

Since the Daughters of Charity accepted their first patient on July 18, 1872, Ascension St. Vincent, formerly St. Mary's, Evansville has remained true to its mission.

They say: "We have a mission, a reason for being here, to keep healthcare human; human for our patients, human for our families, human for our doctors, and human for all our associates. The poor will come, and the rich will come, if they know they are going to be treated as people."

For the last 150 years, this hospital has been a leader in medical innovation and care. In fact, it was one of the first in the region with operating room lighting, something that I acutely appreciate because I am a surgeon myself. It also hosted the first accredited cancer program and the first level 3 neonatal intensive care unit in the tri-State region.

I am grateful for Ascension St. Vincent Evansville's continued commitment to caring for all Hoosiers and wish them a happy 150th anniversary.

DROP IN LEGAL IMMIGRATION

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an unaddressed contributor to labor shortages across our economy, a drop in legal immigration.

Researchers at the University of California at Davis found that: "By the end of 2021 there were about 2 million fewer working-age immigrants living in the United States than there would have been if the pre-2020 immigration trend had continued unchanged."

This has hit certain industries hard, including food, hospitality, construction, transportation, and healthcare, particularly nursing, at a time when our economy is overheating in its recovery from COVID-19.

A significant part of lowering cost and avoiding a recession is expanding the productive capacity of the economy. Until we address staffing shortfalls, we will continue to artificially constrain the supply side of our economy and drive up costs for everyday people. We must recognize and reverse this trend by clearing the visa backlog, documenting immigrants and Dreamers already here, and increasing caps for both immigration and refugee resettlement. It is not just a moral imperative; it is an economic one.

CORPORAL JOSEPH RODNEY CHAPMAN IS A HERO

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about an incredible American hero from the small town of Freeport, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Joseph Rodney Chapman was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942, and he fought with the 80th Infantry Division in World War II. He fought across France, was wounded twice in the process, and earned a Bronze Star for his heroic actions to destroy a German machine gun and its crew.

In the spring of 1944, as the Allies continued to drive the enemy into retreat, Corporal Chapman found himself under enemy fire and was taken as a prisoner of war.

After returning home to Pennsylvania, he worked for the post office in Freeport for 35 years as a mail carrier and clerk. He was married to his late wife, Mary, for 69 years, and he just celebrated a very happy 100th birthday this past October.

Mr. Speaker, Corporal Chapman is the epitome of the American spirit. Therefore, I am incredibly proud to introduce legislation today that would rename the very post office Mr. Chapman worked at in his honor. He has devoted his life to his country and his community, and for that we owe him a great debt of gratitude.

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ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this week, I had the privilege of taking some of our young high school students and visitors throughout the Capitol.

What a sense of pride I had in the beauty of this Capitol, the beauty of this building, but what it symbolizes is democracy.

As I walked through the Halls, I was reminded of the important hearings that are going on in the January 6th Committee. The most recent hearing made it very clear that the Oath Keepers and the Proud Boys came specifically at the calling of President Trump. The terrorism that occurred was driven by his lack of accepting the peaceful transfer of government. It was the big lie.

What we saw on that day, January 6, was domestic terrorism on steroids, destined to commit mayhem, bloodshed, and death. It was an attack on democracy, and it is being evidenced every day that the hearings proceed methodically, block by block, evidence by evidence. It is clear in the injury of law enforcement officers and loss of life that we have to say to those of this Nation: You have to take ownership of protecting the values and the sanctity of democracy.

Yes, someone must be held accountable. The President must be held accountable because what happened was not only an attack on democracy and the peaceful transfer of government, but loss of life and death, and that cannot go unanswered.

AN UNBORN CHILD IS A HUMAN LIFE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CORREA). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 2,500 unborn lives we lose to abortion each day who cannot stand for themselves. That is nearly half a million little boys and little girls in the United States alone this year. These numbers don't reflect, though, and take into consideration self-administered chemical abortions.

Last month, the Supreme Court announced what the pro-life movement was waiting half a century to hear: Roe v. Wade is overturned. As a proud pro-life grandfather of 10, I enthusiastically applaud the Justices for recognizing that this terrible relic from 1973 has no place in 2022.

Roe was both a legal and moral abomination from the beginning. It mocked our Nation's Constitution and paved the way for the abortion of more than 63 million innocent babies in the years since.

