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South Dakota Right to Life is a non-profit non-denominational organization whose philosophy is that all innocent human life is inviolable and is to be guaranteed protection from conception until natural death.

Message From Our President

By: *Dr. Fred Deutsch*



Welcome to the fall edition of LifeFacts. This issue features Dale Bartscher, our incoming executive director of South Dakota Right to Life.

Not your ordinary executive director, Dale brings a unique combination of skills

and experience in leadership, policy-making, communication, public-private partnerships and collaboration. I look forward to working with Dale and am excited to see how he can help us further develop a culture of life in South Dakota.

Next, this issue features our Voter's Guide for the upcoming election.

To use the guide, look up your district number and compare the candidates. Each candidate that previously served in the legislature is provided a letter grade that represents the percentage of time the candidate voted pro-life. "A" means they voted with us at least 90% of the time, "B" means they voted with us 80-89% of the time, "C" 70-79% of the time, etc. Notewor-

thy public statements are also provided.

SDRTL also reached out to all candidates who haven't previously served to request a statement on their position. Our intention, as always, is to provide you information you can use when making your voting decisions.

Last, with this issue we are thrilled to endorse Kristi Noem for Governor, Dusty Johnson for Congress, and Jason Ravensborg for Attorney General.

All are fantastic pro-life candidates committed to promoting the dignity and value of human life from conception to natural death and to restoring legal protection for preborn children.

Thank you for taking time to read this important issue. As always, we appreciate your suggestions, prayers and support. A special thanks to our our amazing volunteers who helped us give away thousands of prizes at our educational booths at 7 fairs across the state, Hartford-Humboldt RTL for hosting a such an informative and inspiring convention, and for Hot Springs Area RTL and their willingness to host our State Convention in Fall 2019.

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Meet our New Executive Director Dale Bartscher



The Board of Directors of South Dakota Right to Life (SDRTL) are pleased to announce the election of Dale Bartscher as their Executive Director. A native of Mitchell, South Dakota, Mr. Bartscher is known and respected throughout the state and beyond as a tireless and visionary leader, and a passionate advocate for biblical influence in the public square. Mr. Bartscher will assume the role of SDRTL's Executive Director on September 16.

"We're grateful and excited to have Dale take the helm. He brings a wealth of leadership and lobbying experience

to help Right to Life further our work of saving lives," Fred Deutsch, SDRTL's Board President, noted.

A graduate of Dakota Bible College and Cincinnati Christian Seminary, Mr. Bartscher served for many years as a pastor in Minnesota and South Dakota. After some eleven years as a Senior Pastor in Rapid City, he served three years as West River Director for the South Dakota Family Policy Council. In 2010, he was named founding Executive Director of the Family Heritage Alliance, which grew into one of the state's most effective Christian public policy organizations.

For the last year, Mr. Bartscher has served South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley as State Political Director of his gubernatorial campaign. On working with Dale, Mr. Jackley commented, "I witnessed first-hand his honesty, dedication, and ability to address complex challenges." "Working with Dale," he went on to say, "has always inspired me to work harder and to be a better person."

Dale is married to Jan, his wife of 42 years. They have two daughters, a son-in-law and two amazing grandchildren of whom they are very proud.

South Dakota Right to Life is a non-profit public service organization. SDRTL's primary purpose is to educate through the presentation of detailed and factual information about fetal development, abortion, alternatives to abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, assisted suicide and related issues, upon which individuals and the general public may make informed decisions.

Message from our Executive Director

"September 16, 2018, marks the beginning of a new and exciting adventure for my life as the Executive Director for the SD Right to Life. I enter this responsibility with a large learning curve as I become better acquainted with SDRTL's policies and her people - the Board of Directors, Chapter Leaders and other precious Volunteers. I so appreciate those, from across the state, who upon hearing of this news have written, texted, emailed or called me with words of encouragement and prayers. This new role is both humbling and honoring as I commit to you my very best as your 'Ambassador for Life' in our great state of South Dakota. "

"On Tuesday, September 4, I was watching the Senate Judiciary Committee's confirmation hearing on Brett Kavanaugh and in this his FIRST speech before the Committee, he sounded an optimistic tone saying in part: "I am an optimist. I live on the sunrise side of the mountain, not the sunset side of the mountain. I see the day that is coming, not the day that is gone. I am optimistic about the future of America..." My friends that's how I am feeling about this new role and opportunity for my life as the Executive Director of SDRTL. I am looking forward to working side-by-side with great pro-life organizations both nationally and here in South Dakota as we champion and pursue a Culture of LIFE. Yes, we are better and stronger together! "

South Dakota Right to Life PAC Endorses Kristi Noem for Governor, Dusty Johnson for Congress, and Jason Ravensborg for Attorney General

South Dakota Right to Life PAC is pleased to endorse Kristi Noem for Governor, Dusty Johnson for Congress, and Jason Ravensborg for Attorney General.

