

update letter  
MARCH 2024



Dear Friends,

*Will you and I live to see the day that the infamous 1973 Roe v. Wade abortion decision is no more? I believe we will!*

**I wrote those words in the opening sentence of a Family Council update letter in March of 2019. Please read this story I shared back then, and take some time to think with me about where we stand today:**

*[In 2005] I conducted a statewide tour in support of Judge Samuel Alito's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. Two other gentlemen and I traveled 5,000 miles in a rental car, zigging and zagging across Arkansas, making front-page news and getting on the radio in over 30 cities and towns where we stopped. Our message was simple: We wanted U.S. Senators Blanche Lincoln and Mark Pryor to vote for Judge Alito's nomination. At the time, Democrats in the U.S. Senate were filibustering President George W. Bush's judicial picks. Many of his nominees were not even getting a fair hearing, and Alito's confirmation was up in the air.*

*We had more than a few memorable incidents during our 5,000 mile tour across Arkansas. When we stopped for lunch at Wendy's in Jonesboro on our way to a press conference at the courthouse, one of the gentlemen accidentally spilled ketchup all over the front of his shirt. When he asked the kid working behind the counter for something to clean it with, the kid handed him a dirty rag soaked in ketchup. Of course, that only made the mess worse. Pretty soon his clothes were covered in splotchy, red stains. Ketchup and all, we held a TV news conference. On our way to our next stop in Wynne, we raced through the Jonesboro mall. He bought a new dress shirt, changed in the car, and we made our next stop on time.*

*We wrapped up our tour stops, and the U.S. Senate ultimately confirmed Samuel Alito to the U.S. Supreme Court not long after that. In February of 2006 I wrote the following in an update letter: "Now that he has been confirmed, I am confident that Alito will move the Court in a more conservative direction. His appointment to the Court brings us a step closer to correcting the terrible mistake the Court made in the Roe v. Wade abortion decision."*

*Thirteen years ago, the reversal of Roe v. Wade was a far-fetched dream that most people couldn't imagine being fulfilled. Now, the end of Roe is in sight. Sometimes, an evil that seems unshakable will suddenly fall. The Soviet Union with its Berlin Wall fell quickly. Gross injustices like slavery, the Jewish Holocaust, and even the flood of Noah's day all saw evil come to an abrupt end. Imagine turning on the TV and hearing the news that Roe v. Wade has been reversed or dismantled!*

**Little did any of us know how true those words turned out to be!** Little did we know in 2006 that Justice Alito himself would one day write the U.S. Supreme Court opinion reversing Roe v. Wade and letting Arkansas prohibit abortion except to save the life of the mother. It's amazing to think about how far we have come.

**Today we have a new question: Will Arkansas continue to protect women and unborn children from abortion? I believe we will!** Right now there is an effort underway to write abortion into the Arkansas Constitution. Arkansas has the opportunity to be one of the first states to defeat a pro-abortion amendment at the ballot box. I hope you will keep reading to learn more about this amendment and about how we plan on continuing the fight for the sanctity of innocent human life.

414 S. Pulaski St., Suite 2 • Little Rock, AR 72201 • 501-375-7000 • [info@familycouncil.org](mailto:info@familycouncil.org)



inside:

Group Launches  
Petition Drive  
to Place Abortion  
Amendment on  
November Ballot

Pro-Lifers  
March for Life in  
Washington, D.C.

Arkansas A.G.  
Rejects Marijuana  
Amendment

& MORE



Executive Director Jerry Cox

## Group Launches Petition Drive to Place Abortion Amendment on November Ballot

By Jerry Cox, Executive Director

On January 23 the Arkansas Attorney General's Office certified a popular name and ballot title for the Arkansas Abortion Amendment of 2024. The measure's sponsors are currently collecting the 90,704 petition signatures necessary to place the measure on the ballot this November.

This is a radical amendment legalizing abortion in a way Arkansas has never seen before. It writes abortion into the Arkansas Constitution. As many as three thousand unborn children could be aborted in Arkansas each year because of this amendment—and the State of Arkansas would be powerless to prevent it.

Abortion would be unrestricted during the first five months of pregnancy, and sweeping "health" exceptions in the amendment would allow abortion on demand for virtually any reason during

all nine months of pregnancy.