The men who first decided Roe invented the right to abortion out of thin air. By adding an extra line to our Constitution, they ignored one of the first sentences of the Declaration of Independence, which holds that we are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

With Roe in the dustbin of history, the abortion question returns to the democratic arena where it belongs. The most contentious of issues can now be properly debated and deliberated at both the Federal and State levels, where, ideally, the most logical and persuasive arguments can triumph and translate into new law.

Let us have clear eyes to see exactly what science shows us, that fetuses in the womb are human beings who develop with each passing second. These innocent children have their own DNA and soon develop hands, feet, eyes, and lips. They can also feel pain. Just as importantly, they have the potential to grow up, flourish, and achieve amazing dreams. Let us have the compassion to give them that chance.

For those of us in elected office who sincerely believe that human life is a sacred gift from God in need of society's protection, our position is no

longer theoretical. We now have a pressing responsibility to examine how public policy can best be crafted to adequately accomplish our stated goal.

I believe we already have an answer. When an expectant mother visits a doctor for an ultrasound, the image of a beating heart is the first confirmation that a child has been conceived. When someone is involved in a severe accident, a medic will check right away to see if there is a pulse to make sure the victim is alive. In short, a heartbeat means a life.

Now, to legislate consistently with this truth, I introduced the Heartbeat Protection Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. This bill would legally prohibit future abortions from being performed if a preborn child's heartbeat can be detected, with the exception for when a mother's life is in danger. It is a science-based, humanity-respecting solution suited to the new landscape in which we find ourselves.

The post-Roe world is here. As legislators in each State determine the extent to which they wish to defend life, pro-life Members of Congress can simultaneously take action to make our beloved country a place where both children waiting to be born and their mothers are acknowledged and safeguarded.

Mr. Speaker, tonight, we have a very distinguished group of Members with us who will also speak on this subject. This doesn't have to turn into an angry debate. This doesn't have to turn into something that people get so upset with each other about that they can't even sit down and talk intelligently about what is going on.

If we cannot see the value of life every day in every single person, then what have we witnessed this year, just this summer—the horror that has taken place in our own cities, the loss of life that we have experienced, the sincere sorrow that this country feels. Yet, we have a blind eye and a deaf ear to the cries of the unborn.

Do they not deserve that same type of consideration that every human being deserves?

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mrs. McCLAIN).

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for holding this very serious and very important Special Order.

A few weeks ago, the Supreme Court delivered the greatest victory for life this country has ever seen when it rightly held that the ability to kill an unborn child is not a constitutional right and returned the authority to regulate abortion back to the people and their elected Representatives.

Sadly, we have seen some elected officials who care more about appeasing the fringes of their base than defending our institution and respecting the document that they swore to uphold and defend.

President Biden, for example, a former longtime supporter of letting

the States decide their abortion policies, he sees fit to ignore the ruling. In a feeble attempt to quiet his far-left critics, he is seeking to unilaterally expand the ability to kill an unborn child.

I am curious. Does he not know that we have rule of law in this country with a system actually built on checks and balances? The President has been in Washington since before Roe, so I think he should at least have a basic understanding of our government and the rule of law.

I would say this: Mr. President, these efforts will be in vain. You must remember the oath that you took and the document you swore to uphold. Mr. President, the Supreme Court and the Constitution are clear: You and your bureaucratic underlings at HHS do not have the authority to unilaterally make law. That is up to the people's Representatives. Please remember that.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN).

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY) for this Special Order.

The Supreme Court's monumental overturn of Roe v. Wade is a milestone we have been working on for nearly half a century. However, our work has only just begun.

Since the Court's ruling, pro-abortion extremists have attacked, vandalized, and even firebombed pregnancy centers and churches across this country.

Since 2016, pregnancy help centers have saved more than 800,000 lives by providing critical resources for women and their children. They should never be forced to operate under the threat of violence from anarchists who do not value life or our laws.

I have introduced H. Res. 1183, which condemns these attacks and the domestic terrorists behind them.

We must keep fighting to protect the unborn from those who wish to extinguish them at all costs.

I am a proud supporter of such an effort, the Heartbeat Protection Act, which prohibits abortions from the moment a child's heartbeat is detected. All babies deserve a chance at life, and we must defend that chance and that life.

