



Virginia Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment

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A proposal to add an extreme and deadly “fundamental right” to abortion to Virginia’s constitution is virtually certain to proceed to a referendum. The inevitable and alarming reality is that Virginia voters will be faced with this ballot question sometime in 2026 – either during a special election in the spring or during the general election in November. The exact timing of the referendum will be determined by the General Assembly in January.

This radical amendment goes far beyond even what *Roe v. Wade* previously allowed. It would enshrine virtually unlimited abortion at any stage of pregnancy, with no age restriction. Among numerous other problems, it would severely jeopardize Virginia’s parental consent law, conscience protections for healthcare providers, health and safety standards for women, and restrictions on taxpayer-funded abortions. Most tragically of all, the extreme abortion amendment provides no protections whatsoever for preborn children.

Parental rights must be defended. So too must religious liberty. No one should ever be forced to pay for or participate in an abortion. Health and safety should be enhanced, not diminished. Most importantly, human life is sacred. The lives of vulnerable women and their preborn children must always be welcomed, cared for, and protected.

We urge all Virginians to oppose this extreme amendment, and to pray and fast for the conversion of minds and hearts in the months leading up to this singularly critical vote. For more information about the amendment and what you can do to stop it, please visit vacatholic.org/Amendment.

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