ANSWERS
TO THE ABORTION INDUSTRY

These days, the attack on the Defense of Life Act (**DOLA**) is led by the high priests of medicine, clothed in white robes - stethoscopes draped around their necks. But using "medicine" and cynical claims of "women's health" is not a new weapon in Satan's bag.

In the very beginning of the Roe Era, Satan used doctors like Bernard Nathanson to persuade Americans that abortion must be made legal in order to save women from "back alley abortions". Babies were turned from a human blessing to a parasitic threat. Nathanson publicly claimed in the 1960's that 5,000 women died each year from illegal abortions. Decades later, after coming to repent and accept Christ as his savior ... Nathanson confessed in his autobiography that it was all a fat lie. They had no such data, no such proof. He wrote about the massive propaganda war waged against babies through a compliant and corrupt media. Here we are again.

WHAT DOES DOLA ACTUALLY PROVIDE FOR?

The law is working. Babies are being saved. Women are being spared the horrors of an abortion history. Maternal Mortality is down since DOLA took effect. The Defense of Life Act prohibits almost all abortions - except when a mother's is at risk, or in narrow cases of rape and incest. (*No rape or incest abortions have been done in 3 years*). DOLA specifically allows for abortions if there's an ectopic pregnancy. We have the best law in the nation.

I'VE HEARD THAT DOLA IS A RADICAL DEPARTURE FROM IDAHO'S HISTORY ....

Actually, abortion was always illegal in Idaho before *Roe*. From 1864-1973, Idaho allowed an abortion only when a mother's life was at risk. Doctors during that long era supported the law and understood they had a duty to both mother and preborn child.

I'VE READ THAT DOLA DOES NOT PROTECT WOMEN'S HEALTH ...

Idaho's abortion law protects a mother's health in numerous ways. An abortion is allowed if a health condition reaches the point where a woman's life is threatened. The Idaho Supreme Court has ruled that this threat need not be imminent or even certain. The health condition must be serious enough to justify the ending of another person's life. In addition, DOLA specifically allows for the treatment of conditions (e.g., cancer) even if that treatment might harm the baby or be the indirect cause of a miscarriage. And what the advocates of "health" abortions never talk about ... is the risks of abortion. Higher rates of breast cancer. Higher rates of premature birth and miscarriage in subsequent pregnancies. Depression.

CRITICS CLAIM THAT DOLA IS CAUSING DOCTORS TO LEAVE IDAHO.

No doubt some have gone to places like Washington because of ideology or a desire to continue making money from killing preborn children. But the charge that babies are responsible for the challenges facing our health care system is ridiculous. A national study conducted last year by the CDC found that many doctors are thinking of leaving the profession because of poor working conditions and bad corporate management of hospitals. Another study published this year in the Journal of the American Medical Assn. found that abortion laws had NO effect on whether doctors practiced in a given state or not. In fact, that study found that pro-Life states had a small advantage in recruiting new doctors. **Abortion is simply not legitimate health care.**

THE PEOPLE PUSHING THE INITIATIVE CLAIM THAT WE HAVE TO PASS IT IN ORDER TO PROTECT IN VITRO FERTILIZATION (IVF) ...

We expect Planned Parenthood to use this argument to deceive Idahoans into supporting their initiative. But the fact is, IVF is already legal in the state and there is no threat to its continued practice.

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