KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE Amendment 4

Title:

Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

Summary:

No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

Let's break this down...

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Amendment 4 wouldn't just limit government regulations on abortions, it would eliminate ALL regulations on abortion - even laws that protect women.

before viability

In Florida law, "viability" is defined as the state of development when the life of a fetus is sustainable outside of the womb (Ch. 390.011(15)), generally accepted to be 22-24 weeks of pregnancy or about 6 months.

Viability is not defined in the amendment. This would allow second and third trimester abortions.

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or when necessary to protect the patient's health,

"Patient's health" is not defined in the amendment, allowing post-viability, extremely late-term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns. Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.

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"Healthcare providers" - not just physicians - could determine if an abortion is "necessary" to protect the mother's "health." Even some employees of abortion centers, such as nurses and counselors, could approve late-term abortions.

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This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

Eliminates parental consent:
While preserving parental
notification in our state
constitution (Article X, Section
22), the amendment would
invalidate the current law that
requires parental consent for a
minor to have an abortion (Ch.
390.01114(5)), making abortion the
only medical decision for which
parents have no say.

No parental consent?
No Doctors? No way!
Vote "NO" on 4

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