

# Our Position on Equal Protection for Preborn Children

## *Addressing Recent Mischaracterizations*

We have become aware that some within the pro-life movement have mischaracterized our organization's position on equal protection for preborn children, including by claiming that we are advocating for "criminalizing women." We want to address these false claims directly and clarify what we actually believe and why we believe it.

## *Our Biblical Foundation*

At Alliance Family Services, our convictions are rooted in the unchanging truth of God's Word. Scripture is abundantly clear that human life begins at conception and that each person—born and preborn—is created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:13-16). The Bible also makes clear that the unjust taking of innocent human life is murder (Exodus 20:13, 21:22-25), a grievous sin that God abhors.

We believe that abortion is the intentional killing of an innocent human being created in God's image. Because abortion ends a human life, it is murder. This is not a political position—it is a biblical truth that we cannot compromise.

## *Our Mission*

Alliance Family Services is a **gospel-centered organization that relentlessly advocates for preborn children, women, and families by providing exceptional reproductive healthcare, biblical discipleship, and social support.** We are committed to competing directly against the abortion industry by operating a nationwide network of reproductive healthcare clinics and support services that are medically exceptional and unapologetically Christian.

## *Our Compassionate Care*

Our commitment to the sanctity of life is matched by our commitment to serve women with exceptional compassion and care. We serve **every woman without exception**, providing:

- Pregnancy tests and ultrasounds
- STI testing & treatment
- Prenatal care to 20 weeks
- Well woman exams
- Abortion pill reversal
- Assistance obtaining insurance coverage
- Financial planning and budgeting support
- Job application assistance
- Transitional housing

- Skills classes
- Ongoing support and mentorship

All of our services are free and confidential. We meet very real needs for women in challenging circumstances because we genuinely love and care for them. Our work demonstrates that we are wholeheartedly committed to supporting mothers and families—not condemning them.

### *Proclaiming the Gospel*

Central to everything we do is our commitment to boldly share the gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe that the gospel offers hope, forgiveness, redemption, and transformation. Every woman who walks through our doors—regardless of her past decisions or current circumstances—is offered the life-changing message that Jesus Christ died for sinners and rose again, offering forgiveness and eternal life to all who believe.

We do not condemn; we offer the good news that there is no sin too great for God's grace to cover.

### *What Equal Protection and Abolitionism Mean*

Equal protection for preborn children is a key component of the abolitionist position, which we hold as consistent with biblical Christianity. Equal protection is the principle that the same legal protections afforded to born persons should be extended equally to preborn persons. Abolitionism encompasses this commitment to equal protection, but it is much more than that—it represents a comprehensive biblical, theological, and legal framework for outlawing abortion completely, treating it as the murder it is, and pursuing justice for preborn image-bearers of God.

In practical terms, equal protection means:

- **Recognizing that preborn children are human beings with the same inherent rights as born children**  
(Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13–16; Jeremiah 1:5; Luke 1:41–44)
- **Ensuring that laws against homicide apply equally to all innocent human beings, regardless of age or location**  
(Exodus 21:22–25; Numbers 35:30–31; Deuteronomy 27:25; Proverbs 24:11–12)
- **Rejecting any legal framework that creates exceptions allowing the intentional killing of preborn children**  
(Deuteronomy 1:17; Proverbs 17:15; James 2:9; Acts 10:34–35)
- **Treating abortion as what it is: the unjust taking of innocent human life**  
(Exodus 20:13; Proverbs 6:16–17; Romans 13:9; Revelation 21:8)

**To be clear:** Equal protection means that the act of abortion—the intentional killing of a preborn child—should be illegal for everyone involved, including those who perform

abortions, those who facilitate them, and yes, mothers who seek them. This is not about "criminalizing women"; it is about protecting children by making it illegal for anyone to intentionally take their lives.

