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♥ Dr. James Dobson, Founder of Focus on the Family - ♥ Gary Bauer, President of American Values
♥ Speaker Newt Gingrich - ♥ Governor Rick Perry
♥ Rick Santorum - Ambassador at Large for Inter. Religious Freedom
♥ Ken Blackwell, former Ohio Sec. of State - ♥ Janet (Folger) Porter, President of - Faith2Action
♥ The U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) – Cardinal Daniel DiNardo
♥ Tom DeLay, former Majority Leader – ♥ Bob McEwen, former Congressman - Director CNP
♥ Brad Mattes, Life Issues Institute - ♥ Josh Mandel, State Treas. of Ohio
♥ Dr. Michelle Cretella, President of American College of Pediatricians
♥ Tony Perkins, President of Family Research Council
♥ Marjorie Dannenfelser, President of Susan B. Anthony List
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♥ Father Frank Pavone, Priests for Life ♥ Governor Mike Huckabee
♥ Andrea Lafferty, President of Traditional Values Coalition
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♥ Joe Scheidler, Pro-Life Action - ♥ Dr. Bo Kuhar, Pharmacists for Life
♥ Rebekah Gantner, Eagle Forum Education & Legal Defense Fund
♥ Phil Burress, Past President of - Citizens for Community Values
♥ Jill Stanek, Columnist & Speaker - ♥ Linda Harvey, Mission America
♥ Pastor Dutch Sheets, Author/ national Prayer Leader and Speaker
♥ Barrett Duke, Southern Baptist Convention – ♥ Rachelle Heidlebaugh, Witness Against Roe
♥ Samuel Rodriguez, Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference
♥ Rabbi Aryeh Spero, Caucus for America - ♥ Dr. Rick Scarborough, Vision America
♥ Dick & Rich Bott, Bott Radio Network - ♥ Bobby Schindler, Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network
♥ James Robison, LIFE Outreach International, Life Today
♥ Anita Staver, President of Liberty Counsel - ♥ William J. Murray, Religious Freedom Coalition
♥ Kristin Hawkins, President of Students for Life - ♥ Joseph Farah, CEO of World Net Daily
♥ Dr. Jim Garlow, Chair Renewing American Leadership – ♥ Randy Alcorn, Eternal Perspective Ministries
♥ Pastor Rick Joyner, President of The Oak Initiative - ♥ Brandi Swindoll, Stanton Policy Center
♥ Rev. Paul Blair, President of Reclaiming America for Christ
♥ Ted Baehr, Christian Film & Television Commission - ♥ Larry Cirignano, Children First Foundation
♥ Larry Cirignano, Children First Foundation - ♥ Don Feder, World Congress of Families
♥ Phillip L. Jauregui, President of Judicial Action Group - ♥ Abby Johnson, Author of Unplanned
♥ Lou Engle, The Call/The Send - ♥ Dr. William Greene, President of RightMarch.com
♥ Ken Hutcherson, Pastor of Antioch Bible Church – ♥ Morningstar Ministries – Rick Joyner
♥ Bishop E. W. Jackson Sr., President of Stand America
♥ Dr. Joel Brind, Expert on Abortion-Breast Cancer Link
♥ Nathan and Emily Berning - Let Them Live National
♥ Ret. Lt General Jerry Boykin – Kingdom Warriors
♥ Dr. Bill Owens & Dr. Deborah De Sousa Owens, Coalition of Black Pastors
♥ Allen Parker & Denny and Mindy Thybault - Moral Outcry
♥ Sara Ballinger - Capitol Hill Prayer Partners – Washington DC
♥ Keith Den Hollander – National Field Director Christian Coalition.
♥ Darrian Summerville/Dean Briggs - National Moravian Watch
PRESENT MICHIGAN HEARTBEAT COALITION SUPPORTERS

*This list will exponentially grow as we are in the beginning stages enlisting MI support for a “Petition Drive”. Our mission is to educate and bring awareness to the dangers of abortion and the importance of the Sanctity of Life – Romans 12:1-2. We are transforming minds not the political climate. We will use the initiative legislation petition drive to transform minds to make us truly “Pure Michigan”…FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY!

