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:48 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

Proposed resolution re: Dobbs v. Jackson

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Dear Ms. Sitton,

I am writing to object to the proposed resolution regarding Dobbs v. Jackson. First, City Council has no standing to determine that "there is no decision more important for a woman than whether and when to have children." That it considers itself qualified to make such a claim is offensive. Second, if anything, marginalized women have been targets of those who promote abortion. If Council cares about our minority community, why is it so eager to advocate for the destruction of its future? Third, abortion is regulated by the Commonwealth, not by the city. It is unconscionable to spend tax dollars on lawyers who will "seek participation in on-going or future litigation," particularly as we apparently do not have the tax dollars to support our police and fire departments adequately, maintain our sewers, or keep our students and schools safe. What are the limits of the city's spending on this? Fourth, on what grounds should abortion providers be allowed "unfettered administrative approval" when every other business would be required to go through the normal process? Fifth, I object strenuously to any budget proposal that would spend public money on abortion services. I look forward to seeing a budget proposal for a crisis pregnancy center.

Respectfully, Elizabeth Levy Tehrani

From:

Mary McClusky <maryjaminet@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:52 PM

To:

Subject:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]Tonight's abortion resolution

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Dear Ms. Sitton,

As a 13-year resident of Alexandria (Del Ray), I strongly oppose the resolution for tonight's city council meeting to promote abortion. Further, I strongly object to the use of taxpayer dollars and city resources to encourage such violence that damages women. The resolution states that abortion is an essential reproductive service - what disease does it cure? Let's offer women real choices instead of telling them that pregnancy is a disease and a child is an obstacle to their flourishing and achievements. A meta-analysis of studies have shown that abortion increases a woman's risk of mental health problems by 81%. Instead of promoting abortion, let us instead promote and encourage resources to alleviate poverty, inequality, and the lack of support that women face when they have a challenging pregnancy. Now that is a resolution that I would get behind and support. Women deserve better than abortion, and promoting it as a one and down "solution" is a lie. Alexandria can give real choice to its women and help them to let their children live. Let us rise to the challenge instead of telling women that pregnancy means something horrible happened! The Marih Center on 3230 Duke St. is one such organization that deserves support, as well as community and social services that serve those in need. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Mary E. McClusky Alexandria, Virginia

From: Mary Moreschi Dixon <marymoreschidixon@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:52 PM
To: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL]22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme

Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling"

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Abortion is not a "human right". Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.

Mary Dixon 3218 Wellington Rd Alexandria VA 22302

From:

Bill Conley <n3guco@verizon.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:58 PM

To: Subject: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL] Vote NO on abortion

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From:

Michelle Jacobeen < m.jacobeen@queenofapostles.org >

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:02 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Please OPPOSE the pro-abortion resolution!

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Dear Ms. Sitton,

Please oppose the pro-abortion resolution! The right to life ALWAYS takes precedence over a woman's right to choose! Killing another human being is not moral, legal, or good for the woman in the end. In cases of medical necessity it is different to unintentionally allow a baby to die to save the mother. It is unfortunate but it is not an intentional loss of human life. Intentionally killing babies so that we can satisfy our own selfish desires is a completely different matter. As an adoptive mom, I beg you to consider helping families adopt babies and putting more help in place for mothers in need of assistance to parent their children. If women had the help they need need or the information about how to easily make an adoption plan and connect with a loving family, abortion would be much less sought after in the first place. Open adoption is a beautiful modern arrangement that more people should know about. It should not be something rare or taboo. There are so many families in your area trying desperately to adopt. Please help us to help women and babies with services instead of killing - love instead of death.

God bless you, Michelle Jacobeen

From:	Anne Deiss <annedeiss32@gmail.com></annedeiss32@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:03 PM
To:	CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov
Subject:	[EXTERNAL]Support Abortion Rights

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Hello,

I received word that abortion rights are on the table for tonight's meeting. I strongly urge you to pass legislation supporting this right, especially in cases of rape, incest, or where the life of the mother is at risk. Please help set an example for Virginians that being pro-life means respecting ALL life and not just unborn fetuses.

