

Lawsuit Filed Against MAID in DE

A federal law suit has been filed against Delaware's Medical Aid in Dying bill, signed into law this past year and set to take effect in January. It's not clear yet whether the suit will delay the enactment of the law. Local lawyer, Theodore Kittila, who has taken on the case, says "we could have a fight before Christmas."

Disabilities' rights organizations, including the Freedom Center for Independent Living, Inc in Middletown, the Delaware chapter of ADAPT, Not Dead Yet, United Spinal Association, the National Council on Independent Living, and disability advocate Sean Curran have argued that the law would endanger those with disabilities and chronic conditions and would target such people in blatant violation of existing anti-discrimination laws. The plaintiffs fear this law places them at risk of premature death rather than ensuring access to care, support and suicide prevention services.

Kittila, who hopes to have time to seek a preliminary injunction, says the law "takes anyone with a

life-threatening disability and labels them suicide ready. Under Delaware's system we have suicide prevention for everyone except the disabled."

Daniese McMullin Powell, head of Delaware's chapter of Not Dead Yet, says that recent Medicaid cuts mean less service and treatment for the disabled. "Someone can become terminal without proper care, particularly those who are low income."

Several amicus briefs have already signed on in support of the lawsuit and it has gained national attention in the press. Because the state law violates the federal Constitution, Kittila hopes the case may go to the Supreme Court. "I don't know how you fix this law under American-Anglo jurisprudence," he says, adding that the Dobb's decision may help the case due to "helpful language regarding due process."

Kittila expresses what pro-lifers have always recognized: "One life lost under this law is too many."

Choose Life License Plate Turns 25



Farah Morelli, left, and Jim Cordie pose at Legislative Hall with the first Choose Life license plate in Delaware in 2010.

If you're driving around with a "Choose Life" license plate on your car, or you've noticed them on the road in Delaware, thank Jim Cordie.

This year the national organization celebrates its 25th anniversary, but Delaware adopted the plates in 2010, when the first ones were issued. For Cordie, a former DRTL board member from Dover, it was the realization of a two-year effort. 450 license plates later, he is still involved with the organization.

"On a cold spring day in 2008

I sat at my computer searching the internet for pro-life type license plates for the front of my car. I came across the Florida Choose Life website and called their 800 number and spoke with Russ Amerling, co-founder and president of Choose Life America. I learned of his efforts to establish a Choose Life plate in every state in the U.S.," he remembers. While Farah Morelli had initiated the effort, Cordie took over the lead for the project in Delaware.

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Eileen Siter—Pro Life Hero

By Grace LoPorto

Eileen Siter got involved in the pro-life movement in 1990, when she and her husband owned a popular restaurant in Wilmington. One of their friends came in one day with a flyer for a prayer group run by Fr. John McFadden, who was also involved with the pro-life movement, and Eileen says they just “went to town.”

She “was blessed to meet Dorothy Fuller,” who was president of the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants, a prolife group that prayed outside abortion clinics where they tried to talk to the mothers going in for abortions. Eileen became her vice president. These groups did vigils and bus trips to Washington D.C. with the youth of the parish of St. Matthew’s. “We loved and cherished every minute of it,” Eileen says, “and still do,” although she doesn’t get out quite as much as she once did.

In addition to vigils, Eileen joined in the rescue movement of the time,



Eileen Siter with her late husband, Bob, longtime dedicated pro-lifers in Delaware.

which involved peaceful resistance outside clinics whereby pro-lifers sat at the entrances and prayed. She had been warned about doing rescues herself because she owned a business, but one day, Eileen says, “the Holy Spirit moved me,” and she joined the others at the clinic. Over the years doing rescues, she’s been arrested three times. She not only put herself on the line, but boarded ten people in her home during rescues.