The amendment would nullify all state abortion laws that conflict with it. That means the abortion amendment would erase practically all of the pro-life laws Arkansas has passed over the years.

For example, from 1989 to 2015 the Arkansas Legislature passed a series of laws requiring abortionists to notify the parents and obtain parental-consent before performing an abortion on an underage girl. Laws like these help protect children from exploitation. The Arkansas Abortion Amendment would jeopardize laws like this one—meaning it could be possible for an abortionist to perform an abortion on a teenage girl without even telling the girl's parents.

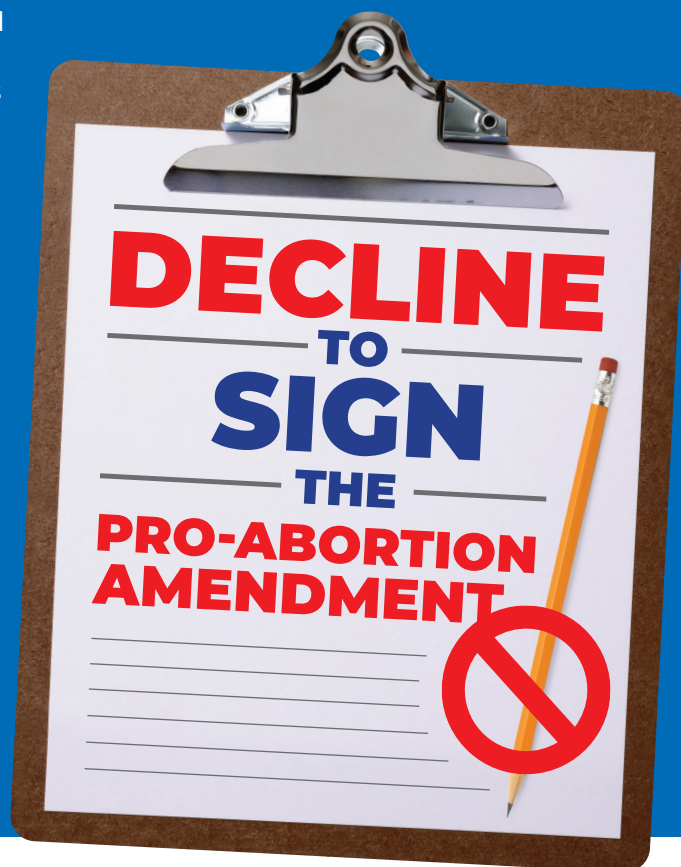
The same thing is true of informed-consent laws and mandatory waiting periods for abortions. In 2015, the Arkansas Legislature passed Act 1086, the Woman's Right to Know Act, requiring abortionists to explain the abortion procedure—including its risks, its consequences, and its alternatives—before performing an abortion. The law also required abortionists to give women time to consider all of their options. In 2015 the waiting period was 24 hours, but we worked with our friends in the legislature to eventually extend that timeframe to 72 hours.

The Woman's Right to Know Act passed with strong, bipartisan support in the Arkansas Legislature. Data from the Arkansas Department of Health indicates that from August 1, 2015, to June 24, 2022, over 3,500 women chose not to have abortions after receiving the information outlined in this one law. The Arkansas Abortion Amendment of 2024 would write unrestricted abortion into the Arkansas Constitution, and it would let liberal judges take a sledge hammer to good laws like the 2015 Woman's Right to Know Act.

Under this amendment, lawmakers and voters would lose the ability to enact abortion restrictions—including restrictions that people on both sides of the aisle have supported in the past.

**So here's the question everyone needs to ask: Do Arkansans really want to write unrestricted abortion into their state constitution? Because if the Arkansas Abortion Amendment passes, that's exactly what we will have.**

Pro-lifers are pushing back. Family Council is spreading the word about how extreme this pro-abortion amendment is. Arkansas Right to Life has launched a "Decline to Sign" campaign encouraging voters not to sign the abortion petition. Elected officials, state and national pro-life organizations, pastors and churches, and everyday Arkansans—all of them are making their voices heard about this amendment. Keep reading to learn more about what the abortion amendment would do—and go to [FamilyCouncil.org](http://FamilyCouncil.org) to find the latest about the campaigns against the amendment.