Thank you, Anne

From:

Jeremy Christiansen < jeremylaw.14@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:04 PM

To:

Subject:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]Pro-abortion resolution

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My name is Jeremy Christiansen. I'm a resident of Alexandria, in the Chirilagua/Arlandria area. I oppose the City's efforts to adopt a resolution in favor of abortion. We should be focused on providing both private and public services in Alexandria to help women chose life and support their children, not kill them.

From:

Jameson Cunningham < jamesondcunningham@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:07 PM

To: Subject: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]Regarding City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of

the Roe v. Wade Ruling

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Dear City Clerk, Council Members, and interested parties,

I write firmly in opposition to the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling." The city has no and should take no interest in this matter, and I am opposed to its position on practical and moral grounds.

Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service." Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.

Abortion is not a "human right." Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children the right to live. As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.

The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and redirect its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children. Organizations such as the MaRiH Center do just that, and should be supported locally.

Sincerely,

Jameson Cunningham E. Glebe Rd.

From:

Subject:

Matt Braun <matthewpbraun@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:04 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]This evening's resolution

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You don't often get email from matthewpbraun@hotmail.com. <u>Learn why this is important</u> Greetings,

I object to the resolution regarding the Dobbs decision that the City Council is considering this evening.

While the general content about the personal feelings about Roe and abortion that the city council members have privately are fine to express publicly, even if they are absurd and ignorant, the dedication of city resources to advocate or influence a political process that will be dealt with legally at the state level is inappropriate. The government of the city of Alexandria is not a tool for partisan advocacy.

Your job as city council is to manage city business. This is not city business. The city has no purview in providing or restricting abortion, and any attempt to support or curtail abortion activity in Alexandria should be something the voters decide- with the understanding that the actual law will be determined at the state level.

I do not approve of city resources being used to attempt to support or advocate for abortion.

Our schools are failing. Our infrastructure needs attention. Our police and fire departments are under-staffed. Stick to issues that the Council can and should attend to.

Sincerely,

Matthew Braun Alexandria resident

From:

Beth S. <stanley.e.x02@protonmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:06 PM CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

To: Subject:

[EXTERNAL] support for 22-1353 (Roe v Wade Ruling)

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To the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and City Council:

I strongly support the proposed resolution 22-1353, Resolution Regarding City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling. I cannot phrase my support any better than the reasons provided in the resolution itself, so I will let those speak for me today. I hope we can count on each of you to start by voting for this resolution, and continuing to look for creative and substantive ways to protect the rights and lives of all Alexandrians who are now or who can become pregnant.

Thank you, Elisabeth Stanley 630 S Saint Asaph St Alexandria VA 22314

From:

Christopher Feehery <c.j.feehery@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:19 PM

To:

Council Comment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Tonight's Resolution

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Good evening,

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.

Abortion is not a human right and I'm deeply offended that my community leaders are attempting to propose a resolution that destroys lives.

Christopher J. Feehery

From:

Anna Dunham <anna.l.dunham@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:25 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]City Council Resolution regarding Dobbs v. Jackson

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To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing to express my strong objection to the proposed city council resolution regarding the Dobbs v. Jackson decision. Alexandria is a strong, vibrant community, and the leadership of such a city should be using its energy and means to protect the most vulnerable of its citizens. Now is the time for us to pour resources into support for women: housing, prenatal and postpartum care, counseling, job training, and financial care. This resolution is an easy way out. We have the ability to empower women, and care for those that science tells us are already human beings—entitled to life—if only you'll lead. Alexandrians will follow.

Sincerely,

Anna Dunham

AMDG

From:

Matthew Penza <penza.matthew@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:26 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

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Comment re: Resolution 22-1353

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City Council of Alexandria:

I write in vehement opposition to the propose Resolution 22-1353, "Regarding City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling", which aims to reaffirm the so-called right to abortion.

