



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR

October 10, 2022

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Khahilia Shaw, Esquire
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW
Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005
records@americanoversight.org

RE: *Freedom of Information Act Request*

Dear Ms. Shaw:

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- c. Anyone communicating on behalf of the Charlotte Lozier Institute, including, but not limited to, anyone using an email address ending in lozierinstitute.org
2. Any handouts, agendas, summaries, or notes provided or produced in connection with any meeting between the South Carolina Governor's Office and the individuals or entities listed in part 1 of this request, including, but not limited to: (a) electronic or hard-copy records provided by attendees, participants, or organizers of the meeting, or (b) formal or informal notes, descriptions, or analyses of the event created by the South Carolina Governor's Office.

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Please provide all responsive records from October 1, 2020, through the date the search is conducted.

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On or about August 10, 2022, the Office confirmed that staff had concluded its search efforts and that records identified as responsive to your FOIA request, subject to any applicable exemptions, exclusions, or limitations under state or federal law, were available for inspection or retrieval. We noted that unless you wished to inspect to retrieve the records in person, the Office was willing to mail you copies of the production set upon payment of the balance of the discounted fees associated with your FOIA request in accordance with section 30-4-30(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

On or about October 7, 2022, the Office received a check in the amount of \$71.25 for the outstanding balance of the discounted costs in connection with your FOIA request, and a receipt is enclosed for your records. Therefore, the Office is producing herewith certain records Bates-

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labeled “2022-10-10 Response to K. Shaw FOIA Request 0001-0025,” which were identified as responsive or potentially responsive to one or more aspects of your FOIA request, as understood. In the interest of transparency, and as you will see, please be advised that certain exclusions, exemptions, or other disclosure limitations applied to records, or specific portions thereof, identified in connection with the FOIA request, including: S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a)(2), (3), (4), (7).

Once again, thank you for your recent correspondence and records request. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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Receipt for costs or fees paid pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30(B)

DATE: October 7, 2022

AMOUNT: \$71.25

PAID BY: American Oversight Check No. 1349

PAYMENT TYPE: Outstanding Balance

RECEIVED BY: EWS



August 18, 2022

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

South Carolina Office of the Governor
Attn: Erica W. Shedd
1100 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request (SC-GOV-22-0570)

Dear Records Custodian:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$71.25 as the filing fee for American Oversight's above-mentioned open records request. The invoice for this request is also enclosed.

Please feel free to contact American Oversight at records@americanoversight.org with any follow-up questions or concerns.

Best,

Shira Weiner



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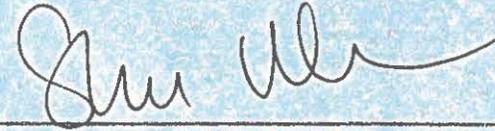
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subject to any applicable exemptions, exclusions, or limitations under state or federal law, upon receipt of payment of the outstanding balance of the fees associated with your FOIA request.

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DATE: July 15, 2022

AMOUNT: \$23.75

PAID BY: American Oversight Check No. 1320

PAYMENT TYPE: Partial Deposit

RECEIVED BY: MGS

From: [Allegra Hewell](#)
To: [Walker, Trey](#)
Cc: [Emma Leach](#)
Subject: [External] Re: SBA List Summit Speaker Details
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 7:15:49 AM
Attachments: [2022 Pro-Life Leaders Summit Talking Points.pdf](#)

Hi Trey,

As promised, here are the talking points for Governor McMaster. I am also attaching some general background information on the summit. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Governor McMaster will be introduced by SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser as a bold defender of life in his state.

We invite Governor McMaster to share his thoughts in response to these questions: In this particular moment for the pro-life movement, what do you see happening in your state and the country? How is your state preparing for an overturn of *Roe*? How will you support moms and babies in a post-*Roe* America?

Allegra

Allegra Hewell Wilson

Owner

Hewell Events Group

Cell- (703) [REDACTED]

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On Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 10:06 AM Allegra Hewell <allegra@hewellevents.com> wrote:

Hi Trey,

I wanted to send over some important details for Governor McMasters participation in the upcoming SBA List event next week. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Dear Governor McMaster,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the Susan B. Anthony List Pro-Life Leaders Summit taking place Monday, February 14 - Tuesday, February 15, 2022. This event will be held at [The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort](#).