Stephanie Nichols, Chief Legal Counsel and Director of Family Council's Arkansas Justice Institute

## Policy Points: Amendment Would Enshrine Abortion Into State Constitution, Put Women and Unborn Children at Risk

By Stephanie Nichols, Director and Chief Legal Counsel, Arkansas Justice Institute

The picture next to this column is the baby I am currently expecting. It is from our 21-week ultrasound—an ultrasound where my baby is close to viability on his or her own and is well-developed enough that features can be seen and organs examined to ensure the baby is developing properly. The abortion amendment circulating in Arkansas right now

would allow babies like my precious baby—little ones created in the very image of God—to be legally aborted.

In fact, the radical and extreme “Arkansas Abortion Amendment” would resurrect *Roe v. Wade* in Arkansas and provide a new type of abortion on demand that Arkansas has never seen before. It would not allow the state to “prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict” abortion **in any way** for the first five months of pregnancy—18 weeks after fertilization or 20 weeks gestation. This allows babies who have been alive within the womb for more than four months to be killed without a second thought, and this prohibition on common-sense limits would endanger even common-sense health and safety restrictions to protect the mother.

Babies could be killed up to the very moment of birth if a physician thinks they likely have a medical condition that would lead to death within the first month after birth. This is reliant on a “good faith” judgment call rather than hard scientific facts. And we all know that physicians are sometimes wrong in their diagnosis of a condition or their prognosis of when a person will live or die. Some babies who otherwise would have lived will most certainly be sentenced to death by late-term abortion under this provision.

The amendment would also be a major step back for parental rights in our state. Because of the “no restrictions or delays” language, Arkansas’ parental notification and consent laws would be endangered, allowing young girls to receive abortions without parental notification or consent. This lack of notice to parents also makes abuse, statu-

tory rape, and human trafficking harder to stop. Because the amendment prohibits any restrictions or delays on abortion for the first five months and allows it up to birth in many circumstances, the State of Arkansas could be ordered by a liberal judge to use hard-earned taxpayer dollars to fund the deaths of innocent children—all the way up to birth.

When abortion becomes part of the very constitutional fabric of a state, it also becomes entrenched in the culture of a state. Often, it becomes a first line solution to the problem of unplanned pregnancies. The state becomes a culture of death instead of a culture of life. And the culture of death infects a state so that the implications are far-reaching.

Every baby has a right to life, just like my precious baby. And every mother deserves an opportunity to raise every one of her children—despite outside pressures from boyfriends, husbands, employers, and others. Valuing life has served our state well. When abortions were legal in Arkansas, records show that we lost 3,000 or more unborn human lives a year. That’s like losing the population of an entire Arkansas town every year. I believe we are better than this. Let’s link arms and become the state that says “no” to the culture of death and “yes” to a culture of life. Let’s spend ourselves on this battle and lend our time, energy, financial resources, prayers, and voices to standing firm for life. We have been chosen for this generation and this state for a reason, and we are each here “for such a time as this.”

~ Esther 4:14



## Amendment Could Prevent Arkansas from Requiring Parental Consent for Abortion

The group Arkansans for Limited Government is collecting petition signatures to place the Arkansas Abortion Amendment on the November ballot. If passed, the amendment would write abortion into the Arkansas Constitution, and it could legalize thousands of elective abortions on healthy mothers carrying healthy children every year. The measure contains sweeping health exceptions for abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. **It also nullifies**

**all state abortion laws that conflict with the amendment—which threatens to repeal common-sense abortion laws that people on both sides of the aisle have supported in the past.**

One of the first pro-life laws Family Council supported was a 1989 parental-notification law. Many years ago we received a phone call from a father who told us how a doc-

(continued on following page)



## Amendment Could Prevent Arkansas from Requiring Parental Consent for Abortion *(continued)*

tor performed an abortion on his fourteen-year-old daughter without even telling him and his wife. To say the girl's father was heartbroken would be an understatement.

Stories like this one were the reason why from 1989 to 2015 the Arkansas Legislature passed a series of laws requiring abortionists to notify the parents and obtain parental consent before performing an abortion on an underage girl. Laws like these help protect children from exploitation. These good laws passed with bipartisan support, because people on the Right and the Left both generally recognize that abortionists shouldn't perform an abortion on a teenage girl without parental consent.

