

Elections & Laws for Life

April 25, 2019

The Honorable Ron DeSantis Governor, State of Florida The Capitol 400 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis,

I am writing to thank you for your dedication to pro-life principles and to urge you to take the lead in the passage of SB 1774 & HB 1335, Parental Consent for Abortion. We are looking to you for quick action to encourage movement of the stalled SB1774 to the Senate floor for a vote.

Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List) is the nation's largest pro-life political and policy organization, and we have worked for years with pro-life citizens in the Sunshine State to advance protections for the sanctity of human life, a conviction we know you share and have espoused throughout your public life. We spent the last election cycle mobilizing a Florida team to knock on five hundred thousand doors in 2016, and over one million doors in support of conservative candidates such as yourself in 2018. Bolstered by our shared ideals about changes in Florida, we were pleased to see the pro-life majority put you and Senator Rick Scott over the top.

Now we are encouraged by the introduction of the Parental Consent for Abortion bill in the Florida Legislature. Both women authors (Stargel and Grall) are members of our National Pro-Life Women's Caucus and we are proud of their leadership. SBA List's February 2019 poll showed that 73% of Floridians support this commonsense type of legislation. Despite this strong support, the Senate has failed to move the bill onto the floor for a vote. We are asking you to take bold action to insist that Senate leaders hold a vote on this critical bill.

HB 1335 also contains a vital infant born alive protection measure. We are sure you are aware that the born alive issue is on the forefront of the national conversation. Every Republican Member of the U.S. House from Florida, save one, has signed the discharge petition to move that bill to the House floor in Washington. Nationwide polling released by SBA List shows that 77% of voters support born alive protections. This is the hottest pro-life topic in the country right now, and Florida should take a seat at the head of the table to both save lives and engage in the most winning pro-life issue we've ever seen!

I believe that your leadership can bring SB 1774 and HB1335 to your desk and allow Florida to take a great step forward in upholding the role of parents and protecting life. The voters of the state of Florida sent you and your Republican colleagues a clear message last November that they expect you to champion pro-life legislation.

A firm stand for life is a duty we all bear. Thank you for your leadership to protect the unborn babies of Florida and the rights of their families.

Sincerely,

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