Procured abortion is nothing short of murder of the most vulnerable and defenseless minority in our society, the unborn, who are unable to advocate their own interests and instead must rely on the benevolence of the rest of society to protect them. Far from a human right, it is the greatest of all atrocities. The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States on Friday in Dobbs v. Jackson rightly affirms that the U.S. Constitution guarantees no such right. The City of Alexandria must withdraw its support for this human rights violation at every level, in Alexandria, in Virginia, and in all places in the United States.

Matthew Penza

From:

Lily Mullen <lcmullen99@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:30 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov; Gloria Sitton

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Concern and Protest of Alexandria City Council Resolution Dobbs v. Jackson

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Some people who received this message don't often get email from lcmullen99@gmail.com. <u>Learn why this is important</u> Dear Gloria & to those whom it may concern,

I wish to express my disappointment and concern after reading the city of Alexandria's proposed resolution to protect abortion in VA.

Abortion is not healthcare and is an insult to the human dignity of all. We do not have a right to kill a child if they are not yet born. I hope you will respect my concern and that you seek to protect the lives of both women and children even when they are so vulnerable.

Sincerely, Lily Mullen

From:

Carmen Federle <snowrab@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:40 PM CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

To: Subject:

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I urge you to make Virginia and anti abortion state. There is never a good reason to kill a child. We were all children once. What a tragedy if we had never been allowed to live. Each child is a gift from God. We have no right to kill him or her.

God bless,

Maria Federle Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: Nick Jozsa <magjozsa@gmail.com> Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:43 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

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City Council of Alexandria:

I write in opposition to the propose City Resolution 22-1353, "Regarding City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling", which aims to reaffirm the right for mothers to murder their own children.

Abortion is an abomination and a threat to our very freedoms and the freedoms of our unborn children, it is absolutly unbelieveable that you all would do something. I beg of you not to be so heartless as to promote these people's legal right to homocide

Do the right thing. Please shelf this awful resolution and affirm that you stand on the side of all mankind, not the side of selfish individuals.

Respectfully, Nicholas Jozsa

Nicholas Jozsa magjozsa@gmail.com 703.895.6090

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From:

Bruce Borzino <bborzino1@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:41 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Oppose Council Resolution to Prioritize the Right to Abortion

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We strongly oppose the Council's proposed proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling."

- Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.
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 children the right to live. I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a
 procedure which destroys lives.
- The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children by providing the community and local services that will support mothers and their children in Alexandria.

Thank you.

From:

lorettafromphilly@verizon.net

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:07 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]RE Proposed abortion resolution - tonight

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Abortion is NOT an "essential reproductive health service." In fact, it's just the opposite. Abortion is NOT healthcare because it ends lives; it does not heal or save them.

INSTEAD, the City of Alexandria MUST collaborate with all those who SAVE LIVES (such as Tepeyac OB/GYN and pregnancy help centers which provide medical/prenatal care, housing/financial assistance, and other support services) and REDIRECT its focus toward recognizing and supporting both mothers and their children.

Loretta D'Amico

From:

Andrew Buonopane <andrew.buonopane@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:28 PM

To:

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CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]June 28 Legislative Meeting

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Dear Ms. Sitton,

The proposed City Council Resolution Regarding *Dobbs v. Jackson* is completely at odds with the standard of equal justice for all, to which the Commonwealth of Virginia is ostensibly committed. For that reason, I add this email to the protest of the resolution, and request that it be included on the record for the June 28, 2022 city council legislative meeting at 7pm EDT.

Regarding the third point, the legal precedent of *Plessy v. Ferguson* was in place longer (58 years) than was *Roe v. Wade* (49 years). The duration of a precedent is not always related to the justice of its content.

Regarding the fourth and fifth points, if society forces women to resort to abortion in order to protect their health, their lives, and their financial stability, then it is already an unjust society. The availability of abortion does not suddenly make it just, it only enables the ongoing injustices.

