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Colorado Life Initiative

Christian Grassroots Movement Collected Tens of Thousands of Signatures

April 18, 2024, Denver, Colorado. One thousand one hundred and forty-five volunteers gathered tens of thousands of signatures to get the “Protections of Children” initiative onto the ballot. The initiative would have overturned current abortion law in Colorado that allows the torture of children all nine months of pregnancy through birth.

The group put forward to Colorado voters for signatures the “Protections of Children” Initiative that applied the United States Constitution and current state statutes to prevent the intentional mutilation and deaths of children beginning at conception until adulthood and would have closed abortion clinics and stopped abortion pills.

The initiative states:

Lawful Protection. A living human child must not be intentionally dismembered, mutilated, poisoned, scalded, starved, stabbed, given toxic injections known to cause death, left to die of the elements for lack of warmth or nutrition, used for experimentation, or treated in any way inhumanely to cause intentional physical harm leading to intended death or intended to cause disability to otherwise healthy and functioning parts of the body of a child.

Currently, these practices are legal in the state of Colorado. This was the only prolife initiative put forward before Colorado voters this year. The goal of the initiative was to be a moral, just, and fair law God could bless; meet the state’s requirement to be a single subject; and keep the argument focused on the goal – the protection of children.

“We knew it was the right time,” says Faye Barnhart, Co-Proponent “to put forward the first life initiative onto the Colorado ballot after the overturn of Roe. We saw the ‘giants’ in the land but knew God was calling us to take it anyway,” referring to the children of Israel when God told them to take the promised land and only a few believed causing the Israelites to wander in the wilderness longer.

The Protections of Children initiative was the only prolife initiative put forward in the state this election cycle. The measure would have stopped abortions in the state. More than two thousand children are electively killed every month in Colorado through abortion clinics and chemical abortions. The proposed law would have closed abortion clinics and stopped abortion pills.



The group fell short of the necessary 124,238 signatures set by the state to make the ballot. The group says the primary hindrance to reaching the goal were not the abortionists but the “PLINO’s” (ProLife In Name Only) who became stumbling blocks to the efforts, the return of too many blank petitions, and the need for more publicity and recruitment of circulators in several counties.

Signatures being in the tens of thousands of registered Colorado voters, the group says it still does not represent all the Christians and prolife people in the state who would have wanted to sign the petition had they had the opportunity. The state requires that there is only a six-month window from the time the state reviews and approves of signature gathering until they are due. The group’s proposed measure was approved in October with a deadline of April 18, 2024.

Unlike many campaigns that pay circulators from out of state to gather signatures, the group depended on Colorado residents and worked primarily through churches to get the word out about the initiative. Most denominations were supportive with more than 300 congregations participating. The group also had the support of more than fifty national and state collaborating partners. The group organized a network of volunteers who gathered signatures from all sixty-four counties of Colorado.

“Amazing people volunteered,” Barnhart says. “Elderly ladies stood in the rain outside grocery stores, students talked with other students on college campuses, people walked door-to-door, and many stood with signs at the state Capitol during rallies. We are thankful for the attorneys, doctors, and other professionals who helped make this a solid law, for the endorsement of many politicians, and the many pastors who shared the truth with their congregations because this was the Biblical, right thing to do. We had whole communities where every church participated and almost every petition was returned filled. We also had several counties that were ‘super stars’ collecting signatures. Through the testimonies of our volunteers, we had a protestor who attacked our people, but because they offered her grace, she turned her life over to Christ. We also helped many women and men seeking healing from past abortions that they’ve regretted for decades.”

The Colorado Life Initiative asked people to pray, educate, and mobilize for life. They are asking all churches, Christian organizations, and those who call themselves ‘prolife’, to join future efforts. They hope to continue putting forward prolife measures until children are protected in the state.

“This is a movement of the body of Christ,” states Barnhart, “and we’re just beginning. Only to the people with Christ as our foundation does Christ promise that ‘the gates of hell shall not prevail’ which is why it starts with Christians repenting of our evil and choosing to obey God rather than man. God gave us a choice between life and death for our state. Many didn’t have the faith or vision to see this amazing window of opportunity to lead our state to choose life. We mourn the loss of these children’s lives because we didn’t do everything we could to save them.”

Forty-eight thousand children are expected to be killed before the next election cycle (98,000 tiny infants are expected to die before the next Presidential election), unless something changes. The group has a website to help educate on the humanity of children and why the state should protect them at: gotaheart.org.