“We’re proud to endorse each of these candidates,” Debbie Pease, Vice President of SDRTL, said. “Each have clearly shown their commitment to protect the unborn.” South Dakota Right to Life PAC bases its endorsement decisions upon the candidates’ survey responses; statements; voting records; activities; and, in the race for governor, choice of running mate.

South Dakota Right to Life PAC is proud to endorse Kristi Noem for Governor. Both as a South Dakota legislator and as a US Congresswoman, Noem has been an outstanding leader in the fight to protect innocent humanlife. Her voting record clearly demonstrates that she is a trusted advocate for unborn children and their mothers. Noem’s choice of Larry Rhoden as her running mate, who also has a proven, pro-life record, further demonstrates her dedication to protecting unborn children. Noem answered South Dakota Right to Life PAC’s candidate survey with 100% pro-life responses.

“South Dakota needs a pro-life leader in the Governor’s office to ensure greater protections for pregnant mothers and their unborn children, and we think Kristi Noem is that leader,” Pease said.

South Dakota Right to Life PAC is proud to endorse Dusty Johnson for Congress. Johnson is a long-time member of South Dakota Right to Life and has been a reliable, outspoken defender of unborn children in South Dakota. Johnson answered South Dakota Right to Life PAC’s candidate survey with 100% pro-life responses.

“We think Dusty Johnson will be the pro-life thought leader that Congress needs to promote the sanctity of life and protect citizens from overreaching federal pro-abortion mandates,” Pease said.

South Dakota Right to Life PAC is proud to endorse Jason Ravensborg for Attorney General. Since he first ran for public office, Ravensborg has never deviated from his solid, pro-life stance. Ravensborg answered South Dakota Right to Life PAC’s candidate survey with 100% pro-life responses.

“The South Dakota Attorney General’s office has the sole duty to defend our state when pro-abortion groups wrongfully sue. We need an Attorney General who will reliably provide a vigorous and meaningful defense, and we believe that Jason Ravensborg will,” Pease said.

South Dakota Right to Life 2018 Voters Guide

By: Spencer Cody

South Dakota’s general election is Tuesday, November 6. Due to the large number of matchups between candidates with varying pro-life records and views, SDRTL is distributing a voter guide in an attempt to cut through some of the campaign rhetoric. Letter grades and percentages were assigned to each legislator based on voting record. For candidates without voting records, a uniform effort was made to contact each for a statement about his or her position. Some candidates did not respond. When this occurred, the statement “failed to respond” is listed next to the candidate’s name. If a nonresponsive candidate has elsewhere expressed a life-related opinion, a copy of that statement is provided. If the race in your district is not listed in this voter guide, it is not a contested election. When no campaign contact could be found to send them a message, “could not contact” is listed next to the candidate’s name. Remember, voting records always trump campaign rhetoric, and candidates can be intentionally ambiguous about their intentions.

Absentee voting for the primary began on September 21. Contact your county auditor to have an absentee ballot mailed to you if you cannot vote on November 6th; your absentee ballot must be returned to the county auditor’s office by 5 PM on November 5th; voters can early vote in person at the county auditor’s office after September 21 by bringing a photo ID. October 22 is the deadline to register for the November 6 election.

Visit the South Dakota Secretary of State website <https://sdsos.gov/> to find out more information about voting locations and absentee voting. Information for this voter guide was compiled from the following sources: LRC website, FHA Voter Guide, NARAL Pro-choice SD Voter Guide, SDRTL Pro-life Rating Scorecards, SDRTL Primary and General Election voter guides, candidate campaign websites, and phone and electronic media interviews. Please contact Spencer Cody with any comments or concerns regarding this publication at spencer-cody@hotmail.com or 605-228-4886. Don’t forget to turn out to vote for LIFE on November 6th!

