**Constitutional Initiative 128**

**Amending the Montana Constitution to Ensure the Right to Abortion**

***“Would you like to sign a petition to support women’s rights?”***  It was a deceptive approach at best.  She wanted me to sign a petition to get CI-128 on the ballot in November.  If you haven’t heard of this effort to amend the Montana Constitution, please read on.  The lives of countless babies are at stake.

This initiative will amend the Montana Constitution to ensure the right to abortion.  If it makes it to the ballot there is a good chance that it will pass.  Then all the efforts to save children will avail nothing.  You can read the ballot language and the text of the constitutional amendment here.  <https://leg.mt.gov/content/Committees/Interim/2023-2024/Law-and-Justice/Meetings/April-2024/2.%20CI-128-Ballot-Language.pdf>

The amendment states that any proposed restrictions to abortion may not “deny or burden access to abortion…” as long as a “health care provider,” (left undefined) has deemed it “medically indicated,” (left undefined) to protect the life or “health” (left undefined) of the pregnant patient.  In effect this means that the legislature of the state would have no recourse to limit access to abortion.

**Please reject CI-128.**

***Rev. Terry Forke, MT District President***

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