



Spring Newsletter 2017



*Protecting the Family Through Prayer and Action*

## A Better Choice Than Planned Parenthood

“For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb.” - Psalm 139:13

The ongoing debate about taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood has come to the forefront with our new President's promise to defund them. This has placed Planned Parenthood advocates on the defensive, claiming the nation’s largest abortion provider supplies needed healthcare services for women and that abortion is only three per cent of their services. However, as evil as their abortion practices are, their rhetoric is extremely deceptive as well.

Just what are Planned Parenthood's "services?" A woman seeking abortion may also receive a pamphlet, a pregnancy test, a pap smear, an STD test, a breast exam, and birth control. Each of these "services" (including the abortion) is counted equally, therefore the accounting gimmick in this instance claims seven "services" were given. If a teenage girl enters the facility and obtains five condoms, this is counted as five "services." With that deceptive maneuver, it is easy to claim that abortion is only three per cent of their "services." By the way, Planned Parenthood admittedly does not offer mammograms; they merely provide referrals.

Contrary to public opinion, the best choice for women is not Planned Parenthood. Their list of scandals includes eugenicist founder Margaret Sanger, sex-selective abortion advocacy, sex-abuse cover-up, minority targeting, and illegal trafficking in baby parts. [Undercover videos](#) by Center for Medical Progress reveal the abortion provider's disregard for federal laws and disrespect

for life. They have campaigned against commonsense legislation such as clinic safety standards, parental consent, informed consent, ultrasound viewing and the 20-week pain-capable bill.

Abortion advocates argue that women need Planned Parenthood's "services" because women have no alternative for "health services." But women's healthcare is much broader than "reproductive issues." Alzheimer's, respiratory illness, diabetes, kidney disease, and heart disease are all major threats to women's health. Planned Parenthood ignores these, but these services and many more are available at over 9,000 community health centers, quite often at discounted costs for poor women, and at many national health centers as well.

By threatening that women won't receive health care without them, Planned Parenthood is claiming that abortion is necessary for women's health. Pregnancy is not a disease, and abortion is not health care. Nationwide, for every Planned Parenthood facility that provides very limited care along with abortion, there are twenty community health care centers that provide comprehensive

healthcare for women (and men), including prenatal care. 1 to 20.

South Dakota has one Planned Parenthood facility. There are six Federally Qualified Health Care centers operating in 45 service centers across the state serving 54,000 people annually. CWA is a proud sponsor of the [GetYourCare.org](#) effort dedicated to helping women find qualified federal health centers and rural health



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centers. South Dakota also has several privately funded pregnancy care centers that provide free, complete prenatal care.

Planned Parenthood receives \$528 million in taxpayer dollars from the federal government, translating into 300,000 taxpayer-funded abortions annually. While taxpayer dollars are not technically allowed to fund abortions, money is fungible. Tax dollars subsidize other Planned Parenthood expenses which frees up money to cover abortions.

An effort to defund Planned Parenthood in Congress will likely be included in an amendment to health care legislation. We must hold President Trump to his promise to defund the abortion giant. [Rep. Kristi Noem spoke](#) on this issue on the House floor, "empowering states to redirect health

care funding to organizations that truly do support women's health."

The fight against Planned Parenthood is not about women's health. No one is against women's health. No one proposes cutting off federal funds for health care assistance to poor women. The prudent and moral proposal is to forward funds to the more numerous Federally Qualified Health Centers that provide comprehensive care for women. For the sake of unborn children and quality women's healthcare, we must continue pushing back against the deception of Planned Parenthood, expose their corruption, and educate women on other options for their entire health and well being.

*Linda Schauer, State Director*

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2017: CWA of SD in ACTION!

"And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them." - Ezekiel 36:27

Linda, Lisa and I represented you at our State Capitol, focusing on the pro-family/pro-life causes that most interest you, your family and your friends. We testified on several bills, met with countless legislators, attended coalition meetings and more. All bills and actions can be found at [sdlegislature.gov](http://sdlegislature.gov).