DISTRICT 1

HOUSE

Paul Dennert (D)

Received an F rating from SDRTL for his 25% pro-life voting record in 2011-12

Steven D. McCleerey (D)

Received an F rating from SDRTL for his 40% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and in 2015-16 for his 43% pro-life voting record

Tamara St John (R)

"As a Native American woman I often refer to the elders and teachers in my family and community when faced with such a question as on abortion or others that involve more than just a legal view. Native American teachings are that all life is sacred and should be honored. Often when a native mother loses a child prior to birth we have all of the same ceremonies and funeral practices that acknowledge that child just as we would with a person who has lived a long life. The idea that life has not begun until after birth is something I cannot agree with."

DISTRICT 2

SENATE

Brock Greenfield (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, 2013-14, and 2011-12

Paul Register (D) - Failed to respond

HOUSE

Lana Greenfield (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16

Kaleb Weis (R)

"It is my opinion that the value of life is the MOST important issue of civilized society. When life is valued, down to the very weakest of members of the human population, we are ALL safer and act more humanely. One of the primary functions of government is to offer protection to its citizens. I am committed to vote to protect human life from conception to natural death. I will take a stand against any legislation that permits suicide of any kind, euthanasia and abortion in nearly all circumstances. I will vote for legislation that limits or outlaws abortion."

Jenae Hansen (D)

Failed to respond, but she posted a book review for Life's Work: A Moral Argument for Choice, a book about a Mississippi abortion doctor who claims a Christian moral obligation to offer abortion on demand, stating, "Excellent read. For someone who has always considered myself pro-choice, but also struggles with outright supporting abortions because of my religious beliefs, this helped me work through a lot of those things. I can understand exactly where Dr. Parker comes from in his fight for the rights of women to make safe and legal healthcare choices for themselves." Goodreads, 05.04.17

Mike McHugh (D)- Could not contact.

DISTRICT 3

SENATE

Al Novstrup (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, 2013-14, and 2011-12

Cory Heidelberger (D)

"I'm pro-life. I deeply value human life and dignity, as does every sane South Dakotan. My respect for life and dignity also makes me pro-choice. It's not my place as a man or a legislator to impose reproductive choices on any woman or on all women by force of law."

- States: "There may be some logic to saying that life begins at conception. Clearly an embryo or fetus is an organism of some sort, though entirely dependent on the host organism for its survival. However, the "lifeness" of a newly conceived embryo does not provide a complete and absolute answer to the legal question of who controls the womb and whether a woman can choose not to submit to the service of that life thing inside her." -Dakota Free Press, 06.17.16
- States "North Carolina's and South Dakota's 72-hour waiting periods for abortion don't protect women. They punish women." -Dakota Free Press, 06.16.16
- States "O, in the abortion crusaders' world, an embryo is a tool with which to punish women for having sex." -Madville Times, 02.08.15
- States "There's a weird Jedi mind trick, [Redacted]. The backers of HB 1162 think they are promoting diversity by protecting little babies of color from murder. But they are branding minority women as inherently more murderous than good Christian white women. Yeesh." -Madville Times, 03.04.14

DISTRICT 3 CONTINUED

HOUSE

Drew Dennert (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Carl Perry (R)

"My stance is to support pro-life. As President George W. Bush states in his book Decision Points, 'Adoption was such a positive alternative to abortion, a way to save one life and brighten two more: those of the adoptive parents.' We don't take our own life away! We have choices; an unborn baby relies on us! We can make a difference."

Brooks Briscoe (D)- Failed to respond**Justin Roemmick (D)**- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 4

SENATE

John Wiik (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16

Dennis Evenson (D)

"The current Pope has stated, 'Treat life with dignity.' A fetus is not disposable like garbage. A mother who elects to have an abortion is still an individual not disposable, a life to be supported with dignity. The mother who delivers a child or children is not disposable, the child or children of that mother are not disposable. The mother and children deserve a life of dignity. The family is not disposable, families are to be treated with dignity a substantial responsibility for our society, government, and market system."

HOUSE

Fred Deutsch (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2015-16

John Mills (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Kathy Tyler (D)

Received a D rating from SDRTL for her 67% pro-life voting record in 2013-14.

