

## PETITION FOR DIRECT LEGISLATION BY VOTER INITIATIVE

## PAIN CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ORDINANCE

Pursuant to the Albuquerque City Charter Article III, Section 3, the undersigned support the proposed measure to amend Chapter 12, Article 2 of the Albuquerque Code of Ordinances by banning the performance of abortions on pain-capable unborn children at least 20 weeks after fertilization. The measure would require that a physician determine the post-fertiziliation age of the unborn child and that ny person performing an abortion on a child determined by a physician to have a post-fertilization age of at least 20 weeks would be subject to the General penalty outlined in Chapter 12, Article 1 and Chapter 1, Article 1 of the Albuquerque Code of Ordinances. The measure specifically bars enforcement of this Ordinance against women who seek, have sought, or have obtained such an abortion, instead allowing enforcement of the Ordinance only against persons performing the abortion. The Ordinance requires that, if the termination of a pregnancy after 20 weeks is necessary in the reasonable medical judgment of a physician, the physician may terminate the pregnancy only in the manner which, in a reasonable medical judgment, provides the best opportunity for the unborn child to survive unless, in the reasonable medical judgment of a physician, the termination of the pregnancy in that manner would post a greater risk of the death of the pregnant woman or the substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function, not including psychological or emotional conditions, of the pregnant woman. The undersigned further conclude that this measure is necessary to protect unborn children who are capable of experiencing pain caused by abortion procedures performed 20 weeks after fertilization. The full text of the proposed Ordinance is attached to this Petition.

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