

Dear Pastor:

“Reproductive freedom” is the rallying cry of those dissatisfied with the Supreme Court’s ruling to overturn Roe v. Wade. I am prompted to call your attention to the current attempts to take “reproductive freedom” well beyond the topic of abortion. It’s happening specifically in three states – California, Michigan and Vermont – that have “Reproductive Freedom Constitutional Amendments” on their November 8, 2022 ballots.

The proposed Amendments would require:

California: “The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual’s reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions.”

Michigan: “Every individual has a fundamental right to reproductive freedom.”

Vermont: “That an individual’s right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one’s own life course.”

If passed, **these measures will enshrine abortion up to the moment of birth as a constitutional right in these states and leave room for some of the most egregious human acts:**

- Unlimited late-term abortion for any reason, at any time.
- Allowing a child to be left to die on the table after a botched abortion.
- Women left vulnerable by removing penalties for coercion.
- Requiring tax-payer funding for abortion.

If not bad enough, these proposed amendments go beyond abortion in the promotion of “reproductive freedom.” They are indeed opening the door to policies of serious concern that would forever change the culture of our nation.

- Because these Constitutional Amendments reference individuals, the “rights” bestowed are not limited to adult individuals. The “reproductive freedom” language would turn current sexual felonies involving minors into matters of personal choice. What is now illegal as statutory rape would be perfectly legal.
- Parental consent requirements for birth control, abortion, hormone blockers, and “gender reassignment” surgeries causing permanent sterilization would be prohibited because minors would have the legal capacity to “consent.”
- Schools, clubs, fraternal or social welfare agencies, and other organizations, which follow the teachings of Moses or Jesus, would be violating their state’s public policy if they refuse to support this radical sexual “freedom.” In the future, state legislators would be bound by their state’s “Reproductive Freedom Constitutional Amendments,” preventing them from passing legislation violating their state’s Constitution.

**Pastor, every church across the nation needs to understand what’s at stake this November.**

Here are two things the authors of these measures are not telling you.

First, they don’t want to protect babies or stand for parental rights, and they don’t want laws that would require them to do so. These amendments would prohibit state legislators from enacting laws to stop their progressive and ungodly agenda.

Second, they have devised a plan similar to their attack on the sanctity of marriage, to chip away at our right to protect the unborn. What is happening in these three states is sure to come to other states if they are successful. The attacks from the progressive agenda will rip America of its safe places for the unborn and our youth.

**Your congregation takes to heart what you share from your pulpit, so I implore you today to inform your congregation of the dangers of these proposed measures and to encourage them to vote.** We need Christians from every state in the nation to stand united for the protection of all human life – at every stage of development. Together we can expose the lies of the enemy and stop the shedding of innocent blood.

Psalm 139:13 teaches that God is the One who “knits our bodies together in our mother’s womb.” Christ also said, “Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me.”

Below are some helpful talking points to reference as you address your congregation:

- These amendments don’t stop at just abortion. Hidden in their broad language is the open door for a minor to have an abortion, get birth control, consent to relations with an adult, and even decide to surgically remove their breasts without a parent’s knowledge or consent.
- These amendments fail to protect minors and the rights of parents to be involved in the well-being and medical care of their children.
- Unborn babies are human beings possessing inherent and inalienable rights that are entitled to the full protection of the law.
- These proposed amendments would have no gestational limits on abortion and no regulations on abortion clinics.
- These state constitutional amendments would not require counseling, ultrasounds, or waiting periods prior to abortions.
- Children under the age of 18 would easily be able to obtain an abortion without parental consent.
- Religious institutions which resist “Reproductive Freedom for Individuals” will face non-compliance lawsuits, revocation of agency and professional licenses, withdrawal of tax-exempt status, loss of state contracts, draconian regulations, and mandated employee qualifications – all designed to force Christians to comply with the immoral requirements of the “Reproductive Freedom Amendments.”

**Now more than ever before, we need Christians to make sure they are registered and voting in this election. We must put an end to these dangerous amendments and sound the alarm across the nation: the abortion industry is not just after our unborn, they are after the hearts and minds of our youth.**

In Christ,



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## BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

### California Proposition 1

*Proposition 1 would amend the California Constitution to prohibit the state from denying or interfering with an individual's "reproductive freedom," which would include abortion and make it more challenging for lawmakers to implement any further restrictions or bans on abortion.*

A **"yes" vote** would support amending the state constitution to provide a broad individual right to reproductive autonomy (including abortion).

A **"no" vote** would oppose amending the state constitution to provide a broad individual right to reproductive autonomy (including abortion).

### Michigan Proposition 3

*Proposition 3 would amend the Michigan Constitution to establish a broad individual right to "reproductive freedom," which would include abortion as well as other reproductive decisions.*

A **"yes" vote** would support providing a state constitutional amendment

A **"no" vote** would oppose providing a state constitutional amendment

### Vermont Article 22

*Article 22 would amend the Vermont Constitution to establish a broad individual right to "personal reproductive autonomy" which is interpreted to include abortion.*

A **"yes" vote** would support amending the Vermont Constitution to protect the right to personal reproductive autonomy and prohibiting government infringement unless justified by a compelling state interest.

A **"no" vote** would oppose amending the Vermont Constitution to protect the right to personal reproductive autonomy and prohibiting government infringement unless justified by a compelling state interest.