Format:

We have you giving the welcoming remarks at the dinner on Monday, February 14th. Attached you will find the draft agenda and here is a quick show flow for the dinner:

5:30 pm–6:30 pm - Reception
Grand Lawn, Lobby Level

6:30 pm–8:30 pm- Dinner
Grand Oaks Ballroom

6:30 pm- salad preset

6:30 pm- Kristen Short welcomes and says Opening Prayer (Acknowledge Board)

6:35 pm- Kristen introduces Gov. McMaster

6:40 pm- Gov. McMasters Remarks (20 mins) [REDACTED]

7:00 pm- Kristen thanks and breaks for dinner

7:05 pm- Clear first course

7:15 pm- Serve Entree

7:45 pm- Clear Entree

8:00 pm- Serve Dessert / Coffee Service)

8:05 pm- Kristen Welcomes back and introduces Marjorie, Marty, Mollie and Mark Hemmingway

8:07 pm- Conversation between Mark, Mollie, Marty and MJD (20 min)

8:27 pm- Mallory thanks and closes giving housekeeping for next day

Interview:

We'd like to request all of our Summit speakers to be interviewed by our film crew for 20-30 minutes before or after you speak. The interview will be included in our 2022 highlight reel.

Talking Points:

We will send suggested talking points tomorrow.

Room Reservation:

A room has been reserved for you at The Sanctuary Hotel under the name Governor Henry McMaster. We have you:

Checking In (4:00pm): 2/14/22

Checking out (12:00pm): 2/15/22

Confirmation Number: R1798DB

Billing: Please note the hotel will ask for a credit card upon check in to cover the cost of the room, tax and incidentals. We have a discounted rate of \$270 ++ per night.

Please let me know if any other members of your staff or detail will need sleeping rooms.

Attire:

Meetings: Resort Casual

Dinners: Business

Registration: Registration is located at the hospitality desk in the Grand Oaks Foyer (on the 1st level). You will be registered under your last name. Registration will open starting Monday, February 14th at 9:00 AM, please stop by to pick up your name badge and we will escort you to the Grand Oaks Ballroom for your remarks.

Dietary Needs: Please let me know if you have any dietary restrictions.

Weather:

It should be a high of mid 60's during the day and a low of mid 40's in the evening. Please note some activities may be outdoors.

COVID 19:

The Sanctuary does not have any mandates or policies in place in regards to Covid at this time. All hotel staff will be masked.

Staff Contact Information:

Emma Leach, Development Operations Manager, Susan B. Anthony List

Phone: (202) 223-8073; Cell: (570) [REDACTED]

Email: emma@sbalist.org

Allegra Hewell Wilson, Event Planner, Hewell Events Group

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Warmly,

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From: [Billy Valentine](#)
To: [Lemoine, Leigh](#)
Cc: [Emma Leach](#); [Brian Sanderson](#); [Bob Heckman](#); [Caitlin Connors](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Invite -- SBA List Pro-Life Leaders Summit
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 11:23:39 AM

Leigh, that is wonderful news, thanks so much! We will be in touch with further details as the event approaches. Please do not hesitate to contact us if any questions arise on your end in the meantime. Thanks again!

Billy Valentine
SBA List

From: Lemoine, Leigh <Lemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Billy Valentine <bvalentine@sbalist.org>
Cc: Emma Leach <Emma@sbalist.org>; Brian Sanderson <bsanderson@threeoakgroup.com>; Bob Heckman <bobheckman@capcitydc.com>; Caitlin Connors <CConnors@sbalist.org>
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The Governor appreciates your consideration, and happily accepts the invitation.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on this event. If you have any questions or if I may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (803) 734-1229 or by email.

Sincerely,
Leigh LeMoine

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I've also copied Emma on our team who is helping coordinate logistics, including any lodging needs.

Thank you!

Billy

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202-223-8073 (work)

From: [Emma Leach](#)
To: [Lemoine, Leigh](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: [External] Invite -- SBA List Pro-Life Leaders Summit
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 3:27:04 PM

Hello,
I am out of the office and will be unavailable by phone. I will have limited access to my email, but will respond as soon as I can. For any immediate requests or questions please contact our office at 202-223-8073.

Thanks,

Emma

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To: [Billy Valentine](#)
Cc: [Emma Leach](#); [Brian Sanderson](#); [Bob Heckman](#); [Caitlin Connors](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Invite -- SBA List Pro-Life Leaders Summit
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 3:26:00 PM

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To: [Brian Sanderson](#)
Cc: [Billy Valentine](#)
Subject: Re: [External] FW: Invite -- SBA List Pro-Life Leaders Summit
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 10:24:10 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks much!

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Via Trey Walker iPad/iPhone.