My colleagues across the aisle have disturbingly embraced an anti-life agenda so radical that it sadistically enables the murder of millions.

This week, our colleagues across the aisle are pushing the abortion on demand until birth act, a bill that legalizes abortion on demand for any reason and at any time. They don't care that their pro-abortion agenda fails to align with the views of the majority of Americans—71 percent, to be exact—who support some limitations on abortion.

We cannot and must not remain silent while the lives of the most innocent among us are threatened to be terminated.

Mr. Speaker, I will always stand for our unborn and firmly stand against any efforts to promote abortion.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE), another member of the fantastic Pennsylvania conference group and a strong defender of life.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I thank Representative MIKE KELLY for holding this Special Order.

What a pivotal summer we have seen as the United States Supreme Court, after almost five decades, has overruled the terror of Roe v. Wade.

We all know that all life is sacred. As a doctor, I swore an oath first to do no harm, and for me as a doctor, that meant refusing to ever be involved in performing abortions or any abortion procedures. Now, as a legislator, it means working each and every day to protect and stand for human life.

Even after this historic Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, there is still work to be done to protect human life here in the United States. Our Declaration of Independence states that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are unalienable rights given to all of us by our creator, and government is created to protect these rights. Government is created to protect life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We must all, as legislators, stand for life, and we must continue to fight for the unborn.

The sanctity of human life is an inherent part of America from our founding days, and it must be protected today and into the future.

Again, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania, my colleague and my friend, for doing this Special Order this evening and allowing all of America to hear how we stand behind the sanctity of human life.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON), a member of the Republican leadership group.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his important voice and for hosting this Special Order hour.

The sanctity of human life can never be overemphasized. The gentleman has done so much work in that arena, and I appreciate him.

I am thankful to our Democratic colleagues tonight, as well, for skipping their Special Order hour so we can just go right ahead and get started in prime time. If America were experiencing record inflation, sky-high gas prices, and uninhibited illegal immigration under our watch, I would probably yield my time back, as well.

Mr. Speaker, this morning in our Judiciary Committee, the Democrat majority convened a hearing, and they titled it: "What's Next: The Threat to Individual Freedoms in a Post-Roe World." It was an appropriate title, indeed, because the radical abortion advocates are becoming completely unhinged. They are seeking to trample on

the individual freedoms of anybody who disagrees with them.

Case in point, over the weekend, the leftwing activist group ShutDownDC offered \$200 bounties for public sightings of our Supreme Court Justices.

This week, Senator ELIZABETH WARREN—talk about unhinged—said that crisis pregnancy centers all across America should be shut down.

There are 2,700 pregnancy centers all around this country in all 50 States. They are supported by over 10,000 licensed medical professionals. They are annually serving approximately 2 million women and men. I used to serve as legal counsel for many of these organizations, and I can testify to their invaluable work.

Why would anybody want to shut down pregnancy centers? They exist to provide counseling, care, aid, and comfort to struggling mothers who just want to have their babies. This is just abhorrent.

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Speaking of abhorrent, I suggest to my Democrat friends to study up tonight—really, I mean, seriously—on the bill that we are going to be voting on here tomorrow. They call it the Women's Protection Act. It is not. We call it, more appropriately, abortion on demand until birth act.

Even though this will be the second time we voted on this bill in this Congress, I am not sure they know what is in it. I keep hearing my Democrat colleagues tell us: Oh, no, it is not about abortion on demand until birth. It absolutely is.

Surely, if they knew that this legislation did this, they wouldn't support it, right?

The American people certainly don't support it.

To our Democrat colleagues tonight, as I yield back to my friend, I would just humbly suggest—read your bill. You got a few hours. Read your legislation. Search your conscience. I hope that you will do the right thing and vote against that bill tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. KELLY again for the Special Order hour.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. JOHNSON.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA). I think we came into Congress in 2011 and it has been a pleasure serving with you. I appreciate your comments tonight on this very important issue.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Mr. KELLY's leadership that he is providing for us here tonight and all through the year and all through your tenure here on this key moral issue.

I am glad also to join the rest of my pro-life colleagues here to reaffirm our dedication to protecting the innocent unborn.

Indeed, we have cause for celebration, something that has been corrected, over nearly 50 years and over 50 million lives taken, the unconstitu-

tional Roe decision has been rightfully overturned and the power put back to the States to a legislative process, not one decided by seven of nine on a Supreme Court.

