

## Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act: Public Consensus

Voters across the political spectrum – women in higher numbers than men – support protections for unborn children at 15 weeks, a point at least by which they can feel pain.

- 72% of voters would limit abortions by no later than 15 weeks.
  - o Includes 75% of women, compared to 69% of men.
  - o Includes 70% of Independents and 60% of Democrats.
  - o Only 10% support the Democrats' position of abortion on demand until birth.
- Source: Harvard/Harris poll of 1,300+ registered voters (June 28-29).

By a 20-point margin, voters in key battleground states prefer a Republican who supports protections at 15 weeks to a Democrat who supports abortion on demand until birth.

- 50% of likely voters are more likely to vote for a Republican candidate who supports a 15-week limit on abortion, versus 30% of voters who prefer a Democratic candidate who supports unlimited abortion up until the moment of birth.
- Source: OnMessage Inc. survey of 1200 likely voters in Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, May 2-6, 2022.

Voters are more likely to support protections at 15 weeks when they learn unborn children can feel pain at least by that point.

• In 2021, **55% of likely voters** said they are more likely to support a 15-week limit on abortion when they learn that an unborn child has the capacity to feel pain (Source: <a href="OnMessage Inc.">OnMessage Inc.</a>).

Responding to a <u>Wall Street Journal poll</u> that shows 57% of voters oppose protections at 15 weeks:

- Public opinion does fluctuate somewhat in response to the news, but Americans
  <u>consistently and overwhelmingly</u> reject the Democratic Party position abortion on
  demand through all nine months of pregnancy.
- Most polls don't indicate that an unborn child can feel pain at least by 15 weeks.
- Some pro-life voters may have answered "oppose" because they do not support allowing abortion at any point in pregnancy.
- The Wall Street Journal <u>previously found</u> in March that more voters favor a 15-week abortion limit with some exceptions (48%) than oppose it (43%).