On Oct 14, 2021, at 2:32 PM, Brian Sanderson
<bsanderson@threeoakgroup.com> wrote:

Trey,

Just FYI on the below invitation in February in Kiawah so you have visibility into. Thanks
– Brian

Brian W. Sanderson



From: Billy Valentine <bvalentine@sbalist.org>
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From: [Brian Sanderson](#)
To: [Brian Sanderson](#)
Cc: [Billy Valentine](#)
Subject: [External] Ecumenical prayer initiative for Life.
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:45:23 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[On Our Knees Intro Letter.pdf](#)
[31-Days-for-Life-prayer-guide.pdf](#)

Friends,

I want to share with you and your governor the attached invitation and material on a new, ecumenical prayer effort for the unborn in advance of the *Dobbs* case. The 15-20 minute prayer service will be held on Monday evenings beginning September 20, via telephone conference, for 31 weeks. This is roughly 9 months between now and the anticipated decision from the Supreme Court. Please see the attached invitation from Marjorie Dannenfelser, Eileen Bakke, Diane Black, Sheri Schulze, and Kristen Short. We would be honored to have you, your governor and anyone else on your team to join us on Monday evenings. Many thanks – Brian



You are invited to join [On Our Knees](#), an ecumenical nationwide prayer initiative for life.

We are praying for the unborn and for the Supreme Court as it considers the *Dobbs* case which could upend *Roe v. Wade*. **On Our Knees** is comprised of two key elements:

- 15-20 minute weekly, guided **prayer calls** on **Monday evenings at 8:30 pm ET** beginning September 20. The number is (833) [REDACTED].
- [31 Days of Prayer for Life, a daily devotional/prayer guide](#)

To join us in prayer, [register here](#).

Please invite others to join us **On Our Knees**, as we approach “*Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.*” (Ephesians 3:20)

From: [Caitlin Connors](#)
To: [Caitlin Connors](#)
Subject: [External] Statement: Texas Heartbeat Bill official law
Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021 12:27:30 PM
Attachments: [Texas Heartbeat Act One Pager.pdf](#)

Good afternoon—

Following up on yesterday's email as we have more news. Last night (midnight ET) the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, decided to allow Texas to continue enforcing their fetal heartbeat bill which officially went into effect at midnight central time on September 1.

SBA List has released the following statement—thanking the Supreme Court for their leadership in allowing the state of Texas to enact their own laws for life, per the will of their people.

Please let me know if you have any questions—I have also reattached yesterday's one-pager on quick facts and talking points.

Best,
Caitlin



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 2, 2021 | [LINK](#)
Contact: Prudence Robertson, probertson@sbalist.org, 240-672-2828

SCOTUS Allows Texas' Pro-life Heartbeat Law to Remain in Effect

Washington, D.C. – In a 5-4 decision, the **U.S. Supreme Court** allowed the **Texas Heartbeat Act** to remain in effect. The **national pro-life group Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List)** released the following comment in response:

“The Supreme Court's ruling allows Texas to protect unborn babies with beating hearts while litigation continues,” said **Marjorie Dannenfelser, President of the Susan B. Anthony List**. “The Texas legislature, acting on the will of the people, debated and passed this law with the very simple goal of protecting unborn children with beating hearts from death in the womb. This is how democracy works. The American people are hungry to finally let this debate play out across the country and be given the

opportunity to catch our laws up with compassion for women and children and science. After nearly 50 years of suppression, we are hopeful that the Supreme Court will soon afford Americans the opportunity to finally let their voices be heard on the greatest human rights issue of our day.”

This fall the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, a case involving Mississippi’s 15-week abortion limit. The Court is set to consider whether all pre-viability limits on abortion are unconstitutional.

Public opinion polls consistently show a **strong majority of Americans reject pro-abortion extremism**. Earlier this year, SBA List launched a nationwide campaign **asserting the humanity** of unborn children which is evident throughout pregnancy:

- At 6 weeks:
 - Unborn babies in the womb have a heartbeat.
 - Blood vessels are forming into the circulatory system.
 - The brain and spinal cord are beginning to develop.
- By 10 weeks:
 - Babies have arms and legs, fingers and toes.
 - The baby can kick and will jump if startled.
 - Their pain receptors have been developing for weeks (week 7).
- At 15 weeks, babies:
 - Have fully developed hearts – pumping 26 quarts of blood per day.
 - Have fully formed noses and lips, and eyelids and eyebrows.
 - Can taste and make facial expressions, yawn, hiccup, swallow, and suck their thumbs.
 - They can feel pain: By 13 to 14 weeks, almost the entire body responds to light touch; brain structures are mature enough by 15 weeks to process pain; painful procedures trigger a hormonal stress response.

