

From the desk of Tom Brejcha, Founder and President...

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Dear Friend,

This Independence Day will mark the 250th anniversary of our great nation, and our founding document: the Declaration of Independence. At its core, the Declaration enunciated what has proven the most consequential truth in our history, namely, that our rights to *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness* are not rights granted (and revocable) by governments. But rather, *they are natural rights, “unalienable” because they have been endowed by our Creator!*

Those truths, while “self-evident,” could not and did not *defend* themselves. At Valley Forge, and on successive Revolutionary and later battlefields, our soldiers froze, bled and died for them. Generations later, more Americans gave their lives to save the Union and end chattel slavery. In every era since, the promise of the Declaration has endured only because men and women were willing to sacrifice for it—at great personal cost, and against powerful opposition.

The founders who affixed their signatures to that Declaration knew they faced perilous personal consequences. Nevertheless, they pledged their “lives, their fortunes, and sacred honor”—because they understood that self-evident truths still require courageous defenders.

This summer, as we celebrate our nation’s 250th birthday, I am asking you to join us in a campaign we have called **Defending These Truths**—for what we do now will prove whether the Declaration’s natural rights commitments will endure at all, let alone for another 250 years.

Generous supporters have committed \$250,000 in matching funds, doubling every gift made between now and July 4th, while matching funds last. What follows in this letter will show you just how much is at stake... and just how much your support can do.

L.A. County told a Christian lifeguard captain that his religious beliefs “don’t matter.” We will prove them wrong at a jury trial!

Captain Jeffrey Little has served heroically in the Lifeguard Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department—the largest professional ocean lifeguard service in the world—for more than twenty years. He is a devout Christian and a father.

As you may remember, in 2023, the County ordered that the “Progress Pride Flag” be flown at every facility during June. Captain Little didn’t ask the County to take the flags down. He just wanted basic respect for his religious beliefs that our federal and state laws alike require.

So, he requested a simple religious accommodation—that someone else handle or bear responsibility for raising the flag, because personally raising it, and making sure that his junior lifeguards raise it, would flout his sincerely held Christian beliefs about marriage and sexuality.

The County granted his request. They did so in a very formal way. But just days later, they reversed course and overturned that decision—without ever telling Captain Little. He was never notified that his accommodation had been revoked. So, when he later lowered the LGBTQ flags at his assigned beach, he did so believing in good faith that his official accommodation was still in effect and that the flags were not supposed to be flying there.

The County punished him anyway, and six disciplinary actions rained down in the span of five days—including a 15-day suspension without pay. And when his Division Chief handed him the paperwork, he told Captain Little to his face: ***“Your religious beliefs don’t matter.”***

Think about what happened here: A twenty-plus-year veteran asks for a modest accommodation and his (taxpayer-funded!) employer grants it... Then the boss revokes it behind his back. And then he is punished for following the terms of a formal agreement they never told him was rescinded! When he asks why, he is told his faith, the very issue at stake, is *irrelevant*.

In *Groff v. DeJoy*, the Supreme Court held unanimously that employers must grant exactly these kinds of modest accommodations absent genuine hardship for the employer. The County’s own records show that **accommodating Captain Little would barely cost a few digits in their billion-dollar budget.** *There was no hardship...only hostility to religion.*

Our legal team was back in court for Captain Little last month, seeking summary judgment (a ruling on paper). The judge has now set this case for **jury trial**. With June upon us, Captain Little once again faces the indignity of returning to his employer to ask permission to “live his faith,” with no guarantee the answer will be yes.

When you donate to Thomas More Society today, you are assuring Captain Little (and Americans like him...) that he has a legal team poised and able to battle for him in that courtroom! Your support—doubled through the match—will make it possible for us to tell L.A. County that this man’s faith *does* matter, and that his legal rights will be protected!

California is back—again!—trying to undercut our Supreme Court victory for parents’ rights in *Mirabelli v. Bonta*.

Our landmark win in *Mirabelli v. Bonta* established that California’s secret “gender transition” policies in schools violate the rights of parents. Six Justices joined in ruling that California’s secrecy mandate amounted to the “unconsented facilitation of a child’s gender transition”—and that parents have a constitutional right not to be shut out of those decisions.

