

Updating Our Laws to Protect Life and Reflect the Science

We work towards the day that any abortion is unthinkable, but it is past time for our country to update our laws and ensure protections for the lives of the unborn.

STANDING UP TO PROTECT LIFE

- States across the country are working to protect life and update their laws dealing with late term abortions to reflect modern science and society.
- The Supreme Court is reviewing Mississippi's limit on abortions after 15 weeks in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a commonsense provision that has widespread [support](#).
- Depending on the outcome, this case will help ensure states are not prevented from enacting laws that protect life and reflect the clear public opinion of their citizens.

OUR LAWS SHOULD REFLECT MODERN SCIENCE

- It is time for our laws to reflect the realities of modern science, understanding that the humanity of a 15-week old child in the womb is undeniable.
- Modern science has shown us that a 15-week child is capable of feeling pain, has fully formed noses, lips, eyelids and eyebrows, and can suck their thumb.
- Breakthroughs in science have allowed babies to survive at continually younger pre-term ages with the proper care and treatment.
- A limit on abortion after 15 weeks would bring us in line with most European countries, which have adapted their laws to reflect the science.
 - Both Germany and France have [14 week](#) gestational limits on abortions.
 - The United States is only one of seven countries that [allow](#) elective abortions after 20 weeks.

AMERICANS SUPPORT PROTECTIONS FOR THE UNBORN

- Those on the left have staked out extreme positions on abortion that are out of line with the views of the vast majority of Americans.
- Americans widely support limits on late-term abortions, as [polling](#) has repeatedly shown.
- Three-quarters ([76%](#)) of Americans want abortion limited to at most the first three months of a pregnancy.
 - Even a majority ([55%](#)) of Americans who consider themselves pro-choice want abortion limited to at most the first three months of a pregnancy.
- Only [15%](#) of Americans believe that abortion should be available during anytime of a pregnancy.
 - Further polling by Gallup from 2018 shows that only around a quarter of Americans ([28%](#)) believe abortion should be legal during the second trimester.
- According to recent [polling](#), 55% of Americans are more likely to support a limit on abortion after 15 weeks when learning that the unborn child has the capacity to feel pain.
 - [53%](#) are also more likely to support limits after 15 weeks after learning that an unborn child has a beating heart, can move around in the womb, can close his or her fingers, and senses stimulation from outside the womb.