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Subject: Texas Heartbeat Bill official law

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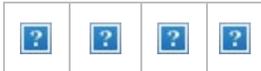
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Cc: [Billy Valentine](#)
Subject: [External] Texas Heartbeat Act
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:15:35 PM
Attachments: [Texas Heartbeat Act One Pager\[2\].pdf](#)

Good afternoon. You likely have heard the news today that the Texas Heartbeat Act signed by Texas Governor Greg earlier this year became effective today. The Texas Heartbeat Act prohibits elective abortions after an unborn child's heartbeat can be detected. The law is effective today. Planned Parenthood filed for an emergency injunction with the United States Supreme Court, but, so far, the Court has not taken action.

Below and attached is a one pager on the Texas Heartbeat Act prepared by the good folks at the Susan B. Anthony List. It has some quick facts followed by messaging points. I would ask that you pass this along to your communications team and any other folks in your office. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you would like to discuss further or learn more details. Many thanks – Brian Sanderson



The Texas Heartbeat Act: Quick Facts

- The [Texas Heartbeat Act](#) prohibits elective abortions after an unborn child's heartbeat can be detected.
- An unborn child's heartbeat can be detected by six weeks.
- Before an abortion occurs, the abortionist must determine whether the child's heartbeat is present using methods according to standard medical practice. If a heartbeat is present, the abortionist cannot abort the child.
- The law imposes no criminal penalties. Instead, the law enables civil remedies by allowing any person to sue an abortionist who violates the law, or anyone who aids or abets in an abortion, such as "abortion fund" entities who pay for prohibited abortions.
- The law's civil-liability provisions do not apply to the mother who seeks or obtains an unlawful abortion. The mother is completely immune from lawsuits and cannot be prosecuted under the law.
- The law contains an exception for medical emergencies.
- Governor Greg Abbott (R-TX) signed the bill into law on May 19, 2021, and the law took effect on September 1, 2021.

The Texas Heartbeat Act: Talking Points

- The Texas Heartbeat Act was debated by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Abbott. This is how democracy is supposed to work. The Texas legislature acted on the will of the people to protect innocent unborn children and mothers.
- The pro-life movement is hopeful that the Supreme Court will soon allow all states to let democracy do its job and let the people in all 50 states debate when life should be protected under the law.
- The Texas Heartbeat Law reflects scientific reality that unborn children at six weeks are human beings with beating hearts who deserve legal protection to live. The [majority](#) of

Americans support updating and humanizing our extreme outdated abortion laws.

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- The pro-life movement rallies around and supports vulnerable mothers and unborn children. In the latest [reportable](#) year of 2019, approximately 2,700 pregnancy care centers across the country served over two million people with essential medical, education, and support services at an estimated value of nearly \$270 million.

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Subject: RE: [External] Follow-up regarding chemical abortion and South Carolina
Date: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:09:30 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Trey,

Apologies for my delayed response to this—I was out last week and am playing a bit of catch up.

Thank y'all for taking a look and for your quick analysis on this issue. And your team is right—there is a telemedicine ban. We apologize for this oversight on our part. We were assessing SC's abortion code (<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c041.php>) but the telemedicine piece is in a different area of SC law, and we didn't see it.

So, the good news is that SC is in a good position for the upcoming Biden FDA loosening of regulations! We so appreciate y'all's willingness to address what we thought would be the issue (in-person dispensing) for this fall.

We do have a model bill on chemical abortion that addresses many areas of the issue—perhaps closer to session we could take a look at that with y'all for your thoughts.

Again, please accept our apologies for our mix-up. Thank you for all you do. Please let us know if there's anything we can be helpful with in the future!

Best and talk soon—
Caitlin

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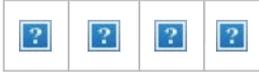
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Catlin –

Today we met with the Department of Health and Environmental Control officials – Dr. Brannon Traxler, Director of Public Health and Marshall Taylor, Chief Counsel. They contend that South Carolina has already has statutory regulation that prohibits the prescribing of drugs without a physical exam by a doctor or nurse. I have attached the two statutes, 40-47-37 and 40-47-113. Please review and let us know if y'all concur. Thanks.



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Absolutely! Whenever y'all are ready, we will set something up. Thanks so much.

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Thank you for your email! I am out of the office until Monday, August 30th.

I will be checking emails, but may be slower to respond. If it is urgent, please call/text me: 205-[REDACTED]

Best,
Caitlin