Moreover, equal protection protects women. Current legal immunity for women actually leaves them vulnerable to coercion. It is not illegal to coerce a woman into doing something that is legal for her to do. By making murdering preborn children illegal for everyone, equal protection would also make it illegal to coerce a woman into an abortion. (*Deuteronomy 27:19; Isaiah 10:1–2; Proverbs 31:8–9*)

### *Why We Support Equal Protection*

We support equal protection for several reasons:

1. **Consistency with our belief that abortion is murder.**

If abortion truly is the unjust taking of innocent human life, then we cannot logically advocate for legal protection for the preborn while simultaneously carving out exceptions that allow certain people to kill them without legal consequence. (*Exodus 20:13; Genesis 9:6; Deuteronomy 27:25; Romans 2:11*)

2. **Equal justice under the law.**

God's law does not discriminate based on the identity of the perpetrator. Justice requires that the law protect all innocent persons equally and hold all people accountable without partiality when they unjustly take innocent life. (*Leviticus 19:15; Deuteronomy 16:19–20; Proverbs 11:1; Acts 17:31*)

3. **True compassion.**

We believe the most compassionate position is the one that seeks to protect the most vulnerable members of society—preborn children—while also providing genuine support, resources, and the hope of the gospel to mothers in crisis. (*Proverbs 31:8–9; Micah 6:8; Zechariah 7:9–10; James 1:27*)

4. **The witness of history.**

Throughout history, unjust laws have created categories of persons deemed less worthy of legal protection. The abolitionist position rejects such categories and insists that all human beings deserve equal protection under the law. (*Isaiah 1:17; Amos 5:24; Proverbs 14:31; Matthew 25:40*)

### *The Only Biblically Tenable View*

We believe that equal protection is not merely one acceptable position among many—it is the only position consistent with biblical justice and the recognition that abortion is murder.

If abortion is murder, then any legal framework that permits it under certain circumstances or exempts certain people from accountability is fundamentally unjust. The Bible does not allow us to play favorites with God's law or to create exceptions to His prohibition against

murder based on the age of the victim or the identity of the perpetrator. To claim that abortion is murder while simultaneously advocating for laws that permit it or exempt mothers from legal accountability is logically and biblically inconsistent.

### *Room for Dialogue and Differing Views*

While we hold our convictions on equal protection firmly, **we do not require anyone affiliated with our organization to hold the same views.** We welcome employees, volunteers, donors, and partners who may disagree with us on the question of legal strategy while sharing commitment to our mission.

We believe there is room for dialogue and discussion on questions of prudence, timing, and legislative strategy. We are eager to engage in good-faith conversations with those who share our ultimate goal of abolishing abortion but who may have different perspectives on how to achieve that goal.

### *Seeking Unity in the Movement*

We truly want to see unity within the anti-abortion movement. Abortion is a grave evil, and we should be able to work together across our differences to save lives and abolish this injustice.

We are committed to engaging respectfully with those who disagree with us, listening to their concerns, and seeking common ground wherever possible. We welcome dialogue and are open to being challenged and sharpened by brothers and sisters in Christ.

### *Where We Cannot Compromise*

At the same time, there are convictions we cannot and will not compromise:

**We will not compromise on the truth that abortion is murder.** This is the bedrock of everything we do. If abortion is not murder, then our work makes no sense. But if it is murder—and we believe the Bible is clear that it is—then we must act accordingly.

**We will not compromise on the equal dignity and worth of preborn children.** They are made in God's image, and they deserve the same legal protections afforded to every other person.

**We will not compromise on the call to pursue biblical justice.** God's Word calls us to defend the weak, plead for the fatherless, and ensure justice for the oppressed (Isaiah 1:17, Proverbs 31:8-9). Equal protection is the legal embodiment of this biblical mandate.

While we will always seek unity and pursue it earnestly, we cannot purchase unity at the cost of biblical truth or justice for the preborn.

## *Correcting the Record*

To those who have claimed that we advocate for "criminalizing women," we say this: We support criminalizing the act of murder, regardless of who commits it. We do not hate mothers who have had abortions—we love them and want to offer them the hope and healing found in Jesus Christ. We do not seek to punish women—we seek to protect children.

Our work speaks for itself. We have served thousands of women with compassion, dignity, and sacrificial love. We have provided millions of dollars in free services. We have walked alongside women in their darkest moments and offered them hope. This is not the work of people who want to "criminalize women." This is the work of people who love both children and their mothers and who believe that God's law and God's love extend to all.

## *Moving Forward Together*

We invite those who have questions or concerns about our position to reach out to us directly. We are committed to dialogue, transparency, and unity wherever possible. We believe that honest conversation—even when it's difficult—is far better than mischaracterization and division.

Most importantly, we invite everyone—regardless of where they stand on questions of legal strategy—to join us in the work of protecting life, proclaiming the gospel, and supporting families in need. There is much work to be done, and we are eager to labor alongside all who share our ultimate goal: a world where every preborn child is protected and every mother is supported.

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*"If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, 'Surely we did not know this,' does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?" — Proverbs 24:10-12*