Her dedication also meant providing monetary support for pregnant women. Once an employee at her restaurant was going to put her baby up for adoption, but Eileen secured the funds so she wouldn’t have to. Always tenacious, she showed up when it mattered. Alerted by a friend whose granddaughter was scheduled for an abortion the next day, Eileen

ventured out to the clinic to talk to her, despite being sick with the flu. She didn’t think she got through. She tried talking to the girl’s father, but she didn’t think she got through to him, either. She left, distraught, and called her friend, the girl’s grandmother. Lo and behold, the grandmother got a call from her granddaughter saying she didn’t go through with it. About ten years later, Eileen was at that friend’s funeral when her granddaughter introduced her to her son. Eileen says, “The joy that fills your heart, it wants to burst.”

Eileen is also involved with Rachel’s Vineyard, a retreat for post-abortive women and men. She says her “humanity” makes her want to hug the participants as soon as they arrive, but she holds back. It’s part of her training. And she sees how God helps these men and women throughout the retreat.

She says that she would ask anyone who’s considering an abortion to just give her ten minutes of their time, “just ten minutes to share the love of God and the gift of life.”

Her message to pro-life people would be that they’re “the most wonderful people I’ve ever met.” Not all the same nationality or religion, but “they all have the love of God in their hearts.” And she is thankful that she is able to be part of this movement.



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License Plates - Great ProLife PR

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incorporating and establishing a non-profit, tax-exempt status, Cordie was able to take advantage of Delaware's Department of Motor Vehicles special class for non-profit organizations, which simply requires a minimum of 200 plates to be pledged. By 2010, Cordie had 273 signees and the Choose Life Delaware license plate was unfurled.

"We think of the plates as mini billboards raising awareness as members drive around their local communities and beyond. Membership provides us donations and we in turn donate these monies to the support of the 6 pregnancy care centers in Delaware," he says.

To date, Choose Life Delaware has collected almost \$50,000 and issued over 450 plates. The number of those on the road peaked at 375 in 2014-5 and now stands at 204, with many low number plates available. Much of the heavy lifting to promote the plates at community exhibits falls to Cordie's daughter, Sue, also a board member of DRTL. She and Debbie Christie lead the marketing effort to get more license plates on the road and in the community.

If you would like to get a Choose Life license plate for your car, visit the website, www.chooselifede.org. An initial fee of \$10 is charged for the plate with a yearly \$20 fee after that. All proceeds go to pregnancy centers in Delaware.

As we look back on 2025, the board of DRTL is grateful for a very active and faithful year. We set out to accomplish some very specific goals and through the grace of God, succeeded in reaching all of them! Many thanks to the individual members of our board who worked tirelessly to make the following happen:

Secured office space in Newark for meetings, planning, and communication. Hosted our first Christmas

Open House at new office on W. Park Place

Respect Life education opportunity at St. Elizabeth's High School with Junior class

Virtual legislative training session with cooperation of DE Family Policy Council

Rosary Rally in Dover for Day of the Unborn, March 25

Brunch and speaker at Newark Country Club

Walk for Life in Dover

Luncheon for Pregnancy Care Center leaders and distribution of baby shoes

St. Elizabeth's Life Mass in collaboration with Knights of Columbus

1st annual Dee Becker Memorial Tribute at Cathedral Cemetery

Monthly newsletters issued via email and/or regular mail

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DRTL Office Blessed and Ready

December 7 brought a festive crowd to DRTL's new headquarters in Newark, where they celebrated an Open House in the office on W. Park Place. "Tiny tours" of the 3-room space revealed our reception, storage/library, and conference rooms decked out in Christmas cheer. In the hallway visitors viewed a series of posters outlining DRTL's history as refreshments were served.

Fr. Gregory Pfeiffer blessed our office in a ceremony during the afternoon, bringing our physical space and efforts under the guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit, and reminding us that our office is now a place where we have the opportunity to increase grace and virtue. What a great way to start the new year.

The DRTL board is grateful and relieved to have a place to meet at any time and room to store materials and do planning. We also have shared space with other pro-life organizations who can take advantage of the quiet space to work.