♥ Rick Warzywak - Michigan Capitol House of Prayer - ♥ Transformation Michigan
♥ Dr. Jim Hines – OBGYN - Saginaw - Former Governor Candidate of MI
♥ Renee Grochowski - Upper Peninsula Prayer Network
♥ Dave Agema, former State Rep and former RNC Committeeman
♥ Corey Shapelton - Faith2action MI
♥ Norm/Anita Christopher - West MI Prayer Center - ♥ Morgan Mitchell - Grand Traverse House of Prayer
♥ Mark Gurley/Rick Warzywak - Michigan Oak Initiative
♥ Nathan and Emily Berning - Let them Live MI
♥ Pastor Ed Watts – Flint Gateway House of Prayer ♥ Dr Bill Bolin I am 4 Life - Dr. Bill Bolin
♥ Karen Holden/Allen Parker & Denny and Mindy Thybault - MI Moral Outcry
♥ Pastor Renee Grochowski - Fathers Heart Christian Fellowship – Ishpeming
♥ Sylvia Williams – State Director MI National Day of Prayer
♥ Christin Home Builders - Chad Christin
♥ Fulton Sheen Former MI State Representative
♥ Dr. Robert Steele - RNC Committeeman
♥ Apostle/Pastor Barbara Yoder - Shekinah Christian/BAM
♥ Pastor Dan Williams - Beaver lake Community Church - Alpena
♥ Pastor Bill Bolin - Floodgate Renewal Church ♥ Tami Flick - Kalamazoo House of Prayer
♥ Pastor Bob Storey - House of Refuge Church - Fowlerville
♥ Director Mark Gurley - Make Michigan Great Again
♥ ATD Leadership Team - Awaken the Dawn - Michigan
♥ Pastor Pete Dressor - Metro Detroit Christian Church
♥ Paul Stephens, Youth Vice Chair of MIGOP
♥ Terris Todd, Ethnic Vice Chair of MIGOP
♥ Marian Sheridan Grassroots Vice Chair of MIGOP
♥ Pastor Tim Martin - New Life Christian Church - Attica
♥ Pastor Tim Tyler - Christ Community Church - East Detroit
♥ Pastor Richard Crisco - Rochester Christian Church
♥ John and Robbie Daily - Love From Above Ministries
♥ Pastor Jerry Rohn - First Renaissance Community Church of Sterling, MI
♥ Pastor Ron Ives - Potters House - Mount Pleasant
♥ Kathy Berden, National Committeeewoman for RNC
♥ Kevin Tatulyan, Coalitions Vice Chair of MIGOP
♥ Pastor Dick Sayad - Saginaw Valley Community Church
♥ Rev. Cindy Williams Moore - Pray Michigan
♥ Randall Hekman - Retired Kent County Probate-Juvenile Judge
♥ Scott Hagerstrom - former Michigan Trump Campaign Manager
♥ Pastor Lee Williams - Merciful Ministries - Romulus
♥ Scott Greenlee - Greenlee Consulting
♥ Tommie Norman Ministries - Jackson
♥ Pastor Joe Wenturine - Harvest Christian Church - Marine City
♥ Gene Clem - Chair Founders Freedom Forum
♥ Tamara Rose – Lighthouse Prayer – Shelby
♥ Pastor Philip and Bernadette Smith – Eternal Word Church - Grandville
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – HEARTBEAT BILL**

1) **What will the Heartbeat Bill do?**
The Heartbeat Bill will legally protect unborn children whose heartbeats can be detected by a doctor except to save the life or physical health of the mother. Simply put: “If a Heartbeat is detected, the baby is protected.”

A. **TEST** Requires physicians (according to standard medical practice) to determine whether the unborn child has a detectable heartbeat.
B. **INFORM** the mother the results of that determination.
C. **PROTECT** each unborn child with a detectable heartbeat, except to save the life or physical health of the mother.

2) **Why Heartbeat?**
While not the beginning of life, the heartbeat is the universally recognized indicator of life. In frantic efforts to save a life, we often hear: Can you find a pulse? Is their heart still beating? Science has already shown us a way to determine if someone is alive… **a beating heart!** The Heartbeat Bill stops discrimination against the young and applies that same measurement to ALL human life, using common instruments already present in the offices of physicians everywhere. Like other incremental bills, the Heartbeat Bill doesn’t protect every child. That doesn’t mean we approve of earlier abortions any more than voting for a post-viability bill suggests that we don’t care about babies that fall just short of viability. But viability is merely a determination of our technology, our ability to sustain life outside the womb. Viability is a line that is far less concrete since it changes with the year and hospital in which a child is born.