Regarding the seventh point, this claim is contradicted by data from multiple neutral or pro-abortion publications (citations 1 and 2 below). Outlawing abortion does in fact measurably decrease the number of abortions, whether legal or illegal. Abortion advocates often reference abortion rates in countries with strict/loose laws, but comparing different countries synchronically is not the same as comparing the same state/country diachronically.

Regarding the eighth point, as in the fourth and fifth, the answer is to prevent and more strictly punish domestic violence, not to pass the buck on to the fetus.

Regarding the ninth point, it implies that the country is better off with fewer people of color.

Regarding the fourteenth point, the City of Alexandria has a vested interest in protecting and promoting the health and rights of its residents, including those who are deliberately killed in the womb by those who are not in danger of being deliberately killed.

That the fetus is a living human being is witnessed by non-controversial, secular sources in biology and specifically embryology (citations 3, 4, and 5 below). Whether or not that living human being ought to be legally recognized as a person shouldn't be controversial, given that every other attempt in history to exclude a class of living human beings from the category of "person" by others, who do not belong to that class, has resulted in catastrophic human rights abuses.

But in case this does need to be argued, abortion proponents may object that defining personhood is a religious question that abortion opponents should not impose on others. In that case, it is incumbent on the abortion proponents to articulate a legally recognizable definition of "person" which does apply to pregnant women and all other agreed-upon persons, but not to children in utero.

From: Joseph Connor < jconnor 228@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:31 PM
To: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL] To be read for tonight's council meeting

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City Council of Alexandria:

Thank you for reading this email. I write in a heartfelt manner in opposition to the proposed Resolution 22-1353, "Regarding City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling", which aims to reaffirm the right to abortion.

I assume that we all believe infanticide is a moral evil because it unjustly takes the lives of innocent people. Abortion is infanticide. The differences between an infant and a fetus are fourfold: size, level of development, environment, and degree of dependency on its mother. These four differences do not give any justification for taking the life of a fetus. Therefore, abortion, like infanticide, is a moral evil.

The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States on Friday in Dobbs v. Jackson was therefore correct. The City of Alexandria must withdraw its support for abortion. Thank you for reading this email.

Sincerely, Joseph Connor

From:

Christopher Durel

bprprd@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:43 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Cc:

Rev. Christopher Christensen

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Resolution regarding Dobbs v. Jackson

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Mr. Mayor and Ms. Sitton,

Rights and responsibilities go together. Although I agree a woman has a right to decide whether and when to have children, the moment they conceive a child, a unique human being with rights of his or her own, the mother and the child's father share a responsibility to nurture that child. It is incumbent upon us adults and especially those in government to foster an environment that helps parents bear their responsibility. The draft resolution before the Alexandria City Council this evening would abdicate our role as guardians of the most vulnerable members of our human race, our children, our collective future. Please, please do not pass a resolution that helps parents end the lives of their children. Alternatively, I ask that a resolution be passed to help parents take care of their pre-born and new-born children; human life is too precious to do otherwise.

Respectfully, Chris Durel member St. Rita Church 3815 Russell Rd

From:

Alison O'Connell <a.oconnell.87@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:55 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

12-1353- re: Roe v Wade- in favor of city proposal

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Hello,

I want to thank the council members and Mayor Wilson for putting forth Resolution 12-1353. It is essential we protect abortion rights for all Alexandrians and anyone who visits our city. Thank you for sending this message, and I encourage you to continue to apply funding to this cause.