Indeed, now we can have debate and people can be accountable for their votes. The public can have input on what they think about this topic. The public is much more educated at this point than they were 50 years ago and what this really means.

Every pregnancy actually results in a human life in that pregnancy. It is not something else. It is not a blob. It is not a tissue mass. It isn't going to be some other form of life or an animal—this is a human life we are talking about, and we value that and we protect that. It is constitutional to protect life in this country.

Though that decision does not outlaw abortion, it puts the responsibility and accountability back to legislatures, whether it is going to be States or here in the U.S. Capitol.

They still pushed forward anyway with a determination to go even farther than Roe v. Wade—their abortion on demand bill that they are going to take up tomorrow. It provides for discretionary abortions at any point in a pregnancy on the basis of a baby's sex, race, or possible disability.

What are we doing here?

We must stop the left's radical, extreme, immoral abortion agenda and uphold the value and dignity and potential of every person's life.

We even see now that corporations want to pay for travel for abortions for their employees. Amazing. They think this is helping women—\$4,000 is possible for your travel.

We have States that also want to be abortion tourism centers. My home State of California, shamefully, is trying to draw people in, pay for their stay, pay for their travel—even for illegal immigrants.

How immoral can you be?

Each one of these innocent souls was created by God. We see this immoral decay of our country, and it is really coming to fruition right in bright colors in front of all of us.

There is no denying that what we are talking about is a human life. As early as 5 weeks in the womb babies have a heartbeat; 10 weeks, arms, legs, fingers and toes, and they can jump and kick even inside the womb; 15 weeks, fully developed hearts, they can taste, yawn, and hiccup. Indeed, they are real.

It is not some blob. It is not something to be dismissed. What we are seeing here with the overturning of this decision, is the responsibility is back in front of the people to have this debate, and it is going to be a serious debate with all the States that are going to take this up, and here in Congress.

My hat is off to all the people that have worked so hard all these years—those pro-life folks out there—making the case, pleading, praying, and working so hard to educate about the miracle that is life.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN), my friend and a strong defender of life.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, our country was sent on a journey a week ago to see how we would respond to the Dobbs decision. This decision challenges all Americans to decide where they will stand on the abortion issue.

It is particularly a challenge to the churches of this country who are supposed to provide moral guidance to the country as to where to stand.

These are decisions that will have to be made by the citizens, in part, when they vote. Decisions have to be made by State legislators, district attorneys as to whether they are going to uphold pro-life laws, and perhaps, most important of all, individual decisions that are going to have to be made by women or families who are in a situation in which some people are going to try to persuade them to have an abortion.

It is interesting when we talk about this to remember that in 1973, as far as I can determine, no State between California on the West Coast and New York on the East Coast had entirely open-ended pro-abortion laws. Nevertheless, at a time where we didn't really have ultrasounds, every other State ruled that something barbaric was going on.

You just heard other statistics—we know at 6 weeks a child has a heartbeat; 7 weeks, feels pain; 10 weeks, jumps if startled, and has fingers and toes; 15 weeks, sense of taste.

Obviously, anybody who says: What would God want us to do in this situation realizes a human being has been created by God, and that human being should be cherished and kept alive.

It was, again, apparently the clergy in 1973, or society as a whole, did a good job of informing people that something so horrific was happening in abortion that it should be barred and made illegal. Since that time, the clergy of this country and the churches of this country have had 49 years to weigh in with the public and guide them as to how they should think. We are soon going to find out what a good job they did or a bad job they did.

In any event, we thank the Supreme Court for reaching the right decision. Now we put the ball in the court of Americans as a whole, whether they will respond, recognizing the precious lives that we have to protect in America, or if they are going down the shoot toward more of an atheistic view of the world, similar to countries like North Korea, Red China, countries in which atheism is part of their roots.

The challenge is yours, America—the challenge to the churches.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. GROTHMAN.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS), a great consistent defender of life.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. KELLY for holding this Special Order and I thank him for his leadership on

this incredibly important issue, particularly the heartbeat bill.

The heartbeat bill criminalizes an abortion that is performed after knowingly determining that a fetus has a detectable heartbeat.

The Democrats have the most radical position on abortion. They have zero regard for life. It is so radical that they want to shut down all crisis pregnancy centers in America. These centers help pregnant mothers in need and after the child is born.

