



Dear Friends,

Something is strange about all this new anti-life legislation. By now you've heard of the extreme pro-abortion laws coming from NY, VA and now Illinois, taking further measures to ensure the demise of defenseless, innocent babies. Of course, the laws are gruesome, horrifying and diabolical. You need look no further than the call to eliminate any restrictions on how, when and for what reason abortion would be allowed. The answer is for any reason at any time and in any way up until birth.

But what is striking is the effort to virtually eliminate oversight of these *medical* procedures. For decades the pro-abortion champions have told us abortion must be safe and legal because when it wasn't there were back alley abortions, and no oversight meant risky procedures for women. Thousands of women were dying from these "coat hanger" butchers who were not held accountable by any governing body, they said over and over. (For the truth on how fabricated the numbers were surrounding these statistics read "Aborting America" by Bernard Nathanson)

But now, in addition to broadening the scope of abortion, is the strange peeling back of accountability surrounding abortion. According to Illinois Right to Life the new bills HB2467 and HB2495 will: *remove parental involvement, remove all licensing requirements and health and safety standards for abortion clinics, allow non-doctors to perform abortions, force insurance coverage of abortion, declare the unborn child has no rights, remove conscience protections from pro-life doctors, nurses and hospitals, remove abortion statistic reporting requirements, and lift the ban on sale of fetal parts for experimentation while removing the need to obtain consent of the woman before experimenting on her aborted baby.*

There are more disturbing parts to these bills but these are the items which contradict the call for safety when it comes to "women's health." This legislation shows no concern at all about women's health, only about increasing abortions and eliminating restrictions. Time will tell if this level of commitment to abortion will alienate some of their supporters. There are signs already that this is happening.

As for The Women's Center, we will continue to "love them both". Our position hasn't changed. Women are strong and capable and their children are precious gifts from God. We will continue to share the belief that they needn't make a "choice" that destroys one life to fulfill their own. Thank you for your support of our mission.