**By writing abortion into the constitution, the Arkansas Abortion Amendment jeopardizes common-sense abortion restrictions like Arkansas' parental notification and parental consent laws—meaning it could be**

**possible for an abortionist to perform an abortion on a teenage girl without even telling the girl's parents. Is that really something the People of Arkansas want?**

That's just one example of how the Arkansas Abortion Amendment could cause lawmakers and voters to lose the ability to enact abortion restrictions—including basic restrictions that people on both sides of the aisle have supported in the past. **You can learn more about the abortion amendment by visiting [FamilyCouncil.org](https://FamilyCouncil.org).**

**The Arkansas Abortion Amendment jeopardizes common-sense abortion restrictions like Arkansas' parental notification and parental consent laws.**

---

## Pro-Lifers Form Official Campaigns to Defeat Arkansas Abortion Amendment

Pro-life organizations are launching campaigns to defeat the Arkansas Abortion Amendment. The measure prevents the Arkansas Legislature from restricting abortion during the first five months of pregnancy—which would potentially allow thousands of elective abortions in Arkansas every year. It also contains sweeping health exceptions for abortion throughout all nine months, and it nullifies all state laws that conflict with the amendment—putting basic restrictions like parental consent and informed consent laws in jeopardy.

Pro-life organizations in the state are pushing back and launching campaigns against the amendment. On February 12, Family Council Action Committee filed paperwork with the Arkansas Ethics Commission to form an official campaign against the amendment. Choose Life Arkansas—a group of pro-life leaders from Family Council Action Committee, Arkansas Right to Life, Arkansas Faith and Ethics Council, and others—filed a Statement of Organization on February 16, announcing it “will advocate the disqualification and defeat of the Arkansas Abortion Amendment of 2024.” NWA Coalition for Life also filed a Statement of Organization announcing it will advocate the defeat of the abortion amendment on February 5. Arkansas Right to Life has announced a Decline to Sign campaign encouraging voters not to sign petitions for the amendment. Ozark Right to Life, a local chapter of Arkansas Right to Life, is working against the measure as well. You can find more information about the efforts against the abortion amendment at [FamilyCouncil.org](https://FamilyCouncil.org).

## State of Arkansas Awards Nearly Half a Million Dollars for Pro-Life Alternatives to Abortion

The State of Arkansas has awarded nearly half a million dollars to more than two dozen organizations providing pro-life alternatives to abortion—and more funding is on the way. Last year the Arkansas Legislature overwhelmingly passed Act 622 of 2023 by Sen. Scott Flippo (R – Bull Shoals) and Rep. Lane Jean (R – Magnolia) authorizing \$1 million in state-funded grants for crisis pregnancy centers, maternity homes, adoption agencies, and social services agencies that provide material support to women with unplanned pregnancies. The measure also contained language clarifying that grant funding cannot go to abortion providers or their affiliates.

In December lawmakers cast a procedural vote allowing the Department of Finance and Administration to begin disbursing the grants. In January, the state awarded \$486,480.54 to 26 different pregnancy resource centers. The rest of the \$1 million in grant funding is expected to be distributed between now and June 30. This money will have a tremendous, pro-life impact in Arkansas.

Now that abortion is prohibited in Arkansas except to save the life of the mother, we need to support women and families and eliminate the demand for abortion. This grant funding does that. It provides women in Arkansas with actual pro-life options—meaning they are less likely to travel out of state for abortion. Family Council was pleased to support passage of Act 622 last year, and we plan to work for passage of another appropriation measure at the Arkansas Legislature this April.

## Pro-Lifers March for Life in Washington, D.C.

By Erin Hogan, Family Council

On January 19, I attended the March For Life in Washington, D.C. Many have often wondered why the March for Life is hosted in January. It's mid-winter and usually frigid. This year's National March for Life was no different. Pro-lifers brave the cold every January, because it's the month that marks the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision.

When we arrived at the National Mall, it was snowing and bitterly cold. The snow didn't stop all day! Looking around, we felt a little discouraged, because there were only a few hundred people near the stage. It didn't stay that way. The people did come—and they kept coming! When we looked around, we were surrounded by energetic people who had arrived to celebrate and stand for life. The crowd consisted of all ages, including kids and teenagers. They were passionate about life. There were some there who could hardly walk, yet they braved the cold to stand for the unborn.

This year's March for Life was a testament to the pro-life movement and the people that it consists of. They kept coming, no matter the odds, no matter the ice, snow, and bitter wind. We were there for one, unified purpose: LIFE. It was a wonderful reminder of how strong the pro-life movement can be and also how we should look to the future.