Tomorrow, they plan to pass a piece of legislation that will strip away every protection for children in the womb, the protection for their mothers and healthcare providers.

It would allow abortion up until birth, and it could be used for sex selection. If it is signed into law, we will become the most barbarous country in the world with regard to abortion—more radical than even China, North Korea, or Vietnam, which have no limitations.

Well, what do we have now?

We have States that could regulate this now, and they do. So it is a lie to say that you don't have abortions in these States. Here is the deal. Even in France they regulate it and it is prevented after 14 weeks; Germany after 12 weeks, Greece after 12 weeks, Hungary after 12 weeks, Ireland after 12 weeks, and it goes on and on in the EU.

The United States—if this bill passes tomorrow—will be the most barbarous to unborn babies in the world. I hope and pray that doesn't happen. It must not happen in a civilized country like the United States, I pray it won't.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. BIGGS.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN), another great defender of pro-life and consistent member of pro-life.

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for hosting this very important Special Order hour, it is a hard-pressed thing and there is nothing more important that we can talk about right now.

I rise tonight to use my voice in defense of the voiceless, the unborn. Abortion has desensitized our Nation and I pray that the recent Supreme Court ruling wakes up our country to the horrors that we have visited upon our country's most vulnerable citizens whose lives have been snuffed out by abortion.

By 12 weeks of age, a baby has fully formed arms, hands, fingers, feet, and toes, a fully functional circulatory system and liver, and the capacity to experience pain—all at the weight of just 1 ounce and the length of 4 inches.

This is a miracle of God, and rather than stand in awe of it, some lawmakers would rather disregard it as meaningless. Abortion is not simply an elected medical procedure like getting your wisdom teeth taken out. There is another person involved—another eternal soul whom God created, loves, and sent his son, Jesus, to die for so that they might live.

The Supreme Court finally rectified their unthinkable wrong from 50 years ago, when the court legislated from the bench with *Roe v. Wade* and declared abortion a constitutional right grounded in a woman's right to privacy—a jurisprudential move that was shaky, biased, and flat wrong.

The United States is one of only eight countries in the world that permit abortion after 20 weeks of gestation, which means that 95 percent of the countries on Earth think that we are dead wrong on abortion. Now, as the Supreme Court has finally handed this decision back to the States, Americans will get to decide for themselves how abortion should be regulated.

It is easy to get caught up in the legislative language and forget that the numbers involved in the abortion issue are actual human beings. In the United States, 63.4 million people—Americans—have died from abortion over the last 50 years.

To put that number into context, that is roughly the entire population of the Midwest, which is estimated at 65 million people. Think about that.

Would our country notice if the collective populations of Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin were wiped out overnight? Would they miss these people?

That is the impact that abortion has had over the past 50 years.

I believe that life begins at conception, which is why I support adoptions, foster care, and crisis pregnancy centers that work tirelessly to care for mothers and their babies.

I take this moment to thank the pro-life movement at large in American and I am standing with you and thanking God that *Roe v. Wade* has finally been overturned.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT), somebody who has been a friend of mine since way back in 2011, and who has never stopped fighting for life since he got here.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for having and hosting this time.

During biblical times, we read about sacrifices of babies to Moloch and to Baal.

How could that happen? How could you allow a child—a tiny baby—to suffer like that? It goes on.

I know there is so much said, but let's simplify it. If you think that it is not a child, see a premie. It doesn't have to be your own premature child like ours was. Let that little child grab your finger and hold on for dear life. Understand what we have heard about here—what a late-term abortion is that so many in this body embrace.

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That little hand is attached to an arm that is attached to a body, and it is a beautiful child. The late-term abortionist, as he has explained, will

rip off—he reaches in with a clamp, clamps on to the arm, linear things, and rips off four linear things from the body and then reaches in and crushes the skull and rips the skull off of the child.

That is not progress for civilization. That is horrendous.

Let a premature child hold your finger, Mr. Speaker, and see what the monitors do—as I have—and you will never ever want to know of a child like that being broken, pulled, and torn apart. Let's progress beyond the brutality.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from the great State of Georgia (Mr. CARTER), who is another great defender of life.

