



## **Talking Points for the “No” Campaign**

Access to abortion is protected in Virginia. Virginia Law allows abortion throughout pregnancy. The Amendment is political overreach that takes away parental involvement and puts the health of women and mothers at risk.

### **KNOW THE FACTS:**

**EXISTING LAW:** Abortion is legal in Virginia for all three trimesters (27 weeks of pregnancy).

Abortion is permitted later in pregnancy if three physicians certify that the continuation of the pregnancy is likely to result in the death of the woman or substantially and irretrievably impair her health. **There is no effort to change current law. Abortion is legally protected in the Commonwealth of Virginia.**

### **WHAT DOES THE AMENDMENT DO?**

This is a dangerously vague amendment to the Virginia Constitution that creates risky loopholes that would enable unlicensed abortion providers and threaten the health of mothers and even healthy babies. It lets the courts and government take away the involvement of parents in their right to be included in healthcare decisions with their children, creating family division and conflict. This is gross political overreach that is unnecessary – abortion laws are not at risk of changing in Virginia.

### ***Key Points:***

- **PARENTAL CONSENT:** Virginians may disagree on where to draw the line on abortion. But passing an amendment that could make abortion the only invasive medical procedure that a minor could have without a parent's permission goes too far. Proposals to include a parental

consent provision in the proposed constitutional amendment were rejected by the Virginia General Assembly in 2025 and 2026. Parents have a right to be involved in their children's healthcare. Vote no.

- **NON-PHYSICIAN ABORTIONS:** The amendment could let non-physicians perform second and third trimester (months 4-9) abortions and remove health regulations that protect women. This would put women in grave danger and jeopardize their health. Women's safety must come first. Vote no.
- **RISKS TO MOTHER'S HEALTHCARE:** The amendment puts women at risk by opening the door to removing health and facility safety standards for abortions. Passing the amendment aids bad actors at women's expense. Vote no.
- **BABIES BORN ALIVE:** The amendment fails to require care for babies born alive after an attempted abortion, allowing them to be left to die without life-saving treatment. Proposals to include protections for babies born alive in the proposed constitutional amendment were rejected by the Virginia General Assembly in 2025 and 2026. All babies born alive should have life-saving treatment, regardless of the circumstances of their birth. Vote no.

## CLOSING ARGUMENT

Political overreach is hurting families and putting women and children at risk. Abortion is legally protected by Virginia law. Voting No does not change that. This Amendment would only keep parents out of their children's lives and put women in grave medical danger. We must vote no to protect women and children.