



# 2017 March for Life Talking Points Washington State

## SUMMARY

We believe in the inalienable, transcendent dignity of the human person and the absolute rights we possess as such. There can be no true, free, just or loving society that does not place the dignity of the human person as society's supreme value, especially for the most vulnerable of all humans, the unborn. Natural law clearly reveals these rights and we clearly defend them!

## WE SUPPORT

### Parental Notification on Abortion ([HB 1003](#))

- Requires doctor to notify 1 parent 48 hours before minor daughter aborts unborn child
- Common sense: Polls show over 65% of Washingtonians in favor (the law in 38 states)
- It is illegal to give a child *even an aspirin in school* without parents' permission
- Bill has judicial bypass (permission from court) girl may get in case she fears parents

### End taxpayer funding of abortion in WA State Budget ([HB 1002](#))

- Abortion is an elective procedure, a "choice," and should not be funded by taxpayers
- Owning a gun is legal in WA but taxpayers aren't forced to pay for someone else's gun
- Abortion violently ends the life of an innocent human being; while legal, the taking of innocent life should not be funded by taxpayers

### Allowing the Use of Gender Segregated Facilities ([HB 1011](#))

- Preserves privacy rights for all parties
- It's a common-sense solution protecting rights of women, children, and the transgendered alike
- Protects the rights of minors and disabled to enter opposite-sex facilities with caregivers

### Prohibit the Sale, Donation or Transfer of the Bodies of Aborted Babies ([HB 1243](#))

- All human beings deserve to be treated with dignity, including aborted babies
- Well-documented abuses of the sale of aborted babies and baby body parts illustrate the unethical nature of creating a market for human body parts
- Innocent, unborn human beings should not be killed so their parts may advance medical science

### Protecting Religious Freedom and Conscience from Government Discrimination ([HB 1178](#))

- Clarifies religious freedom rights relative to marriage redefinition
- Reinforces the Constitutional right to religious freedom
- Protects charities, hospitals, individuals and businesses that assist the most needy

### Protecting Sincerely Held Religious Beliefs from Government Burden ([HB 1217](#))

- The government must demonstrate a clear, compelling interest to burden a person's Constitutionally held religious freedom rights

### Promoting Healthy Outcomes for Pregnant Woman and Babies ([SB 5299](#))

- It's the type of family-positive legislation that government should be promoting
- Improving maternal and infant health outcomes is an admirable goal, an issue on which all reasonably minded people can collaborate

### Implementing Family and Medical Leave Insurance ([SB 5032](#))

- Strengthens family/medical leave to assist workers dealing with serious injuries
- Provides a common sense safety net that helps families in dire situations

### Accommodating the Civil Rights of Religious Objectors to Mandatory Union Payments ([HB 1007](#))

- Provides religious conscience protections for union members
- Maintains strong protections for workers without compromising their religious beliefs

### Allows State Employees to Share Leave w/ Employees on Pregnancy Disability ([HB 1434](#), [SB 5295](#))

- This is a common sense, cost-neutral proposal that helps state employees support their newborn babies and their families during stressful situations

### Parental Rights Amendment ([HJM 4005](#))

- Protects the rights of parents in making fundamental decisions in raising children such as religion, education, and other areas of a child's life without the state's interference