We have been defending life for so long with such great patience and such great prayer. It has always been done in a peaceful manner.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, in the 1970s when *Roe v. Wade* was decided, ultrasound technology was in its infancy. The black and white photos that expectant parents proudly display on their refrigerators and in social media posts today weren't widely available back then. The general public could not see the life that was being created, and the medical community had no clear consensus on when life began.

I have been blessed with many beautiful grandchildren, and I remember the warmth and love I felt for them the second I saw those 15-week ultrasound photos. I am beyond grateful. In fact, it is an answer to many prayers that our Supreme Court has finally made a decision and has overturned the catastrophic decision that was *Roe v. Wade*.

What the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision does is give the power back to the States where it belongs, allowing them to decide how they want to approach abortion law. But it doesn't stop here. We must now refocus our attention in a post-*Roe* world, to providing aid to our mothers.

Now, this is very important, Mr. Speaker. The Biden administration has recently come out targeting pharmacists such as myself, trying to force them to distribute abortion medication at the risk of civil rights violations. When I was a member of the Georgia State legislature, I sponsored legislation to allow pharmacists to act in the best interest of their patient.

President Biden is using pharmacists as political pawns for his pro-abortion agenda. That is truly despicable. This is not the kind of leadership that should be coming out of the White House.

Life is the most fundamental human right; we must continue to work to help make it the best that it can be.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from the great State of Georgia (Mr. ALLEN). Again, I thank the Representative for

being with us tonight. He is a great defender of life.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, MIKE KELLY of Pennsylvania, for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I believe everyone has the dignity, value, and potential. There is no right more fundamental than the right to life. Our Founders engraved it in the Constitution. We are made in God's image, and we carry in our hearts that spark of creation that served as the bedrock upon which our country was founded.

Documents like the Constitution do not grant rights, they protect rights. The Dobbs v. Jackson decision will go down in history not only as the end of one era but the dawn of another more hopeful one.

The decision that the Court made was based on the 14th Amendment and the civil rights of a woman and her reproductive rights. The decision was controversial. It is not in the Constitution, and it was a terrible decision. It was decided based on the civil rights of the mother.

We know that the child has a heartbeat in 6 weeks and can feel pain at 15 weeks which was the Mississippi law that it was contested on. And we know a child born at 24 weeks will survive.

My question is: When does that child enjoy the same rights under the 14th Amendment as the mother?

Is it at conception?

Is it at 6 weeks, the heartbeat, which Georgia law is based on?

Or is it the Mississippi law or when that child is born maybe prematurely at 24 weeks?

This is God's Word. God told Jeremiah that He knew him before He webbed him in the womb.

What my colleagues are proposing tomorrow on the House floor goes far beyond Roe. This legislation, if codified into law, would require healthcare providers at the command of the mother to rip a full-term baby from the womb while the mother is in labor; if the baby likely survives, orders the child to be killed.

This is unconscionable and barbaric and must be stopped. Only eight nations, as has been said earlier, allow this barbaric practice; two of them are North Korea and China. We are not in good company here.

I cry out to my colleagues to stop this insanity. Let us all enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—even the defenseless unborn.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Representative for his remarks. Tomorrow is a big day for all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from the great State of Mississippi (Mr. GUEST). As we all ponder tonight what tomorrow will bring, I thank Mr. GUEST for being with us and defending life in every step of the way.

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the life of the unborn and in support of pro-life legislation like the Heartbeat Protection Act,

a commonsense bill that would save an untold number of unborn children. I encourage my colleagues to look at the evidence that supports the pro-life movement.

I know that Scripture supports life. Jeremiah 1:5 tells us:

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart.

We also know that science supports life. Science now proves that unborn children can feel pain starting at 15 weeks or earlier. With enhanced ultrasound technology we see children in the womb moving and kicking. With new technology, doctors can even detect the beating sound of a child's heart.

Our Court supports life with the recent decision by the Court to support Dobbs v. Jackson, which is a case that originated in the great State of Mississippi, my home State, we now have a legal system that has opened the door for a wave of pro-life support.

The American people also support life. Almost two out of every three Americans support restrictions on abortion. Twenty-one States have already implemented laws to protect the lives of unborn children. That will now grow even further with nine more States considering their own pro-life legislation in the coming months.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support Scripture, science, our legal systems, our States, the American people, and the lives of our unborn children by supporting the pro-life movement.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Representative for his comments.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from the great State of Tennessee (Mr. ROSE).

