



PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE ALASKA LIFE AT CONCEPTION ACT | HB 178

Dear Mr. Dunleavy, Alaska House Representatives, and Alaska State Senators,
2020 marks the **50th year of legalized abortion in Alaska** making Alaska one of the most progressive and abortion friendly states in America.

The 1960's and 1970's introduced Alaskans to rabid abortion activism when **the Legislature attempted two pro-abortion bills in 1970**, eventually **overturning Governor Keith Miller's veto** of the bill that legalized abortion in Alaska.

Abortion activists haven't slowed down. Since abortion was legalized in 1970:

- Alaska leads the nation as **a model state for abortion access** according to Planned Parenthood's Guttmacher Institute and NARAL / Pro-Choice America, with **no meaningful restriction on abortions** up to the moment of birth.
- **Alaska's Courts** voided Alaska's Constitution when they created the so-called "**Fundamental and Constitutional right to abortion**" in 1997.
- **Alaska's Courts** violated the Alaska's Constitution in 2001 when they ordered the State to pay every invoice for Medicaid recipients' abortions.
- Alaska continues to **pay for more than two of every three babies killed** even though **abortion funding is currently prohibited**.
- **Alaska's Courts** declared in 2019 that **abortionists** have **the exclusive authority** over **whether a baby should be killed and who will pay for his murder**.
- **Alaska's Courts, Planned Parenthood, and the ACLU of Alaska** have made abortion the central issue in the lawsuits against Governor Dunleavy, and his pending recall effort.

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With the introduction of the Alaska Life At Conception Act, we can redeem our state from a tragic evil that kills and harms thousands of Alaskans every year. The Life at Conception Act will:

- Restore the right to life that was stolen from our children when Alaska legalized abortion in 1970 – fully three years before Roe v Wade.
- Restore the status of ‘natural person’ to children in the womb.
- Restore our Constitution to its original intent: to provide all persons “equal rights, opportunities, and protection under the law.”
- Provide meaningful consequences to all parties involved in illegal abortions.
- Provide meaningful protections to mothers and doctors facing life threatening circumstances and medical decisions.
- Forever protect all innocent human life in Alaska from conception to natural end of life.

WE CAN CORRECT 50 YEARS OF INJUSTICE IN ALASKA

Join Alaskans from across the state by supporting, passing, and signing the Alaska Life at Conception Act into law.

The Alaska Life At Conception Act is based on accurate science and constitutional law and it guarantees the right to life to all persons from Conception to the natural end of life.

The Life At Conception Act returns to children waiting to be born the rights and protections that were taken from them in 1970 and 1973.

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DUTY AND AUTHORITY

Elected representatives have both the duty and authority to protect all innocent human life. The Declaration of Independence and the Alaska State Constitution tell us that:

- "...all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life..."
- "...That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men..."
- The Constitution of the State of Alaska affirms the role and purpose of government as "instituted solely for the good of the people..."
- "All persons are equal and entitled to equal rights, opportunities, and protection under the law."
- "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."

THE ONLY LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN WAITING TO BE BORN IS NOW IN YOUR HANDS.

- No other bill offered in Alaska or any other state restores children waiting to be born to the class of 'natural person,' and therefore restores the right to due process of law, and protects their natural right to life.
- No other bill in Alaska or any other state defines children in the womb as 'natural persons' from the moment of conception, and therefore restores their right to life from the moment of conception.

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- No other bill in Alaska or any other state establishes that ALL children have the same right to life as you and I, whether they're born or waiting to be born; just conceived or just born; regardless of age, level of development, size, weight, sex, their genetic or chromosomal status, or the nature of their conception.
- No other bill in Alaska or any other state comprehensively addresses existing statute, case law, State or US Constitutional law and completely abolishes abortion.
- No other bill in Alaska or any other state carries with it the duty, responsibility, and the authority that the Life At Conception Act does since the right to life is the first and primary right for which governments were formed to protect.

It's time to make the Life at Conception Act law and I am calling on you to perform your duty and exercise your authority as my elected representatives to face the difficult but worthy task of being a voice for the voiceless in our state's government.

It's time to defend those who can't defend themselves, whose rights and protections were stripped from them by previous legislatures, governors, and the courts.

It's time to make the Life at Conception Act law and bring an end to abortion in Alaska.

For LIFE,

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