House Speaker Mike Johnson captured it well when he spoke to the crowd.

*"This is a critical time to help all moms who are facing unplanned pregnancies, to work with foster children, and to help families who are adopting, to volunteer and assist our vital pregnancy resource centers and our maternity homes, and to reach out a renewed hand of compassion, and to speak the truth in love."*

Amen to that!



From Left: Kailey Hogan and Erin Hogan stand in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., as the 2024 March for Life takes place.

## Allowing Abortion in Cases of Rape and Incest Hurts Women and Unborn Children

Supporters of the Arkansas Abortion Amendment say the amendment is necessary to allow abortion in cases of rape and incest. **To be clear, the amendment actually would write unrestricted abortions into the Arkansas Constitution.** Even so, many Arkansans understandably have serious questions about making exceptions for abortion in cases of rape or incest.

**Rape and incest are horrific crimes, and the perpetrators of these crimes need to be punished as current law mandates.** A woman who is raped is a victim in every sense of the word, and public health officials have reported in the past that approximately 2%–5% of all abortions are performed because of rape or incest. In light of that, it's easy for some elected officials to justify abortion in these situations. We all wish we could take away the pain that victims of sexual assault experience, but there are serious problems with permitting abortion in cases of rape or incest. Below are five points to consider.

**1. Abortion Does Absolutely Nothing to Prevent Rape or Incest.** Despite its liberal state abortion laws, California

saw its number of rape cases increase from 13,439 in 2020 to 14,435 in 2021. Legalizing abortion in cases of rape or incest does not protect women from sexual predators. It doesn't help law enforcement arrest rapists. It doesn't make it easier for prosecutors, judges, or juries to convict a man who rapes a woman.

**2. Abortion Actually Helps Conceal Rape and Incest From Authorities.** In 2016 abortionist Ulrich Klopfer admitted to the Indiana Medical Licensing Board that he once performed an abortion on a 10-year-old girl from Illinois who had been raped by her uncle. Dr. Klopfer openly admitted that he did not report the crime to law enforcement. He let the girl go home to her parents who knew about the rape and had decided not to press charges. As far as anyone can tell, that girl's uncle was never brought to justice. Indiana's Medical Licensing Board was shocked to hear Dr. Klopfer speak so openly and so indifferently about what had been done to this girl. Abortion helps conceal evil crimes like this one.

*(continued on following page)*

## Allowing Abortion in Cases of Rape and Incest Hurts Women and Unborn Children *(continued)*

**3. Abortion Does Not Heal the Harm That Rape and Incest Cause.** Rape and incest cause lifelong trauma, but abortion doesn't heal the wounds that rape or incest leave behind. Abortion takes the life of an unborn baby, and it carries serious risks for the woman. Abortion is not a quick fix. Its consequences are very serious.

**4. Rapists Have No Legal Claim to Their Victims or Their Victims' Children.** Under Arkansas law, a rapist has no legal claim to his victim or the children of his victim. That means a woman or girl who becomes pregnant because of rape can keep the

child or put the child up for adoption, but she does not have to consult the rapist or share custody with him. Arkansas law is very clear on that point. Additionally, state courts can take other appropriate action to protect victims of rape or incest.

**5. The Unborn Baby is Totally Innocent.** An unborn boy or girl has no control over how he or she was conceived. These are living human beings. Rape and incest are evil, and the woman who is raped is an innocent victim in every sense of the word. But the unborn child is innocent as well. Is it right to kill an unborn baby because the baby's father was a rapist?

---

## Arkansas A.G. Rejects Marijuana Amendment

On January 29 the Arkansas Attorney General's Office rejected an amendment legalizing marijuana in the state, citing problems and ambiguities in the measure's language. Among other things, the amendment would expand the list of healthcare professionals who can write notes certifying people to use "medical" marijuana, and it would let people buy and use marijuana without showing that they suffer from one of the eighteen qualifying conditions currently listed in the state constitution. It would let people grow their own marijuana at home, and it would give current marijuana growers and sellers a monopoly over the marijuana industry in Arkansas. Together, these changes would let people grow, buy, and use marijuana in Arkansas for practically any reason.