3) **When can a fetal heartbeat be detected?**
While the unborn child’s heart begins to beat at 18-21 days, our current technology can often detect the baby’s beating heart between 6-12 weeks.

4) **Is the mother liable in any way in the Heartbeat Bill?**
No. As a second victim of the abortion industry, the mother may not be prosecuted.

5) **What if the mother is raped?**
No other law allows for the killing of an innocent child for the crime of his or her father. None of us chose the manner in which we were conceived; it does not change our humanity. Pastor James Robison, whose LIFE Outreach organization helps feed over 500,000 children each week throughout Africa, was conceived through rape, as was Andrew Hoar. Andrew, who served our nation in Afghanistan on his 5th Middle East Deployment, was also conceived through rape. While we oppose an amendment to kill children who, through no fault of their own, were conceived through rape or incest, an exception is completely unnecessary, even for those who want an exception. Because the Heartbeat Bill is an incremental bill, which protects from the point of a detectable heartbeat, abortions before that time, including rape and incest, are not prohibited.

6) **Have Heartbeat Bills passed anywhere else?**
Heartbeat Bills have passed in seven states—Arkansas, North Dakota, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia and most recently passed in Ohio and signed into law.
7) What have the Courts said about Heartbeat Laws?
With the confirmation of Justice Kavanaugh, experts agree we now have the votes to uphold the Heartbeat Bill on the United States Supreme Court. Even more pro-life judges will likely be appointed to US Supreme Court in the next two years. This choice is better left to the states, which might find their interest in protecting unborn children better served by a more consistent and certain marker than viability.** Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals** - The Supreme Court's current standard permits legal protection of the unborn child when there is a likelihood of survival to live birth. But as Constitutional Law Professor David Forte states in his law review article, **Life, Heartbeat, Birth: A Medical Basis for Reform**, viability is based on an arbitrary guess. Dr. Forte explains that such a guess can be up to 90 percent wrong. On the other hand, an unborn child with a detectable heartbeat has a 98-99 percent likelihood of survival to live birth. Heartbeat is simply a better medical yardstick than viability, the Supreme Court's current standard.

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8) Do voters support the Heartbeat Bill?
Yes, 7 out of 10 support it! A 2017 George Barna poll* asked this question: “If a doctor is able to detect the heartbeat of an unborn baby, that baby should be legally protected.” Sixty-nine percent of Americans agreed, most of them “strongly.” Eighty-six percent of Republicans support the Heartbeat Bill, as do 61 percent of Independents and 55 percent of Democrat voters. *Survey of 1,002 adults, sampling error of +/- 3.1 percentage points, conducted January 19-27, 2017.

9) How will this affect Michigan’s pre-Roe v Wade ban?
Simply put it will not, Michigan has the nation’s strongest pre-Roe v Wade ban and the Heartbeat bill contains the strongest language possible to protect that ban. However, that ban only comes in effect in the event of a total reversal of Roe v Wade. We have submitted the bill to American Center for Law and Justice for review and they concur Heartbeat is the safest logical step for Michigan at this time. The Heartbeat Bill gives the Supreme Court the opportunity to simply slide the moving target of viability to a set measurement of heartbeat, thus protecting over 90% of the unborn. *To see ACLJ’s full legal analysis of why Heartbeat? WHY NOW? Contact Michigan Heartbeat Coalition on Facebook.

10) Do you support Heartbeat or Dismemberment?
We like to say **“why can’t we love them both?”**! Every bill is unique in its impact, and we would never discourage anyone from supporting any pro-life bill. Dismemberment is a wonderful bill for educating the public on the gruesome reality of abortion. It also serves well to draw a distinction in the political world. **IMPORTANT**: Unfortunately, dismemberment bills don’t stop the killing, but rather dictates how the baby is killed, abortionist will simply switch the means of death. The MI Heartbeat Coalition desires to end abortion and not just regulate it!

Some people would say...

1) Won’t passing a Heartbeat bill interfere or even weaken Michigan’s pre-Roe laws?