- in 2014 she testified against HB 1240, a bill protecting unborn children with Down Syndrome from abortion, she stated "I am a pro-life Catholic Democrat, so I'm in more of a minority than anybody else around here. And I listened to this, and it puts me in a really, really tough spot. [Redacted] is my priest, in Milbank. And when I was asking him for, to sign my petition, and I say, 'I'm a pro-life Democrat.' And he goes, 'Well, you know what? Jesus was pro-choice.' And I stood back, and I went, 'Whoa.'"
- during the same testimony she spoke against HB 1162, a bill to protect unborn children from sex-selective abortion, "If I need — if I was a person who chose to have a sex discrimination, sex selection abortion, or an abortion because of Down syndrome, there is no way that I would tell my doctor that was the reason I was having that abortion."
- voted to gut HB 1162, the sex-selective abortion ban bill with amendment 1162jb
- in an effort to try to stop HB 1237, a pro-life bill to exclude holidays from the 72-hour waiting period for abortion, she testified against it in committee on the senate side shortly after voting for it stating "I did vote for this bill when it was on the house side, but it was a tough decision. I don't see 1237 as a pro-choice, pro-life issue. But, at the least I see it as being unfair and at the most it's a harassment."

Jim Chilson (D)

"I am dedicated to the sanctity of human life. I have always been anti-abortion and I am avidly opposed to assisted suicide and euthanasia. It pains me to think how many Mozart's or Einstein's have been sacrificed by abortions. I am a member of Lutherans for Life and will always vote pro-life."

Daryl Lamar Root (L)

"I am personally against abortion, with the exception of a mother's life. However, from a political standpoint, we are bound by past rulings of the Supreme Court of the United States. Roe vs. Wade grants women the right to an abortion but it does not ban limitations on them as long as that right remains intact for all. South Dakota recognizes the UDDA definition of death as the irreversible non-functioning of the heart and lungs. Therefore, life must exist when either function occurs. A fetal heartbeat can be detected as early as six weeks through vaginal ultrasound, and by the twelfth week through non-invasive means. Therefore, from legal and political viewpoints, I would support laws banning abortion as early as week 12."

DISTRICT 5

HOUSE

Nancy York (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Hugh Bartels (R)

Received a B rating from SDRTL for his 80% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Diana Hane (D)- Could not contact.

Brett Ries (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 6

SENATE

Ernie Otten (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2013-14

Teresa Robbins (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Herman Otten (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2013-14

Isaac Latterell (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2013-14

Aaron Aylward (L)

"I am the strongest Pro-Life candidate that you will find running for office, guaranteed. I believe that life begins at fertilization and from there, life is present. Whether it's life in the womb, or any life outside of the womb, I believe that all should be treated equally."

Kyle Boese (D)- Failed to respond

Nancy Kirstein (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 7

SENATE

V.J. Smith (R)- Failed to respond

Mary Perpich (I)

Failed to respond, but stated "Heaven help us if Mike Pence brings the same policies to the nation he did to Indiana. That state has some of the most restrictive laws against abortion..." Facebook, 07.21.16

HOUSE

Tim Reed (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Doug Post (R)

"I believe every life is God's creation. Our Republic was developed with its Constitution to protect the Rights of the Individual regardless of their ability to defend themselves, I believe these Rights are granted at conception and continue to natural death. Understanding and guidance must be given to ensure both mother and child's well-being."

Cory Ann Ellis (I)- Failed to respond

Dwight W. "Bill" Adamson (D)- Failed to respond

Zachary Kovach (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 8

SENATE

Jordan Youngberg (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Scott Parsley (D)

Received an F rating from SDRTL for his 38% pro-life voting record in 2015-16 and his 0% pro-life legislative voting record in 2013-14

-in 2014 voted against protecting unborn children from being aborted solely for being male or female (HB 1162)

- In 2016 voted against protecting pain-capable unborn children from gruesome late-term abortion procedures (SB 72)
- In 2016 voted against providing pregnant mothers information concerning a drug-induced abortion that could save the life of their unborn child if they chose to discontinue the abortion procedure (HB 1157)

HOUSE

Marli Wiese (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Randy Gross (R)

"I believe the legal protection of the right to life of innocent human beings is a basic issue upon which all other issues of human rights and justice depend. I affirm the sanctity of human life, including the unborn, the elderly, the chronically ill, and the terminally ill. I oppose abortion and assisted suicide in all forms. Life begins at conception. I oppose embryonic stem cell research, but support alternatives not involving the killing of human embryos, such as adult stem cell research. Parents are the primary nurturers, responsible for the support, training, education, childcare, healthcare and discipline of their children. The rights of American citizens proceed from The Creator, not from government."