### Good Religious Liberty Bill

[Senate Bill 149](#) (Sen. Solano/Rep. Haugaard) was a bill to provide certain protections for faith-based child-placement agencies. SB149 would affect perhaps 12 agencies in South Dakota, such as Bethany Christian Services, Catholic Family Services, New Horizons, etc. This religious liberty/freedom of conscience bill continues to make national news because only North Dakota, Virginia and Michigan have also passed similar measures. SB149 passed the Senate with a strong vote of [22-12](#) after Sen. Solano resisted the onslaught from left-wing legislators who tried to smear and kill the bill.



The Human Rights Campaign, a radical homosexual advocacy group, cried "discrimination!" and said SB149 was "a solution looking for a problem." The ACLU claimed that these agencies use state funds for adoption services, but that is false. The House passed SB149 by a vote of [43-20](#) after Rep. Haugaard gave an impassioned plea asking legislators to pass this "pro-active and pre-emptive legislation so that these agencies can [continue to] exercise their faith" and "practice as they always have." After House passage of the bill with an amendment, the Senate concurred on the final language by a vote of [27-8](#). More on this bill can be found on page 4.

Gov. Dugaard signed SB149 into law on March 10. He stated in the *Argus*, "I'm worried that a child placement agency may make what is in the best interest of the child a correct decision but be subject to a lawsuit by someone who has a little bit of a leg up by virtue of being in a protective class, and if we can forestall that with this legislation then I'm willing to

do that." SB149 takes effect July 1.

### Life/Human Trafficking Legislation

[House Bill 1101](#) (Rep. Haugaard/Sen. Greenfield) updated the penalty for our "Pain Capable Abortion Ban" that passed in [2016](#). (We were the 13<sup>th</sup> state to pass this ban.) Changing the penalty from a misdemeanor to a Class 6 Felony will match

penalties of other types of abortion banned in South Dakota law, such as sex-selective abortions. HB1101 passed the House by a vote of [58-8](#) and the Senate [23-11](#).

[Senate Bill 102](#) (Sen. Nelson/Rep. DiSanto) requires abortionists, as part of informed consent information, to present the woman with a phone number so she can receive help or be rescued from a sex-trafficking or coercion situation. New information brought by our own Lisa Gennaro, Assistant Legislative Liaison and member of the South Dakota West River Human Trafficking Task Force, showed that a text message is better than a phone call for a woman to get assistance. SB102

passed the Senate [33-0](#). Lisa's idea was amended into the bill in House Health & Human Services Committee, and the bill passed House [66-1](#).

[House Bill 1143](#) (Rep. DiSanto/Sen. Jensen) fixes a law regarding underage prostitution: *Any person aged sixteen years or older who engages in or offers to engage in sexual activity for a fee is guilty of prostitution. Prostitution is a Class 1 misdemeanor.* Enforcement of HB1143 will ensure that minors are removed from their sexual activity source and moved to a safe place where she/he can receive care. HB1143 passed unanimously in the House and in the Senate.

[House Bill 1118](#) (Rep. Holmes/Sen. Soholt), another attempt to rein in trafficking, passed House 66-0 and Senate 33-0.

### Alcohol Expansion Ban Passed

[Senate Bill 81](#) (Sen. Kolbeck/Rep. Willadsen) is a bill you might have heard about in the news, the "Powdered Alcohol

Ban Bill.” I was behind bringing Joyce Glynn, a South Dakota mother of a son who died in an alcohol-related crash on his graduation night in 2006, to testify for the bill. (We had met Joyce when she worked on a “Social Hosting” bill, and we assisted her in getting that passed into law in 2014.) SB81 passed House [56-11](#) and Senate [30-3](#).