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative KELLY for sponsoring this Special Order tonight.

Mr. Speaker, on Friday of last week, President Biden signed an executive order undermining democratically passed State laws that limit abortions. His executive order directs the Department of Health and Human Services to protect access to life-ending abortions including the dangerous and deadly chemical abortion pill. This goes directly against the Supreme Court's recent decision that allows the people through their elected Representatives to decide on this issue for themselves at the many States.

Unfortunately, the President caved to the extremists who support abortion up until the moment of birth and is now going against his oath of office by directly undermining the law of the land. Meanwhile, pregnancy centers, which provide compassionate support to pregnant mothers, and churches are under attack by the left.

Where is the executive order protecting these organizations and institutions?

In America, the first inalienable right is the right to be born—the right to life. Countless lives have been lost

to abortion since Roe became law. Now is our time to right these wrongs and stand for life. The President has a constitutional duty to uphold the law of the land, not undermine it.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Representative ROSE's being here tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I will use some of the time we have remaining. I know that we always want to debate this proposed legislation about what is good about it and what is bad about it. Oftentimes, we use languages to actually disguise what it is that we are actually talking about.

Tomorrow as we will debate and vote on the Women's Health Protection Act, abortion is the only medical procedure where two people go into the doctor's office and only one comes out alive. I know that in this people's House we have had heavy debate, and I know that both sides are divided on it and sometimes the language gets out of hand. It gets too hateful.

My colleagues on the other side have often said to me:

Look, we believe like you believe. We believe that life is sacred. We believe that every—every—child has a chance, and that unborn child is waiting to be born and waiting to experience all that life has to offer. But, you see, the Supreme Court took that option away from me. My personal preference would be life, but the Supreme Court took that option away from me.

So tomorrow, as we debate the Women's Health Protection Act and we hear a lot of discussion that goes back and forth and defending and then tearing apart and people adding to and subtracting from, we come to a lot of different things.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to share with you that last weekend while we were home, I had the opportunity to visit in Erie, Pennsylvania, in the district that I represent. I visited a women's care center. This is a center where too often they are described as people who are trying to discourage pregnant mothers from actually giving birth. They are trying to lead them into a different direction.

I just want to say this: the people who man these agencies give up a day of their life to come in and help counsel women who are going probably through some of the most difficult times of their life. Maybe it is not the right time for them to have that child. Maybe there is a financial problem, and it is just not right right now.

Maybe there is something else that stands in their way, and they are saying: Well, I am so alone. I am by myself. I don't know how I would handle this.

To those ladies who go through that, I would say that there are options available to you. The adoption option is there. We have thousands upon thousands of people who would love to adopt a child and to give it a loving home and to help nurture it as it goes through its lifecycles. We also have foster care that is available.

I know that I have talked to too many women who have experienced the

anguish of going through an abortion and then later on thinking that they made the biggest mistake of their life and holding that guilt feeling in their life.

I would just like to suggest that we are a very forgiving society. We are a people who say:

Look, don't let that ruin your life. Don't let that ruin your life. There is forgiveness, there is grace, and there is mercy.

We know that. But as we stand here tonight in the people's House—in the people's House—how did we ever get to this point?

How did we ever in the United States of America decide that all life is not precious?

I mentioned earlier some of the horrific instances that have taken place just in the last few weeks, in the last few months, and in the last few years.

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I know that, on Wednesdays, a lot of Representatives wear red, and that is to bring about the remembrance of the Boko Haram and the little girls who were kidnapped and never returned. It is always about “we need to get our girls back.”

We have such open hearts, and we have such understanding in some cases. Then in other cases, we just close our eyes. We plug our ears. We say: No, no. You don't understand. In this situation, the conception of that child was not what we were looking for. That is not what we wanted, but it happened, and now we have a problem. What are we going to do with this little girl or this little boy?

I know people look away. They look to the sky, and they look to the walls, and they look to the floor, and they say: Look, my personal preference would be—but the Supreme Court made a decision. The Supreme Court has just righted a very wrong decision.

I hope that, at some point, the greatest defender of life in the history of the world, the greatest defender of liberty and freedom in the history of the world, the United States of America, would take a look at the course and the direction it has been taking for the last 50 years.

Millions upon millions upon millions of little boys and little girls have been denied the right to life. Where in our history did we ever come up with this idea that abortion is okay?