Jason Unger (D)- Failed to respond

Chris Francis (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 9

SENATE

Wayne Steinhauer (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2016

Laura Kotelman (D)-Failed to respond

HOUSE

Michael Clark (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Deb Peters (R)

Received an F rating from SDRTL for her 50% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and in 2015-16 for her 57% pro-life voting record and an A rating in 2013-14 for her 100% pro-life voting record and a D rating in 2011-12 for her 67% pro-life voting record

Michael Saba (D)- Failed to respond

Toni Miller (D)-Failed to respond

DISTRICT 10

SENATE

Margaret Sutton (R)

"I would like to address the issues of abortion. Human life begins at conception. My concern is the U.S. has the highest abortion rate in the Western World. Statistics tell us that only 7% of women report their abortion was a result of a health issue with them or the baby, and less than 0.5% report that their abortion was because they had been raped. Protecting the innocent, our American Constitution guarantees all people, including the unborn, the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness!"

Rachel Willson (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Steven Haugaard (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16

Doug Barthel (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2018

Dean Kurtz (D)- Failed to respond

Barbara Saxton (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 11

SENATE

Jim Stalzer (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2013-14

Kevin Elsing (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Mark Willadsen (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2011-12

Chris Karr (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Margaret Kuipers (D)- Failed to respond

Sheryl Johnson (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 12

SENATE

Blake Curd (R)

Received a D rating from SDRTL for his 60% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and a B rating for his 80% pro-life voting record in 2015-16 and an A rating for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2014

Kasey Olivier (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Arch Beal (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16

Manny Steele (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2013-14 and 2011-12

Jeff Hayward (D)- Failed to respond

Scott Petersen (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 13

SENATE

Jack Kolbeck (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Melissa Hiatt (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Sue Peterson (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Rex Rolwing (R)-Failed to respond

Kelly Sullivan (D)-Failed to respond

DISTRICT 14

SENATE

Deb Soholt (R)

Received a D rating from SDRTL for her 60% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and an F for her 50% pro-life voting record in 2015-16 and an F for her 20% pro-life voting record in 2013-14

Justyn Hauck (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 14

HOUSE

Larry Zikmund (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16

Tom Holmes (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16

Erin Healy (D)-Failed to respond

Valerie Loudenback (D)

Failed to respond, but in 2014 she was rated as being "pro-choice" by NARAL Pro-Choice South Dakota based upon her responses to their candidate questionnaire indicating a pro-abortion policy stance.

DISTRICT 16

SENATE

Jim Bolin (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, 2013-14, and 2011-12

Elizabeth Merrigan (D)- Could not contact.

HOUSE

David Anderson (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16 and 2014

Kevin Jensen (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Chad Skiles (D)- Failed to respond

Mike Steinbrecher (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 17

SENATE

Arthur Rusch (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16

Howard Grinager (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Nancy Rasmussen (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and received a B for her 86% pro-life voting record in 2015-16 and received an A for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2013-14

Ray Ring (D)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16 and a B rating for his 83% pro-life voting record in 2013-14

John Gors (D)- Failed to respond

Gregory Baldwin (L)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 18

SENATE

Roger Meyer (R)

"It may be a cliché, but it is a truth that without the right to life there are no other rights. I will support any legislative remedies designed to reduce the number of abortions performed. I will oppose any funding for Planned Parenthood. I support organizations such as South Dakota Right to Life whose purpose is to restrict abortions. I am opposed to assisted suicide or euthanasia in any form."

Craig Kennedy (D)

Received an F rating from SDRTL for his 20% voting record in 2017-18

HOUSE

Jean Hunhoff (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, 2013-14, and 2011-12

Max Farver (R)- Failed to respond

Ryan Cwach (D)- Failed to respond

Terry Crandall (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 19

SENATE

Stace Nelson (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2013-14 and 2011-12

Ardon Wek (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Kyle Schoenfish (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2013-14

Kent Peterson (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16

Alison Bowers (I)

"I am as pro-choice as I could possibly be."

John Koch (D)- Failed to respond

Roger Hofer (I)- Could not contact.