Simply put: no. This argument could be used as a reason to not pass any pro-life legislation, including the current Dismemberment bill. Michigan has the nation’s strongest pre-Roe ban and the Heartbeat bill contains the strongest language possible to protect that ban: “Nothing in this act shall be construed as authorizing an abortion that is illegal under any other provision of State law”, section8.3—Michigan Heartbeat Bill

The post-Roe ban only comes into effect in the event Roe v Wade is completely reversed, which means, until then, no unborn children in Michigan are actually protected by law. How do we legally protect them now? The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLI) and prominent national attorneys agree: The Heartbeat Bill is the best next step. The Heartbeat Bill gives the Supreme Court the opportunity to simply slide the moving target of viability to a set measurement of heartbeat, thus protecting the vast majority of children facing abortion. *To see ACLJ’s full legal analysis of why Heartbeat? why now? Contact Michigan Heartbeat Coalition on Facebook.

2) Why not a Dismemberment bill now and consider a Heartbeat bill in two years?

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3) Why bother passing any Pro-Life legislation, won’t the Governor simply veto it?

While it is true Michigan’s current Governor would most assuredly veto any piece of pro-life legislation, Michigan has a unique opportunity to bypass the Governor. Michigan law allows for what is called an Initiative Legislative Petition, simply put if 340,000 + valid signatures are gathered, then all that is required is a simple majority vote in the House and Senate for the bill to become law—completely bypassing the Governor! While collecting the signatures is a costly and challenging task, we believe with the help of churches and pro-life groups we can do it! But ask yourselves this question if we are going through all the effort and expense, shouldn’t we at least present a bill that, at the end of the process, provides legal protection to children in the womb? One additional advantage to Heartbeat is if the Attorney General refuses to enforce the law, local prosecutors are given the power to enforce the Heartbeat!
4) 2020 elections are around the corner shouldn’t we just focus on unity?
In 2017 Barna Group did a national poll asking the question “If a doctor is able to detect the heartbeat of an unborn baby, that baby should be legally protected” and found that 7 out of 10 American’s support a Heartbeat law. 86% of Republicans favored the Heartbeat Bill and even 55% of Democrats favored that stance. So if we want to unify the Pro-Life base for 2020, there is no better bill than the Heartbeat Bill. Heartbeat Bills have been introduced in 25 states—seven states have passed it into law, with several more in the process. It is time for Michigan to ride the wave that is encouraging pro-lifers across the nation!

5) Won’t the Heartbeat Bill simply be enjoined anyway?
Part of the legal strategy of the Heartbeat bill is to be the Brown v Board of Ed. of Roe vs. Wade. Simply put Heartbeat is designed to remove 90% of Roe’s foundation in order to allow for the remaining 10% to crumble. Heartbeat is crafted to be the arrow in the heart of Roe vs Wade. With the confirmation of Justice Kavanaugh, experts agree we now have the votes to uphold the Heartbeat Bill on the United States Supreme Court. Even more pro-life judges will likely be appointed to US Supreme Court in the next two years. Even the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, which reviewed the Arkansas and North Dakota Heartbeat laws, agrees “heartbeat” is a better, more scientific, marker than viability: “[T]his choice is better left to the states, which might find their interest in protecting unborn children better served by a more consistent and certain marker than viability.” --Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals

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We believe Heartbeat is the logical, medically sound rational the Supreme Court is looking for to move the marker where legal protection is allowed from viability (which is miles away from our goal of conception) to heartbeat (which is inches away from our goal).

6) If Ohio is in the 6th circuit and already passed the Heartbeat bill why does Michigan need to also?
Both Ohio and Kentucky have passed the Heartbeat Bill, Tennessee is now considering it. If Michigan would join with them and pass the Heartbeat Bill every state in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals would be sending a strong message to the Sixth circuit and an even stronger message to the Supreme Court. With six new Trump appointees and five hold overs from George W. Bush the Sixth Circuit is one of the most conservative Appellate courts in the nation. Perfectly positioning Michigan to play a significant role in overturning Roe vs. Wade!

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♥ KEEP HEARTS BEATING – BARNA RESEARCH! ♥

A Heartbeat Detected is a Baby Protected!

*7 out of 10 Americans support the Heartbeat Bill

*86% Republicans…55% Democrats…61% Independents

To deny a human heartbeat is to deny science. To ignore it is heartless!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: On June 15th at 10:30 AM on Capitol steps a Heartbeat Rally with a training meeting across street for Petition Drive. On September 7th there will be a “Heartbeat Coalition Rally” at State Capitol steps and a March for Life down MI Avenue!