Look, I said earlier, I understand there are times in your life—I can just tell you this: As a father of four and a grandfather of 10, between our first-born child and our second-born child, there was a pregnancy that took place. It was an ectopic pregnancy. My wife has wondered forever what that child would have been like had she gone full term.

I want to take a moment, Mr. Speaker, as we close now. In this building, in this room, in this town, tomorrow, we will have a chance to look at what it is we are doing and where we are going. I would just ask it all to be prayerful,

peaceful, and understand that this is an issue that we can no longer close our eyes to.

If it is your personal preference, if it is something that you think is right for life, then, please, walk away from any political bend that you may have and look at the policies.

We are here for the best interests of the United States and the best interests of our American citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you so much for your indulgence. I yield back the balance of my time.

BEING A MORAL AND RELIGIOUS COUNTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, first of all, just so you all know, you don't have to worry about waiting 30 minutes. It is not going to be that long.

I would like to talk about some issues tonight that I don't feel have been adequately addressed in this forum. The press—not the people back home, but the press—keeps trying to make a big deal out of January 6.

When I go home, as I am sure for all of my colleagues who go home, 80 percent of the comments deal with inflation, insofar as other things are being dealt with. It is not January 6.

Nevertheless, there is something that bothers me. Since we are apparently going to have these hearings on January 6, everything ought to be able to come out. If I was on that committee, the first thing I would ask is for all the video from the Capitol that day to be released.

It seems to me if people genuinely want to know what is going on, that is where I would start. Therefore, on last October 5, myself, Congressman NORMAN, and Congressman GOHMERT asked for all the video from the Capitol to be released that day. It doesn't seem that much of a difficult request. There were many people still being held in jail, and the press kept trying to rile up the population and let them believe something horrible had happened.

I received inquiries from both Republican and Democrat constituents who felt it would be a good idea if we released the video of what was going on that day. It would be helpful if Congresswoman LIZ CHENEY or ADAM KINZINGER also weighed in, saying all that video should be released. But for whatever reason, it hasn't been released.

One more time, Congressmen Norman, Gohmert, and myself have had to make a request of the Justice Department to release these videos. It is getting to the point where no longer is it just an innocent inquiry because a few people asked for it. People are beginning to think that the Justice Department must be hiding something.

One more time, we make the request. The request should be made by the

Capitol press corps. There was a time when press in this country, one of their goals was to get behind the curtain in front of government and expose what was really going on, and both conservative and liberal journalists would have quickly asked for these videos. For whatever reason, they haven't asked for them.

I, again, ask the Department of Justice to release them. But above all, because I don't think the Justice Department apparently cares what Congressmen Norman, Gohmert, or Grothman say, the press in this country that seems obsessed with January 6 ought to demand that the Justice Department release these videos. After all, it has been 16 months, 17 months, after this took place. It has been 18 months after this took place. It is high time we found out what was going on there.

Every day that goes forward in which the video is not released, I think the American public, the small amount that is paying attention, is going to be more convinced that somebody is hiding something.

Now, I don't want to accuse anybody of anything. I don't want to be a conspiracy theorist, but my constituents are wondering, when I write that letter, why we are sitting on the video. If it is so important to find out what really went on that day, please, Department of Justice, release the hidden videos and, please, comatose American press corps, ask that the videos be released.

I have spoken from this microphone many times this biennium about a tilt toward the totalitarian sort of government that we see going on. And by totalitarian, I mean the worst type of totalitarian, a Marxist totalitarian government.

We see a variety of danger signs on the horizon. We began this session with people being sworn in who, in order to get elected, got help from Black Lives Matter, a group whose founders made no bones about the fact that they were Marxist and made no bones about the fact that they were against the traditional American family, what they described as the Western nuclear family.

We have then seen online media giants suppress free speech. Now, I suppose you could say they are private companies, and I suppose you could say it is their right to suppress free speech or prevent you from googling something, from getting a cross section of views that are out there.

Nevertheless, we know, as a practical matter, they have almost a monopoly in this country, and it is concerning that these companies that have, as a practical matter, monopolies have decided to suppress certain speech. They certainly have the heart of a totalitarian atheist.

The next thing we look at is a growing percentage of the gross national product no longer being spent by the people who earn the money but being spent by the government, by the politicians in Washington. That is another danger sign.