DISTRICT 20

SENATE

Joshua Klumb (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16

Dan Miller (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Ione Klinger (D)- Failed to respond

Lance Koth (R)-Failed to respond

James Schorzmann (D)-Failed to respond

Paul Miskimins (R)-Failed to respond

DISTRICT 21

SENATE

Julie Bartling (D)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16 and a D rating for her 67% pro-life voting record in 2013-14

Rocky Blare (R)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 21 CONTINUED

HOUSE

Lee Qualm (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2013-14

Caleb Finck (R)

"The good Lord gives us the blessed gift of life and he says 'thou shall not kill.' I believe that the precious gift of life should be protected. If elected, I will work hard to protect the gift of life at all stages in life!"

Anna Kerner (D)- Failed to respond

Faith Spotted Eagle (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 22

SENATE

Jim White (R)

Received a B rating from SDRTL for his 80% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and in 2015-16 for his 88% pro-life voting record and an A rating for 100% pro-life voting record in 2013-14 and in 2011-12

Eric Bliss (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Bob Glanzer (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Roger Chase (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Tyler Volesky (D)-Failed to respond

DISTRICT 23

SENATE

Justin Cronin (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, 2013-14, and 2011-12

Joe Yracheta (D) - Failed to respond

HOUSE

John Lake (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Spencer Gosch (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Margaret Walsh (D)- Could not contact.

Eleanor Iverson (D)- Could not contact.

DISTRICT 24

SENATE

Jeff Monroe (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2013-14

Amanda Bachmann (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Mary Duvall (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2013-14

Tim Rounds (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2013-14

Brian Watterson (D)- Failed to respond

Terry Keller (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 25

SENATE

Kris K. Langer (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16 and in 2014

Peter Klebanoff (I)- Failed to respond

Brian Wirth (I)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Jon Hansen (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2013 and 2011-12

Tom Pischke (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Dan Ahlers (D)

Received a B rating from SDRTL for his 80% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

- In 2009 voted for embryonic stem cell research (SB 195) and for mandatory insurance coverage of abortifacients (SB 134)
- In 2007 and 2008 voted against requiring abortion facilities to offer sonograms (HB 1296, SB 88, and HB 1193)

Bj Motley (D)-Failed to respond

DISTRICT 26

SENATE

Joel Koskan (R)

"I believe life begins at conception and that the sanctity of life remains until a natural death occurs. I believe abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide take away the right of a human to be alive and that no one has the right to destroy the life of another person. Abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide isn't a matter of choice but of how we view life and respect the One who gives life. I believe we are all fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image."

Troy Heinert (D)

Received an F rating from SDRTL for his 40% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and in 2015-16 for his 50% pro-life voting record and in 2013-14 for his 0% pro-life voting record

- In 2014 voted against protecting unborn children from being aborted solely for being male or female (HB 1162)
- In 2016 and 2017, voted against protecting pain-capable unborn children from gruesome late-term abortion procedures (SB 72 and HB 1101)
- In 2016 voted against providing pregnant mothers information concerning a drug-induced abortion that could save the life of their unborn child if they chose to discontinue the abortion procedure (HB 1157)

HOUSE 26B

Rebecca Reimer (R)

"I believe in the sanctity of human life, including the unborn, the elderly, the chronically ill and terminally ill. I oppose abortion and assisted suicide."

Debra Smith (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 27

SENATE

Bill Hines (R)

"Life begins at conception, and is sacred from conception to natural death. I will oppose abortion in any form. Thomas Jefferson said, 'I tremble for my country, when I consider that God is just, and that His justice cannot sleep forever.' Today, the blood of over 60 million innocent unborn children, killed by the abortion industry, cries out for justice. How much longer can that justice sleep? I also oppose infanticide, and physician assisted suicide. Life is sacred, period."

Red Dawn Foster (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Steve Livermont (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Elizabeth May (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16 and a D for her 67% pro-life voting record in 2013-14

Margaret Ross (D)- Failed to respond

Peri Pourier (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 28

SENATE

Ryan Maher (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2013-14, and 2011-12

Alli Moran (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE 28B

Sam Marty (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16

Jason Hill (L)

Refused to respond stating, "I'll tell you what, [redacted], I'm not very keen on being told what to do. If you would like something from me, the best way to go about getting that, is to respectfully ask for it; not demand it with a deadline. Next time try approaching me with some civility and things will go a lot further."