### **Gambling Overhaul Attempt Died**

[House Bill 1199](#), Rep. Haugaard's bill to repeal video lottery and South Dakota Lottery was heard in House Appropriations. When we first saw this bill, I approached Rep. Haugaard and explained that CWA of South Dakota has a long history of fighting to repeal and/or stand against expansion of gambling in South Dakota. He explained his plan to bring up the research regarding the costs to the state that are often not discussed, and how he believes this state-sponsored gambling is truly costing the state money and contributing to the ruination of individuals and families. HB 1199 was TABLED [5-3](#), but Rep. Haugaard will continue this much-needed crusade next year.

### **Education Legislation**

[Senate Bill 55](#) (Sen. Monroe/Rep. Campbell) was a good bill regarding the teaching of science in public schools. Also known as an “academic freedom” bill, SB55 would allow teachers, without fear of reprisal, to have discussions about strengths and weaknesses of scientific theories in the public school curriculum. (NOTE: Creationism and intelligent design are NOT in the public school curriculum.) The Senate passed the bill [23-12](#), but SB55 hit snags after the *Argus Leader* promoted untruths about the bill and the full “education establishment” came out in opposition as well. SB55 failed in House Education by a vote of [6-9](#).

[House Bill 1196](#) was an education bill that was “hoghoused”

into this: *No person, including a student, may use any electronic listening or recording device in any classroom of a school district without the prior consent of the teacher in the classroom and the principal of the school. Any person, other than a student, who violates this section is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. Any student who violates this section is subject to appropriate disciplinary action...* This bill raised a red flag for us, parents and legislators. The prime sponsor was Rep. Wismer (D-District 1), who allowed little chance for opposition by bringing this “hoghouse” rather stealthily in committee. Our research showed that this language is from a California law! Thankfully, the House saw this bill as a loss of freedom for parents to oversee the upbringing of their children and defeated HB1196 by a vote of [19-49](#).

We were also pleased that [House Bill 1125](#), a bad bill that attempted to undermine last year's good law, “[Partners in Education Scholarship](#)” Program died [6-9](#) in House Education Committee. This would have forced donors who wish to remain anonymous to reveal their identities.

[Senate Bills 155 and 156](#), two “Early Learning” bills that would be very costly and continue enticing both parents out of the home and into the work force, were defeated in Senate Education. The Dept. of Education (DOE) opposed these bills by showing in great detail the many services already provided in a collaborative way for special needs and low income children in our state. Departments that work together on this are DOE, Dept. of Social Services, Dept. of Human Services, and Dept. of Labor. DOE showed that Federal funds, too, are granted, even though we have no “Early Learning Advisory Council.” These bills will return in 2018.

*Cindy Flakoll, Legislative Liaison*

## **Repealed and Replaced: the IM 22 Debacle**

“And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” - Micah 6:8

[House Bill 1069](#) (Rep. Rhoden/Sen. Greenfield) is the bill known as the “**IM 22 repeal.**” You will recall that CWA of South Dakota took a stand against Initiated Measure 22 on the ballot last Fall. With all the “fake news” these days, there was much media deception about this good repeal bill, HB1069.

**Question:** Why did the South Dakota Legislature repeal/replace a measure for which the people voted?

### **Answer:**

1. Liberal “big money” came from Massachusetts; we were used as a petri dish to spread their liberal agenda.
2. Ad-buys are cheap here, so think how far the “big money,” estimated at over \$1.7 million, goes!
3. Good citizens were caught unawares with horribly deceitful ads that portrayed good legislators as evil.
4. IM 22, an extraordinarily lengthy document, was challenged by Sixth Judicial Circuit Judge Mark Barnett, who placed a preliminary injunction and found it likely unconstitutional “beyond a shadow of a doubt.”

5. Drafters of the measure ignored two warnings that IM 22 could be found unconstitutional.
6. “Democracy credits” were part of IM 22 and were designed to unconstitutionally take almost \$5 million from our state budget to fund state campaigns—money that should go to fund schools and Medicaid.