Most of the thanks goes to board member, Bess McAneny, who spearheaded the search for new digs, and for securing a realtor to make it happen. We are likewise grateful to our faithful donors, whose generous contributions pay the rent and without whom, we would still be homeless.



Fr. Gregory Pfeiffer blesses the new DRTL office in Newark on Dec. 7.



From left, Nancy Frick, Judy Aungst, Mary Miller, and Kathy Barr enjoying refreshments in the Conference Room.



Board members Ann Courtney, Julie Guillebeau, and Kathy Arnold



Board member, Bess McAneny, and Jeff Mey. Bess organized the display in the hallway.



Board member, Lynn Mey, with Julia Sadik of Students for Life

What's in Store for 2026

Legislation

Despite a flurry of pro-death bills passing in the state legislature over the past few years, the attacks on life continue without pause. Already there are dangerous bills looming, starting with the effort to pass a state constitutional amendment to enshrine “reproductive freedom” as a right.

SB5 seeks to allow abortion for any and no reason without any restrictions up until viability and with broad exceptions after that. Because Delaware requires that both houses of the General Assembly must pass the legislation in two consecutive sessions for a constitutional amendment, there is some time to rally opposition, although it has already passed the Senate and will carry over to the 2026 session.

In typical fashion, “reproductive freedom” includes broad interpretation and covers any number of medical procedures, including abortion, infertility, and sterilization. Exceptions for post viability abortions include “mental health of the pregnant individual,” a nebulous category that could include anything.

In addition, a companion bill, HB14, attempts to include a right to “privacy,” said to emanate from a penumbra of the 4th Amendment. It's Roe v. Wade logic all over again, another attempt to protect the abortion industry at all costs and allow abortion for any and all reasons. The bill has passed the House and will move into the Senate, most likely immediately upon return to session in January 13.

Building the case against abortion pills

Abortion pills are everywhere. Delaware has ensured

their easy availability to college women by passing a law requiring they be dispensed on state university campuses. But did you think this would be at the library? The University of Delaware has designated a space within Morris Library for students to access telehealth in order to get prescriptions for the pills. The irony is that abortion pills are readily available online without a prescription, a fact widely known and practiced, even encouraged, by “healthcare providers.”

A local nurse practitioner, Debra Lynch, prescribes the pills and mails them from her Newark, DE home, protected by Delaware's “shield laws,” which prohibit prosecution for shipping pills to states with restrictions or bans. And therein is one of the main problems: no real “ban” or restriction exists in any state in the nation for accessing abortion pills and no “pregnant person” suffers any consequence for taking the pills to kill their child.

Medication abortions make up approximately 72% of all abortions in Delaware (higher than the 63% national average). The risks and dangers of this toxic combination of mifepristone and misoprostol are seriously underplayed by the government, media, healthcare professionals, and of course, the abortion industry itself. Not only are they ubiquitous, but their off-label use, often outside the existing 10-week limit as set by the FDA, is common, with some women using the pills well into second trimester and beyond. This leads to the trauma of giving birth to a dead child in a bathroom setting. Nor are they adequately informed of the risks and dangers of the toxic pills, which, according to a recent study, send approximately 10%

of women to the emergency room for a host of complications.

The women are told to flush the child down the toilet, which raises the question of what effect does this have on our water via sewage systems? A study has led to the website www.abortioninourwater.org, which explores the possibility of contamination of water systems not equipped to test for human fetal remains.

Lastly, a quick Google search turns up at least a dozen stories of men secretly giving their pregnant girlfriends/wives the abortion pill through various methods to induce an abortion. Most of these men are now serving jail sentences *because the baby was wanted by the woman*. The hypocrisy is so blatant as to be laughable if it weren't such a deadly business.

All of these situations call for action and DRTL is working on a campaign to make Delawareans aware of the dangers of this form of abortion, which has become the dominant method in the past 10 years. We are working on social media ads, billboards and radio ads to combat the lies that any abortion is “safe.”

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