**Marijuana may be many things, but "harmless" simply is not one of them.**

**Arkansas voters soundly rejected marijuana in 2022.** Nationwide, marijuana legalization has caused serious problems in other states. Authorities in California, Oregon, and other states continue to seize marijuana grown and sold illegally on the black market. Research from California found infants were 35% more likely to die within the first year of birth if their mothers used marijuana heavily. Regular marijuana use has been associated with lung problems and an increased risk of heart attack and stroke. A 2022 study published in the journal of the Radiological Society of North America found marijuana smoke may actually be more harmful to lungs than cigarette smoke. States that have legalized marijuana have seen increases in drugged driving and traffic injuries as well.

**All of this underscores what we have said for years: Marijuana may be many things, but "harmless" simply is not one of them.**

## Lawyers for TikTok, A.G.'s Office Go Toe-to-Toe in Court

On February 7, the Arkansas Attorney General's office and lawyers representing social media giant TikTok appeared in state court as part of one of the A.G.'s lawsuits alleging TikTok violated state consumer protection laws. With an estimated one billion users worldwide and 135 million in the U.S., TikTok is considered by some to be the most popular social media platform in the world. However, last year Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin filed two lawsuits accusing TikTok of violating Arkansas' Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

One of the lawsuits alleges that TikTok failed to fully disclose that TikTok is subject to Chinese law—including "laws that mandate secret cooperation with intelligence activities of the People's Republic of China." The other lawsuit—which is the subject of February's court hearing—alleges the social media giant violated the state's Deceptive Trade Practices Act by promoting intensely sexualized content and other objectionable content on its platform.

The lawsuit calls the TikTok app "a Chinese 'Trojan Horse' unleashed on unsuspecting American consumers," and notes that "tens of millions of minors use TikTok in the United States." Once on the TikTok app, the Arkansas Attorney General's office writes that TikTok's algorithm "force-feeds" many children a non-stop diet of objectionable content—including videos depicting alcohol, tobacco, and drugs, sexual content, nudity, violence, intense profanity, and obscenity. The lawsuit also alleges much of this content is available to teenagers even when using the app's Restricted Mode that is intended to filter inappropriate material. **In fact, The A.G.'s legal complaint notes that TikTok's algorithm actually promotes these videos regardless of the user's age—meaning that many children using TikTok may be exposed to this type of material routinely.**

There's so much evidence that social media is bad for children that liberal lawmakers in states like New York are calling for restrictions on social media platforms.





Assistant Director David Cox

## Family Council Joins Amicus Brief Supporting the NRA Before the U.S. Supreme Court

By David Cox, Assistant Director

Earlier this year Family Council joined other conservative state and national leaders in an amicus brief supporting the National Rifle Association before the U.S. Supreme Court. In a nutshell, this case centers on whether or not the government can pressure private businesses to cut ties

with controversial organizations like the NRA. To put the situation in perspective, this lawsuit is so lopsided in the NRA's favor that **even the ACLU has filed paperwork in court siding with the NRA.** Here's a little more about the lawsuit and the amicus brief Family Council signed:

If you are a card-carrying member of the NRA, you know that NRA members are eligible for special insurance policies and other benefits. Among them are insurance policies people can rely on if they use a firearm in self-defense. In October of 2017 the New York Department of Financial Services began investigating insurance companies that offered this type of insurance through the NRA to its members. The department claimed the insurance policies were illegal, because they covered situations where the person was later found to have violated the law while using a firearm in self-defense. Because New York prohibits companies from insuring illegal activity, the state decided the insurance policies were illegal. In April of 2018, the Superintendent of New York's Department of Financial Services, Maria Vullo, issued guidance encouraging insurance companies to "continue evaluating and managing risks, including reputational risks, that may arise from their dealings with the NRA or similar gun promotion organizations." The NRA alleges that Vullo expressly told the insurance companies they would not receive leniency from prosecutors unless the companies stopped doing business with the NRA. The NRA sued, and now the case is working its way through the federal court system.

**At the heart of this issue is a simple question: Should the government be able to pressure private corporations into cutting ties with organizations like the National Rifle Association?** Family Council doesn't believe any state government should be able to do that. The amicus brief we signed argues that New York tried to unconstitutionally infringe the NRA's freedom of association. It also argues that the government cannot recruit third-parties—like private insurance companies—to penalize groups like the NRA.