Dealing with the repeal and replacement of IM 22 took up most of the “oxygen” in our State Capitol during the first three weeks of Session, as hearings were lengthy and speeches became impassioned. Gov. Daugaard signed HB1069 into law on February 2, so that bills addressing various issues found in IM 22, particularly tightening accountability laws, could move forward. We believe our legislators were right to address citizens' concerns, yet legislators must not cave to the “special interests” that spend money defaming anyone who does not follow their liberal ideologies. Out-of-state funds used to deceive and destroy are unwanted here.

# Religious Liberty Preserved in the Adoption Agency Protection Act

"Whoever receives one such child in My name, receives Me." - Matthew 18:5

Throughout our nation's history, religious freedom has been Constitutionally protected as a fundamental principle of liberty. In recent years, however, citizens are increasingly being threatened to compromise their firmly held beliefs, lose their business and/or pay a fine.

SB149, the Adoption Agency Protection Act, sponsored by Sen. Alan Solano (R-District 32) and Rep. Steven Haugaard (R-District 10) was signed by Gov. Dugaard as a pro-active measure to protect faith-based adoption agencies in South Dakota from having to close their doors rather than violate their stated beliefs and mission. Five agencies in other states have shut their doors because they were forced to choose between staying in business or violating their standards. SB149 will ensure that our state's adoption agencies can continue providing the services to families and children as they have been doing for decades.

South Dakota faith-based adoption agencies receive no state or federal funds for their adoption services. They are compelled and guided by their faith to serve families and children, and families seeking these agencies' services do so because of faith principles.

Many avenues are available for adoption services; no one is denied that opportunity. Agencies provide referrals as a regular business practice. Additionally, there are over 1500 attorneys in South Dakota who can facilitate an adoption.

All Americans are guaranteed the freedom to live and work consistent with their faith without unnecessary government interference. South Dakota faith-based adoption agencies provide a valuable service to the state, to families and to children. SB149 simply allows those agencies to continue to serve.

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### News Briefs

- ◆ *November 7, 2016: Attorney General Jackley Joins Amicus to Protect Religious Freedom*, announcing that South Dakota joined 12 other attorneys general and the governors of Kentucky and Mississippi in an amicus or "friend of the court" urging the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold the religious freedom of students in the Birdville Independent School District.
- ◆ *February 23, 2017: AG Jackley Applauds Federal Withdrawal of Bathroom/Locker Room Mandate*, after joining 23 other attorneys general and governors in June 2016 challenging the federal government's authority to mandate a federal bathroom/locker room policy for school children that threatened lawsuits and withholding educational funds.

## Democracy vs. Republic

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." - Psalm 33:12

During the 2017 Legislative Session, liberal groups testified that their goal for our government is to remake it into a "direct democracy." This should make one's blood boil, knowing the dangers of such a revamp!

Leaders often call our form of government a democracy. But do we or they understand the difference between a democracy and a republic?

A **democracy** is rule of the people or majority rule; opinion or emotions of the mob create the "norm" or "the law." The people determine the law based on the whim of the populous or the mobs, with no safeguards for the minority or the individual. The all-powerful majority is not restrained by law and, therefore, can take control.

A **republican** form of government is limited to or subject

to the law and a Constitution, which safeguard the unalienable rights of the minority. Under a republic, people have a standard, i.e. the Ten Commandments or moral law, and they must seek to live by it for the republic to succeed.

In a democracy, the entire population votes, and the majority wins. However, a republican form of government elects representatives who make the laws under which we live. It is imperative, therefore, that we elect good representatives who pass moral laws.

"Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." -- John Adams 1798

Following the Constitutional Convention in 1787, a woman asked Benjamin Franklin, "Sir, what have you given us?" Franklin responded, "A Republic, Ma'am, if you can keep it."



...and to the republic...