

From the Desk of Josue Sierra, Director of Communications

Dear [[INITIATIVE.AUDIENCE MEMBER.FIRST NAME]],

As Pennsylvanians head to the polls today, many voters are thinking about the future of our Commonwealth and the kind of state we want to leave to the next generation.

That's one reason **a brand-new Children's Rights Scorecard released today deserves our attention.**

Developed by Them Before Us, a national organization focused on [putting children's needs ahead of adult desires](#), the scorecard evaluates how well Pennsylvania's laws actually protect children.

And Pennsylvania's results should give us pause. **Our Commonwealth received an overall grade of "C," ranking 30th in the nation.**



The scorecard examines laws involving parentage, surrogacy, IVF, marriage, and divorce through one central question: **Do our laws strengthen a child's connection to their biological mother and father — or weaken it?**

Now, these conversations require compassion and wisdom. Many families carry real pain connected to infertility, broken homes, or difficult family situations. But the report raises concerns that deserve thoughtful attention.

For example, Pennsylvania law still recognizes natural marriage and preserves mother-father language in parts of family law. Yet the report also highlights a 2025 Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling establishing "intent-based parentage," allowing adults to gain parental rights without a biological connection or adoption process.

The broader concern is this: when laws increasingly center around adult desires instead of children's needs, kids can slowly become disconnected from their identity, origins, and family bonds.

Here is the important truth we need to bring to the forefront in conversations with family and friends: **"These aren't abstract legal debates. They have real victims."**

Children do not vote. They do not lobby legislators. They rely on adults to protect their interests. That's why this conversation matters.

I encourage you to review Pennsylvania's scorecard for yourself, then share it with family and friends. These are the kinds of conversations more Pennsylvanians need to have around kitchen tables, in churches, and in our communities.

And if you know someone who is not already receiving PA Family's Tuesday Commentary email, or our legislative email alerts, I ask you to forward this email and invite them to sign up today ([This is](#)

[the link to share to sign up](#)). Together, we can be ready to show up, stand up, and speak up for children's rights here in Pennsylvania.

[Click Here to View the Children's Rights Scorecard](#)

For Faith, Family, and Freedom,



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P.S. One reason elections matter so much is because people matter, and policies impact people. The people we elect help shape the policies that will impact children and families for generations to come. If you have not voted yet in today's Primary Election, **polls are open until 8 PM across Pennsylvania**. Before you head out, visit PAFamilyVoter.com for nonpartisan voter resources and **information to help you cast an informed vote**.

P.P.S. One other way we seek to protect children today is by helping families navigate the digital world wisely. That's why I invite you join us Tuesday, June 16, at 7 PM for a free webinar with Protect Young Eyes: "Digital Discernment: Raising Tech-Ready Kids in the AI Age." We'll cover practical tools for parents, online safety, AI companions, healthier digital habits, and more. Learn more and reserve your spot at pafamily.org/protectyoungeyes

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