

Religious Freedom Lawyers Demand 24 Hours to Save a Life

Liberty Counsel has filed an amicus brief in *Gainesville Woman Care v. State of Florida*, arguing in favor of a 24-hour waiting period to its Informed Consent abortion law in Florida. The brief was filed on behalf of the American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) and the American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds).

The AAPLOG and ACPeds have extensive experience with adolescents and young women who have been affected by abortion and have studied the long-term effects of the procedure. Both the AAPLOG and ACPeds substantiate that Florida's 24-hour waiting period is critically necessary to protect the health and well-being of young women. Including such a period of reflection before choosing a decision with serious long-term consequences is critically important.

Rep. Jennifer Sullivan, the youngest female member ever elected to the Florida House of Representatives, was one of the sponsors of HB 633 in 2015, known as the Informed Patient Consent bill. Sullivan also participated in one of Liberty Counsel's Covenant Journey tours of Israel.

"Abortion is human genocide. Period," said Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel. "A 24-hour waiting period is critically important when facing life and death decisions. Abortion takes the life of an innocent human being and has enormous physical and psychological consequences on the mother and father and everyone connected to them. Anyone who opposes a 24-hour waiting period has no concern for the health and welfare of women. The reason abortion advocates oppose a waiting period is because they fear the mother will choose

life," said Staver.

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