All the best,

Alison O'Connell (she/her) 571-275-6608 a.oconnell.87@gmail.com

From:

Angela Wilson <angelawilson810@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7:06 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

City Counsel Resolution re: Roe v. Wade

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I object to resolution drafted by local City Counsel. Matter should be decided at election time by all Virginia voters after an in-depth discussion of issue and not by City Counsel on the spur of the moment

Sent from my iPhone

From:

M.Z. Hemingway <mzhemingway@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7:09 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov; Mollie Hemingway

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Your radical pro-abortion proposal attacks society's most vulnerable

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I was disappointed to learn of your plan to use your time, our taxpayer-funds, and our taxpayer-funded resources to push a radical pro-abortion agenda. It's not just that I wish you understood your job as city council members better and did a better job of managing the needs and concerns of our city, it's also just the sickness of promoting violence in the womb to end human lives after they've begun. I'm profoundly disappointed in your attack on human rights of the unborn, and disappointed that you aren't doing things to help families care for each other. Abortion stops a beating heart. Have a heart and work to help mothers and their families, not violently end the lives of their youngest offspring.

Sincerely, Mollie Hemingway Alexandria resident

From:

Jonathan Abbamonte <abbamontej@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7:23 PM

To: Subject: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]Written Comment: Resolution 22-1353

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Gloria Sitton, City Clerk,

To be made part of the public record:

As a resident of Alexandria, I oppose Resolution 22-1353, "Resolution Regarding City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling." Abortion is an egregious violation of the universal and fundamental right to life guaranteed by the 14th Amedment of the U.S. Constitution and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. If you intend to stand by women in states where abortion is now illegal, do so by respecting the democratically adopted laws of these states as it is the will of the people that life be protected in the womb. There is nothing compassionate or laudable in creating policies that support abortion. Abortion is not healthcare, abortion is murder. No one's problems can be solved by ending the life of another. Abortion ends a heartbeat and breaks another. So many women these days are left to suffer the emotional and psychological damage caused by abortion for years.

I call on the City Council to refrain from taking sides on this issue. Most Americans, and indeed most Alexandrians, are opposed to abortion in the second and third trimesters. I, along with many other Americans and residents of this city, strongly support the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*. It would be a disservice to the residents of this city to pass Resolution 22-1353. It is an offensive affront to mothers and their babies, it is an affront to people of faith, it is an affront to residents all over Virginia and the United States who support the *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision.

I call on the City Council to throw out the entire resolution 22-1353. Paragraph 5 is especially offensive and repugnant as it would force Alexandrians to fund abortion services using their tax dollars. I and many Alexandrians believe abortion to be murder. We do not take kindly to any attempts to force us to fund the killing of innocent children using our hard earned money.

I call on the City Council to reject Resolution 22-1353 and any other resolution or ordinance that supports abortion.

Jonathan Abbamonte Alexandria Resident

From:

Colleen Sheehan <csheehan99@comcast.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7:56 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Opposition to Resolution 22-1353

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I strongly reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.

Abortion is not an "essential reproductive health service". Quite the opposite, abortion is not healthcare because it ends lives rather than healing or saving them.

Abortion is not a "human right". Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children the right to live.

As an Alexandria resident, I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.

The City should instead collaborate with all those who save lives and re-direct its focus toward recognizing and supporting mothers, fathers, and their children.

I firmly believe in the dignity and sanctity of ALL HUMAN LIFE. I want to recognize and protect ALL HUMAN BEINGS. Let us truly care for ALL:

those we love and those we don't love.

those we like and don't like,

those we know and don't know,

those we want and don't want,

those we are expecting and those we are not expecting,

the convenient and the inconvenient,

the strong and the vulnerable,

the independent and the dependent.

the able and the disabled,...

If "hate has no home here", and "all are welcome", as I read on so many popular signs, let's make it really true. Let's find other ways to address the unwanted pregnancy, AKA, the unwanted human in the womb.

Colleen Sheehan 7 west mount ida ave Alexandria va 703-887-8776 Sent from my iPhone

From:

Karen Rajnes < krajnes123@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7:51 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Opposition to Resolution 22-1353

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Dear City Council of Alexandria:

l write in vehement opposition to the proposed Resolution 22-1353, "Regarding City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling", which aims to reaffirm the so-called "right" to abortion.

