Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

Updates from the Office of MS Attorney General Lynn Fitch

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KEY ARGUMENT:

Showing Love to Mississippi Moms

This week, I joined <u>Her PLAN</u>, a project of the Susan B. Anthony List Education Fund, to host a virtual baby shower for Mississippi pregnancy centers. Throughout the week, people from across the country have joined us in purchasing items from 21 Mississippi centers' Amazon wish lists, helping these centers to provide material support to women and children in need. And there is still time to join us if you'd like to participate.

Mississippi's 30 pregnancy centers provided \$1.9 million in care to women and children in 2019 alone. This included \$1.3 million in medical services, like ultrasounds; nearly \$400,000 in parenting education and support services; and over \$126,000 in strollers, car seats, diapers, and clothes. The more than 500 staff and volunteers at these centers served 12,351 clients in just that one year. These are more than statistics. They are lives impacted and lives saved. And Mississippi's story is repeated at pregnancy centers across the nation.

The pro-life movement has *always* been about empowering women and promoting life. These pregnancy resource centers have done it for decades, not for the accolades but because it was right. This week, with this virtual baby shower, we aimed to shine a spotlight on the loving safety net they have woven for women facing challenging circumstances. The world needs to know that not only will we be READY to empower women and promote life when *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, but that empowering women and promoting life is what we already do.

-Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch



WHAT WE'RE READING

Washington Times: <u>As Supreme Court overturned 'separate but equal,' must also overturn Roe v. Wade</u>

Opinion by Alveda King

"Similar to the pressure the justices faced when they overturned our nation's segregation laws, a torrent of political pressure is up against our justices today. Rather than discuss what's right, the conversation has revolved around what's politically expedient. In recent weeks, many pundits and politicians have tried to bully the justices into preserving our nation's abortion laws. Some have tried to make the argument that if the court overturns its own precedent, it will be viewed as an illegitimate, political body. This couldn't be further from the truth."

Daily Signal: <u>Pro-Life Group Poised to Help Moms, Babies Born If Roe v. Wade Is</u> <u>Overturned</u>

By Mary Margaret Olohan

"The soul of the pro-life movement is love for both unborn children and their mothers,' Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser said in a statement. 'Thousands of pregnancy centers, maternity homes, and other community heroes across the nation have spent decades demonstrating that love and compassion every day through their service to women and families facing difficult situations."



Visit <u>www.herplan.org/virtual-baby-shower</u> to view and fulfill the Mississippi pregnancy center Amazon wish lists.

#EmpowerWomenPromoteLife.



ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

WLOX: <u>Attorney General Lynn Fitch promoting virtual baby shower to support pregnancy centers statewide</u>

By Courtney Ann Jackson

"Mississippi is still waiting on an abortion case decision from the Supreme Court. But the state is placing more attention on support available for expectant mothers. 'Will you join me in throwing a virtual baby shower for pregnancy centers all across Mississippi?' asked **Attorney General Lynn Fitch** in a pre-recorded video attached in a media release Monday...It's the framework of supports that Fitch says will be even more important 'when the Supreme Court releases its hold on abortion policymaking.'"

DeSoto County News: Fitch joins legal push back on mandates

By Bob Bakken

"'President Biden's insistence on universal vaccination is putting people's liberty and jobs at risk,' said Attorney General Lynn Fitch. 'Despite losing time and again in court because his mandates reach far beyond the authority of the federal bureaucracy, he continues to double down on this misguided and unconstitutional policy. I encourage people to be vaccinated, but they need to decide for themselves. They do not need the White House to decide for them."

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