



# PROTECTING LIFE IN PENNSYLVANIA

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## The Problem:

The Pennsylvania Constitution contains no right to an abortion, but Pennsylvania's abortion industry is asking the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to invent one in a case they filed called *Allegheny Reproductive Health Center v. Pennsylvania Department of Human Services*. The abortion industry is also arguing that the state constitution requires taxpayers to pay for abortions.

While the Commonwealth Court ruled against the abortion industry in this case, it has been appealed to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania – and court watchers believe **it's likely that our state's high court will invent such a right and side with the abortion industry's demands.**

Pa would join a dishonorable list of states where lawsuits have resulted in those state supreme courts "finding" a right to abortion in their constitutions, thereby striking down pro-life laws just like ours.

**If the abortion industry wins this case, it would not only force taxpayers to fund abortion, but would likely establish a right to abortion in Pennsylvania's Constitution.** If abortion is declared a constitutional right in Pennsylvania, all current pro-life protections – a 24-hour waiting period, informed consent, 24-week abortion limit, and more – would be in jeopardy of being repealed. Even if *Roe v. Wade* gets overturned



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## The Remedy:

A constitutional amendment is needed to prevent courts from forcing taxpayers to pay for abortion. The Life Amendment would also protect our existing pro-life regulations by keeping abortion out of the PA Constitution, and allows our legislature to enact future pro-life laws to protect women and preborn babies.

## The Process:

The amendment language must pass both the PA House and Senate by simple majorities in two successive terms of the legislature. The first vote will happen in 2022. If it passes, the second vote would take place in the 2023-2024 session. **Amendments do not need a governor's signature and cannot be vetoed.** Upon passage in the second session, the amendment then goes to a vote of the people on the ballot, most likely in the general election in the Fall of 2023.

## What You Can Do:

- 1 Contact your State Senator and State Representative and ask them to vote **YES** on **Senate Bill 956**, the Life Amendment. To send an email, visit [pafamily.org/protectunbornlife](https://pafamily.org/protectunbornlife). This is a **YES** to protect you from being forced to pay for abortion and to keep abortion out of our state's constitution.
- 2 Share this news with friends and family. For more, visit [PaLife.org](https://PaLife.org).
- 3 Pray for the success of this constitutional amendment effort.



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