Procured abortion is nothing short of murder of the most vulnerable and defenseless minority in our society— the unborn, who are unable to advocate their own interests and instead must rely on the benevolence of the rest of society to protect them. Far from a human right, it is the greatest of all atrocities.

The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States on Friday in Dobbs v. Jackson rightly affirms that the U.S. Constitution guarantees no such right. The City of Alexandria must withdraw its support for this human rights violation at every level, in Alexandria, in Virginia, and in all places in the United States.

Sincerely, Karen Rajnes

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From:

Megan Gerardi <megan.mccrum@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 9:47 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]opposition to the resolution

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I am writing to note my opposition to the resolution being considered tonight supporting abortion. The women and children of Alexandria deserve better than abortion! Abortion is not a solution to our social problems - it is a reflection that we have not met the needs of women. Lets do more to help women instead of prescribing abortion.

Sincerely,

Megan McCrum Gerardi 6426 Olmi Landrith Dr., Alexandria VA 703-994-8720

From: Sent: Daryl Basse <darylbasse@gmail.com>

To:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:09 PM CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Opposition to the resolution

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I strongly urge you to reject the proposed 22-1353 resolution regarding "City Policies Related to the Recent Supreme Court Overturning of the Roe v. Wade Ruling," a resolution which fundamentally contradicts my values as an Alexandria resident.

Abortion is not a "human right". Quite the opposite, abortion is a direct attack on life itself and denies unborn children the right to live I am deeply offended by the proposed resolution for protecting and expanding a procedure which destroys lives.

From:

JAL <amborocco@usa.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:18 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Beware of your council resolution on abortion

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Council Members:

I regret that the resolution passed did not a) recognize that there are different opinions in our city, and b) called for protection of those on both sides.

As you know, the greatest threat of violence in the aftermath of this decision is to Catholic churches, some of which have already been hit in various cities. Alexandria has four Catholic churches. What are you doing to protect them? If nothing, and they are hit, this will be the legacy of your decision.

The Council MUST always preach non-violence. We do not want to see our city become like some others where law and order has crumbled.

Jim Larocco 1132 Duke

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From: Sent: To: Subject:	Chris Lowe <cwlowe732@gmail.com> Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:22 PM CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov [EXTERNAL]Comment for Record, regarding proposed resolution in response to Dobbs vs. Jackson</cwlowe732@gmail.com>
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Dear City Clerk, Gloria Side I am writing to register mauthority to promote the We have a grave moral cis mute, small, dependent I encourage the city to reside the c	ny strong abhorrence to the proposed resolution that would use the city's resources and e continued dismemberment and murder of babies in the womb. Sobligation to safeguard human life. I hope you recognize that this is true even when human life int, powerless, and poor; even when it "gets in the way" of our plans or presents burdens. Deject any and all efforts that promote abortion and infanticide. In so doing you will take the who previously worked to overturn the slave system, end eugenics, protect our human dignity.

From:

Lulu Marie Q. Heyrana < lqheyrana@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:23 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]I am strongly Against abortion

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From:

Tom Ahern Jr. < ktaadn7@earthlink.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:37 AM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No on the use of public resources to support abortion

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Regarding tonight's meeting in which the Alexandria City Council will consider a proposed resolution to prioritize the "right to abortion" in the city's policies and use of resources, I very very very strongly oppose the use of taxpayer dollars to support a practice that has killed 65,000,000 human beings over the past fifty years.

Tom Ahern Jr.

From:

John Sforza <jonsfo1965@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:58 PM CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]ALEXANDRIA 311

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To whom it may concern:

I would very much like to voice my disapproval of ALEXANDRIA 311. When SCOTUS recently overturned Roe v. Wade, I saw it as a victory for those who both cherish & respect life.