The Court restored our **class-wide, statewide injunction** protecting parents—which we had won earlier in San Diego’s federal trial court before Judge Roger Benitez. Since then,

California Attorney General Rob Bonta has lost successive later battles at the district court, U.S. Supreme Court, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

But these anti-parent zealots still refuse to stop! AG Bonta is taking us back up again on appeal from the trial court. He just filed his opening appellate brief. What it reveals is a *breathhtaking* attempt to re-hash and undercut what the Supreme Court Justices already decided.

Here is what California is now arguing: They have *conceded* that parents may be *told* about the “new” names and pronouns the school is using for their child. **But the State is now arguing that parents have no right to direct the school to stop, after finding out the truth!**

Under AG Bonta’s new legal argument, a school can inform a mother that her daughter is being called by a male name and male pronouns—but then they would also tell that mother there is *nothing* she can do about it. Mom would have a right to know, but no right to remedial action!

Outrageously, this amounts to mere parental notification but absent any parental right to make decisions about their own children’s gender-related treatment in school!

The Supreme Court has already rejected exactly this anti-parent policy! The Court’s opinion in our *Mirabelli* win described the parental right as a fundamental right of *participation in decisions*—not the mere receipt of information that the decision has already been made.

California is asking the Ninth Circuit to ignore what six U.S. Supreme Court Justices have already decided.

And it gets worse. In its brief, California tries to play a race card. It compares parents who want their child’s school to use their child’s legal (and biological) name to racist parents who would demand schools to stop teens of *different races from dancing together at prom!* That’s how AG Bonta regards parents playing a role in their own child’s moral upbringing.

Our team is preparing our responsive brief. What happens in this appeal will determine whether **1,000+** districts nationwide comply, or dig in to defy, the Supreme Court’s command.

She took the abortion pill and immediately regretted it. This is what saved her baby...

Cynthia was nineteen years old, living in San Diego, when she found out she was pregnant. She went to Planned Parenthood to confirm it. They didn’t offer her an ultrasound.

She went to another facility for the abortion pill. They did perform an ultrasound—but when Cynthia asked to see the screen, **they refused to show her.** She took the pill without fully understanding what it was, what it would do, or what would come next.

Almost immediately, the regret hit. It was overwhelming... Cynthia realized that she desperately wanted to save her baby.

So, she did what any woman in crisis would do—she called for help. She called the abortion facility that gave her the pill. **But they refused to help.** She called Planned Parenthood. **They refused, too.** Both told her the pregnancy was likely no longer viable—that not taking the second deadly pill could cause serious complications or fetal deformities. In other words: *finish the abortion, or face the consequences.*

Think about that for a moment. A frightened nineteen-year-old girl, desperate to save her child, and the entire abortion industry tells her there is nothing she can do...

But there was something she could do. Through her mother and a priest, Cynthia was connected to Dr. George Delgado, a pro-life doctor in San Diego. She went to his clinic the next day, roughly 24 hours after taking the pill. They did an ultrasound.

There was still a heartbeat. That was all she needed to see...

Dr. Delgado started her on Abortion Pill Reversal (APR)—a progesterone treatment to counteract the effects of the first abortion pill. He monitored her closely through the first trimester until her levels stabilized. He was honest with her. There were no guarantees. But he gave her what neither Planned Parenthood nor the other abortion facility did—a **second chance.**

Her beautiful baby boy was born healthy. He is fourteen years old today. Cynthia is now a proud mother of three, a college graduate, and a contracts manager. She shares her story voluntarily—in a sworn court declaration we filed in our case, at events, and in the media.

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Figure 1: Baby Michel



Figure 2: Now-teenaged "Baby" Michel

The right to tell women about the treatment that saved Cynthia's precious son—Abortion Pill Reversal—is now under attack by the State of California.

Cynthia's testimony (together with her thriving baby) provide living evidence that Abortion Pill Reversal works—that a woman who regrets taking the first abortion pill can be connected with a doctor, receive progesterone treatment, and give birth to a healthy and happy child.

That is exactly the help that our clients Heartbeat International and RealOptions provide to women across California and throughout the nation today.