**One reason we signed the amicus brief is that Family Council knows firsthand what it's like to be canceled by a major corporation—possibly at the prompting**

**of the federal government.** At 10:29 A.M. on July 7, 2021, our office received a terse email from our credit card processor—a company owned by J.P. Morgan Chase—saying, "Unfortunately, we can no longer support your business. We wish you all the luck in the future, and hope that you find a processor that better fits your payment processing needs." At 10:30 AM they terminated our account, and we could no longer accept donations online. Our processor was not very transparent about their reason for canceling our account so abruptly. Eventually we learned the company had designated us "High Risk." Since then we have heard similar stories from other conservative organizations. Some suspect that federal officials may be pressuring financial institutions to designate conservatives as "high risk" so that banks will cut ties with them. The problem is so widespread that last year Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin joined 22 other state attorneys general in a public letter addressing the rising trend of politicized de-banking, and government officials have launched investigations into the topic.

**This is about much, much more than NRA members having their insurance policies canceled.**

In January Congressman Jim Jordan (R – Ohio), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, published a letter containing evidence that the U.S. Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network gave banks and other financial institutions guiding "typologies"—patterns banks could use to identify suspicious people. These search terms and patterns allegedly included words like "TRUMP" and "MAGA", as well as behaviors like booking travel for unclear purposes or buying "books (including religious texts) and subscriptions to other media containing extremist views." All of this suggests that the U.S. Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network encouraged banks to search their customer transactions as a way of policing political and religious activity.

**So why did Family Council file an amicus brief in federal court supporting the National Rifle Association? For us, this is about much, much more than NRA members having their insurance policies canceled.** This is about making sure the government cannot abuse its power by weaponizing corporations to hurt private citizens and organizations. We know what it's like to be on the receiving end of corporate cancel culture. Nobody should have to experience that in a free country.

SIGN UP FOR

*Free Alerts*

FROM  
FAMILY COUNCIL  
ABOUT THE  
2024 ARKANSAS  
ABORTION  
AMENDMENT!



Scan this QR code to sign up for news alerts about the Arkansas Abortion Amendment.

Family Council is offering special alerts about the Arkansas Abortion Amendment of 2024. This amendment would write abortion into the Arkansas Constitution. You can receive breaking news and alerts about the amendment on your smartphone or in your inbox. In the process, you'll also learn about what pro-lifers are doing to defeat the amendment.

You can scan the QR code on this page to sign up right now. When you sign up, simply provide your email address and cell phone number. We will make sure to send you important information and alerts as they occur.

## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ARKANSAS

Some years ago, I wrote a legislative update telling our friends about a bill that was up for consideration at the capitol. I opened by saying, "I have spoken with many different attorneys about this issue..." One of our supporters wrote back to me, saying, "I wish you would speak to a few Christians about this issue." Apparently she had some strong opinions about lawyers.

Believe it or not, there are quite a few Christian attorneys in Arkansas. We have one on our staff—Stephanie Nichols, the new Director and Chief Legal Counsel of our Arkansas Justice Institute division. The Arkansas Justice Institute has big plans to network with other attorneys around the state and across the country.

Last year I told our friends that we intended to ramp up our work with ministers and churches across the state. We're doing that this spring—and I plan to share more information with you about that work in the near future.

**Family Council is growing and expanding like never before.** Back about thirty years I wanted to double the size of our staff—from two staff members to four staff members. This year we're growing from eight staff members to 11—and there's still room for us to grow from here.

We aren't just growing to get bigger. We're growing the work that we do. We're expanding our reach in Arkansas. We're stepping out in faith, trusting that God will meet our needs through friends like you who believe in our mission and want to be part of what we are doing. That's why I hope you will send a generous, tax-deductible donation today, if you are able. You can give using the enclosed envelope or you can donate securely online at [FamilyCouncil.org](https://FamilyCouncil.org).

Thank you for your friendship and support. I can't say it enough: We simply could not do this work without good friends like you. Please reach out to me or my staff any time if there is anything we can do for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jerry Cox, President

*Thank you!!*

P.S. Pro-abortion groups are working to pass an amendment writing abortion into the Arkansas Constitution. If passed, liberal judges in Little Rock could use the amendment like a battering ram to bring some of the most extreme pro-abortion policies in the country to Arkansas. I hope you will read this letter to learn more about how pro-lifers are taking a stand against abortion.