It's Summertime. People are busily purchasing indoor & especially outdoor plants, carefully driving them to their homes so they don't fall over, planting them with attention & care, giving them needed sustenance via plant food & water to ensure their collective growth, eventually pruning them while the sunlight ensures they remain alive, yet many of us are devoted to killing infants that derive their own nourishment in the womb, dismembering these living things, crushing the skulls of this innocent life, & getting on with the rest of our day's work. There must be an end to such brutality. We don't yank our just-planted rosebushes out of the ground by their roots before they are given a chance to grow & develop, yet some of us think we have a right to torture & kill the unborn, up to the day of birth in some states. It's a terrible, barbaric & unholy act to abort an innocent, developing child. There are a variety of other more respectful, meaningful & beneficial alternatives.

Please reconsider your pro-abortion resolution. Thank you.

John Sforza

From:

Ronnie Bond <rbond992001@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:36 PM

To:

CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject:

[EXTERNAL]Abortion Resolution

You don't often get email from rbond992001@yahoo.com. Learn why this is important

To whom it may concern:

I am a firm believer that if we as a culture and society were to take all the time, effort, and money spent fighting about abortion and were to use it to care for the women who would otherwise seek an abortion, we would do much to alleviate the real problems in our society. We can do better than abortion!

Ronnie Bond

From: marianne mazzatenta <marianne.mazzatenta@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 12:24 PM
To: CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Pro-abortion Resolution Protest

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City Clerk of Alexandria, Gloria Sitton,

The Supreme Court has acknowledged in its abortion decisions that abortion is a unique act, which unlike other acts or medical procedures, involves the ending of a life. It is the presence of a second life that has brought about in the past – and brings about again now – laws prohibiting the taking of that life.

Since 1973, Roe v. Wade has mainstreamed such a narrow-minded view of women, pitting a mother against a child in an unnatural and painful struggle that leaves one "adversary" dead and the other to suffer the consequences of that struggle for the rest of her life. It shouldn't have to be like this. Women deserve better than abortion. Women deserve honesty, and the empowerment to choose life.

Research on the harm abortion does to women, men and families, has strengthened the interests of the states in preventing such harm. Countless post-abortive women have experiences that fundamentally conflict with the carefree image the abortion industry depicts. For post-abortive women, the anguish of losing a child, and knowing that they chose to end the life of their child, is suffocating. Abortions do not bring success or empower a woman, in fact, they take away the most beautiful empowering gift a woman has, that of being a mother.

Needless to say, science has always proved that life begins at conception. Moreover, thanks to advances in ultrasound technology, in-utero surgery and treatments for babies done well before they are born, and overall increased understanding that the unborn are separate, living human beings, Americans are more pro-life than ever. A majority of Americans oppose extreme pro-abortion policies such as those advocated by national leaders of the Democratic party. According to a Marist Poll from January 2022, 71% of Americans support more protections for unborn children than are currently in place in law.

Americans largely support the pro-life measures that have been in the headlines over the last year with 50% of Americans supporting protections for unborn babies at 6 weeks when their heartbeat can be detected, and 54% favoring drawing a line at abortions after 15 weeks, a point by which research shows babies can feel the excruciating pain of abortion.

Thankfully, the vital work of thousands of pregnancy care centers and maternity homes around the country has helped women to recognize that there are alternatives to abortion and that there are support systems in place to help them choose life. If many women that had an abortion had known about these organizations and the powerful work that they do to help women in need of pregnancy assistance — even if that meant the ultimate sacrifice of giving their child up for adoption — they would not have chosen abortion. The proliferation of pregnancy centers, including medical clinics, and the Safe Haven laws in all 50 states give mothers who cannot raise their children far more options than they had at the time of Roe.

As more states prohibit abortion, more mothers will seek other options. The pro-life movement will be there to help them, as we have been all along, with thousands of pregnancy centers providing professional and confidential medical services and counseling, assistance to find multiple social services and legal assistance, parenting classes, material needs, and much more. Pro-life laws will also increase funding for these alternatives to abortion, as various states have already started to do.

Abortion is not empowering to women, it does nothing more than make it possible for the sexual exploitation of women. Practical resources that help women who are facing a crisis pregnancy is what women need.

Thank you, Marianne Mazzatenta