DISTRICT 29

SENATE

Gary Cammack (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2013-14

Matt Kammerer (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Thomas Brunner (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16 and 2011-12

Kirk Chaffee (R)- Failed to respond

Michael McManus (D)-Failed to respond

Jade Addison (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 30

SENATE

Lance Russell (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, 2013-14, and 2011-12

Gideon Oakes (L)

"The forcible termination of any human life, born or unborn, is morally inexcusable to me. I believe the era of legalized abortion is a blight upon our nation's legacy. As a state senator, I will consistently vote on the side of minimal government intrusion as a rule. However, the right to life is inherent to all individuals, and that right must be protected for those who cannot protect themselves."

Kristine Winter (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Julie Frye-Mueller (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Timothy Goodwin (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Whitney Raver (D)

"Life is beautiful. For those of us who have been blessed with proof of the value of life, it's easy to forget that circumstances may rob others of hope. As someone who has been blessed with strength and the vision of one miracle after another, it isn't always easy for me to champion the right to choose, but I do support that choice without wavering. However, guided by my belief in the divinity of life, I am dedicated to finding solutions to the problems that rob people of hope. I am devoted to healing the wounded, figuratively and physically. By doing so, I believe we can increase the likelihood that others will choose life during trials that present them with the difficult option to nurture or terminate. In this way, I believe we will foster a stronger connection to the value of life, deeper love, and the hope that makes life worth living."

Karen McGregor (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 31

SENATE

Bob Ewing (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2013-14

Sherry Smith (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Charles Turbiville (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2011-12

Timothy Johns (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16 and a B for his 83% pro-life voting record in 2013-14

Naveen Malik (D)- Failed to respond

Wyatt Osthus (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 32

SENATE

Alan Solano (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16 and 2014

Ayla Rodriguez (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Bill Knight (D)- Failed to respond

Chris Johnson (R)- Failed to respond

Scyller Borglum (R)- Failed to respond

Susan Kelts (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 33

SENATE

Phil Jensen (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18, 2015-16, 2013-14, and 2011-12

Ryan Ryder (D)

"Right to Life should be about much more than simply reducing abortion numbers. I'd like this to happen, but not in the way my opponent has proposed over the years - by executing doctors, denigrating women, and taking away your right to privacy in the bedroom or medical office. His stance on capital punishment and equal access to adoptions flies in the face of 'Right to Life.' We need an open discussion about healthcare for the most vulnerable, contraception, and better education, to name a few. These questions and emotional subjects require us to work together - not against each other."

HOUSE

David Johnson (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Taffy Howard (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18

Nick Reid (I)

"I am pro-life from conception to natural death. The lives of the unborn, and the born, need to be honored, cherished and protected. This includes the lives of the countless women who are forced into abortion against their will by parents, boyfriends/husbands, or by their feelings of economic necessity. If we truly want to save the lives of the unborn, we need to create a safe place for women to carry out their pregnancies without fear of retribution and with the security that people will come around them and their child to walk them into a successful life."

Lilias Jarding (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 34

SENATE

Jeff Partridge (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16

Zach VanWyk (D)- Could not contact.

HOUSE

Michael Diedrich (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for his 100% pro-life voting record in 2018

Jess Olson (R)

"I am pro-life and do not believe tax-payer dollars should be used for abortion. It is important to support mothers and children with effective resources; so, we can help build strong families in South Dakota."

George Nelson (D)- Failed to respond

Brian Davis (D)- Failed to respond

DISTRICT 35

SENATE

Lynne DiSanto (R)

Received an A rating from SDRTL for her 100% pro-life voting record in 2017-18 and 2015-16

Pat Cromwell (D)- Failed to respond

HOUSE

Tina Mulally (R)

"I believe life begins at conception and ends at natural death. The Lord is the giver and taker of life, and I trust in Him. In the 1970's I make a very bad decision to end the life of my child, and it has haunted me ever since. I gave my life to Jesus Christ, received forgiveness and now advocate for options other than abortion. My daughter at age 14 gave her daughter up for adoption after hearing the regrets of my decision in the 70's. I am very thankful she made that decision."

Tony Randolph (R)

"From the moment of fertilization until natural death, every human life is sacred because every human life has been created by God, and in His image and likeness. Every human life must be recognized, respected, and protected as having the inviolable right to life. Life begins during conception and at no point should it be terminated."

Michael Hanson (D)- Failed to respond

Bo Sistak (D)- Failed to respond



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