Heartbeat International operates the Abortion Pill Rescue hotline and connects women to providers of APR. RealOptions is a Bay Area pregnancy center chain that provides the APR treatment. They are the reason the next woman in Cynthia's shoes can pick up a phone and hear someone say, "*It may not be too late, we can help you.*"

But Attorney General Rob Bonta is suing to silence them—demanding crippling fines, a permanent gag order, and total censorship of Abortion Pill Reversal information.

He wants to make sure the next woman in Cynthia's shoes has nowhere to turn. We're fighting to make sure that doesn't happen...

**We're about to defend the biggest pro-life trial in America...
And it is scheduled to start June 24th.**

The lawsuit AG Bonta brought against Heartbeat International and RealOptions is going to trial. **We're scheduled to begin on June 24th in state court in Oakland.** We expect this trial to last a grueling four to six weeks—possible longer.

This will be a full dress trial, with the lifesaving ministry and truth about Abortion Pill Reversal on one side, and the State of California on the other. California is seeking crippling fines, a permanent gag order, and total censorship.

Bonta's lawyers have argued that giving women *hope* is "misleading," and that, because pro-life nonprofits raise donated funds for their charitable work, they are "commercial actors"—equivalent to Amazon or Costco!—and therefore fully subject to commercial regulation.

Under that bizarre theory, **every soup kitchen, church ministry, and pro-life pregnancy center in America could be deemed a commercial actor!**

Thousands of babies are alive today because their mothers learned about APR and chose life. And after years of discovery in this case (since it was first filed in September 2023) this much is still true: There have been **zero consumer complaints** about APR. Zero evidence that APR is harmful.

A trial of this magnitude requires enormous resources—witness preparation, motions, expert testimony, travel, daily court appearances for weeks on end. **This is one of the most resource-intensive legal battles we have undertaken in years.** And it is exactly the kind of fight for which your support is vitally needed...

When you give today, your gift is doubled through our **\$250,000 Defending These Truths match.** Your support puts our attorneys in that Oakland courtroom, keeps the Abortion Pill Reversal hotline ringing, and ensures that women who seek a second chance can find one.

Your doubled gift today defends our God-given rights for the *next 250* years.

We're headed to jury trial to protect Captain Little's right to religious freedom. California is still fighting to eviscerate our *Mirabelli* victory. Later this month, our attorneys will engage in America's biggest pro-life trial—battling to defend Abortion Pill Reversal for six weeks or more.

California's AG wants to censor pregnancy centers, gag speech about Abortion Pill Reversal, and override faithful parents. L.A. County wants to tell a man of faith that his beliefs don't matter. **They are counting on us running out of resources.**

But this \$250,000 matching challenge that can ensure we enter the courtroom prepared and with confidence. Will you help us defend life, families, and freedom with a gift of \$500, \$250, or \$100? We also need lots of urgent gifts in the range of \$75, \$50, \$35—or whatever you can sacrifice...

Through our “Defending These Truths” campaign, every dollar you give between now and July 4th is matched dollar-for-dollar, while matching funds last. Your \$100 becomes \$200. Your \$500 becomes \$1,000. Once the match expires or funds run out, it's gone.

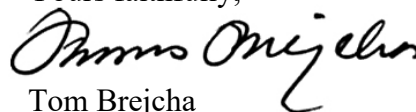
We will gratefully accept your generous contribution... *no matter how small, no matter how large!* If the Lord has blessed you financially, please consider sending a gift of \$5,000, \$2,500, or \$1,000.

I'm also praying that two heroes will step forward with a gift of \$10,000, five heroes with \$5,000, and ten heroes with \$1,000. Gifts in that range are tremendous blessings.

Imagine a young woman, alone and terrified, who has just taken the abortion pill and desperately wants to save her baby—and finding the Abortion Pill Reversal hotline because you helped keep it ringing. **That is what your doubled gift can make possible.**

Please prayerfully consider rushing a gift today. Your prayers and generosity sustain our mission, defending the truths our founders declared 250 years ago. May God bless you and your loved ones in His own best way!

Yours faithfully,



Tom Brejcha
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P.S. The \$250,000 *Defending These Truths* Matching Challenge ends July 4th—or when the funds run out, whichever comes first. Please postmark your most generous gift by July 4th, before the match is gone.