

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

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Dear Friend,

At her public school in North Carolina, a very young girl was suddenly “corrected” in front of her entire class for calling her teacher “Mr.” Why so? Indeed, *that teacher is a biological male*. So why did this young student get in trouble?

North Carolina’s **Wake County Public School System** decided to hire a transgender music teacher to teach **kindergartners**. This teacher displays unmistakably *male* physical characteristics, while dressing up as a *female* and demanding that students address him as *female* and use *female pronouns*. Yet, any child who refers to him with a male pronoun or otherwise treats him in accord with his masculine appearance—with *reality!*—will be disciplined.

When this young girl’s parents—together with more than **seventy other concerned parents**—asked the school for a simple opportunity for their kids to **opt-out** from this music class, the school declared that the music class was mandatory, and it flatly refused the parents’ request. When these and other parents spoke up and objected at school board meetings, they were rebuffed as “**bigots**.” One opt-out opponent even demanded that the objecting families’ children be **expelled**. One family was **doxxed**, receiving a profane threat to their child’s safety.

Were these parents “bigots”? Their offense was believing what Christians have believed for two millennia, namely, that God created us male and female! And **not just believing this truth**—Biblical and biological alike—but, indeed, **acting in accord with this essential truth that they professed**. And directing the education and upbringing of their very young children!

These parents were aware that we have played a leading role in defense of parents’ constitutional rights. So, they asked us for help. We have stepped forward to stand with these families in asserting their constitutional rights...

We will tell you exactly what we are doing about parental rights, a sacred cause, whose protection is key to protecting the family unit as the primary core of traditional social relations in our Western civilization!

This case is just one of **four critical social issues** about which we’ve been battling this past month, from North Carolina to Illinois, as well as elsewhere around the United States. But especially before the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in California (following up on our **landmark constitutional victory for parents’ rights** earlier this year before the U.S. Supreme Court, on its “emergency docket,” in *Mirabelli v. Bonta*).

In each of these battles, the pattern is the same: powerful institutions and politicians—school districts, state governments, Attorneys General, like California’s Rob Bonta—are abusing and exploiting the force of law to silence people of faith, to punish those who speak the truth, and to strip parents of their basic constitutional right to protect their own children and to direct their education and upbringing. In each battle, our Thomas More Society is standing in the gap.

We put Wake County on notice: respect these parents’ fundamental constitutional rights—or else meet us in the courtroom!

Here is the full story. Middle Creek Elementary School in Apex, North Carolina, educates children from kindergarten through fifth grade. Over the summer, the school hired a new music teacher—a biological male who presents as a “transgender woman.” Music class is *required*, once a week. Parents had no say and no warning about required pronouns.

Many of these families hold traditional Christian beliefs about sex and gender. They asked the school for the right to opt their children out of this teacher’s class. The school refused.

Absences from the class would be marked unexcused. Administrators have reserved the right to discipline any student who declines to use the teacher’s preferred female pronouns.

The teacher reportedly (and both ostentatiously and provocatively) “pinky swore” to a student that he was a “girl.” When parents raised concerns at school board meetings, they were met not with dialogue but with contempt. One speaker called them “*the worst of Wake County.*”

In September, our Senior Counsel Tyler Brooks sent a formal demand letter to the Wake County superintendent, school board chairman, and school principal. We gave them 15 days to provide five written assurances:

- That parents may opt out of any class taught by this teacher.
- That no student will be disciplined for using “Mr.” and male pronouns.
- That gender identity will not be discussed without parental notice and opt-out rights.
- That the teacher will not use the girls’ bathrooms.
- And that no family will face retaliation for respecting reality!

Our demand rests on the U.S. Supreme Court’s own recent, controlling rulings—including *Mahmoud v. Taylor*, which struck down a school policy that refused to let parents opt out of LGBTQ-themed instruction. Also, we rely on our very own landmark victory in *Mirabelli v. Bonta*, in which our nation’s highest Court held that California’s disregard for parents in secretly facilitating gender transitions in schools had “**cut out the primary protectors of children’s best interests: their parents.**”

Again, these precedents are now binding law nationwide. And our Thomas More Society is making sure school districts know about this law and heed it. Indeed, a recent ruling from the

6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals has explicitly confirmed that a school policy barring students from using biological pronouns is unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination.

If Wake County refuses to honor their rights, *we will take them to court!*

Five religious health care associations have joined us to win wide-ranging protection from Illinois’s evil new assisted suicide law!

This past September 12th, Illinois’s so-called “End-of-Life Options Act” (EOLo) took effect—an evil law that Governor Pritzker signed last December that conscripts doctors, nurses, and religious health care ministries into the service of **the culture of death** and suppresses their conscience-based objections to physician-assisted suicide on pain of severe penalties.

With your help, we filed a major federal lawsuit to challenge this evil law. **In August, we won our first victory: a federal court order shielding four physicians, the Lutheran Care Center, and the Most Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield,** whose duty to enforce Catholic religious and ethical medical standards was wholly at odds with this law’s anti-life commands. That order gave our initial clients an explicit, if temporary, reprieve from the law’s draconian criminal and civil sanctions.

But our win—and the publicity about EOLo’s evil commands—attracted a host of new clients. So **last month, we filed an amended, expanded (99 pp.) federal lawsuit**, adding major new medical associations and medical providers to the case.

This includes the Illinois Catholic Health Association—which represents **more than 95% of Catholic health institutions in Illinois**; the Christian Medical & Dental Associations; the Catholic Medical Association; the National Association of Catholic Nurses; and the Catholic Psychotherapy Association.

Now, with a just-signed October 5th court order, we have won a new and vastly expanded blanket of protection against Illinois’s new assisted suicide regime for these new conscientious medical providers, entities, and their members!

We won’t back off until every conscientious doctor, nurse, and entity is covered. Indeed, the entire law is patently unconstitutional and must be struck down!

Consider what this new law purports to demand: Doctors must tell patients about the so-called “benefits” of committing suicide—even **touting suicide’s supposed “benefits” to patients who never inquired.** Doctors who refuse to prescribe lethal drugs must still, **“at a minimum,”** refer patients to another doctor who will help them kill themselves.

When a patient dies this way, the law requires a **falsified death certificate covering up suicide** as the cause of death. And while Catholic hospitals may refuse to provide the lethal drugs, **the law forbids them from stopping their own staff from promoting assisted suicide even when on duty at the hospital!**

Rogue employees who promote suicide at conscientious hospitals **cannot be disciplined**. Worse, because—incredibly!—this Orwellian law provides that “medical aid in dying” (i.e., suicide) does not “for any purposes” constitute “suicide”... **telling this plainly evident truth (that it is suicide) risks penalties for “misinformation”!**

As our new physician client Dr. William Crevier put it: **“This legislation robs patients of confidence in their caregivers, converting everyone with an RN, MD, NP, or PA license into a potential ‘death-guide,’ rather than a servant of God, the giver of life.”**

Here is something remarkable that reveals how support for this new law is so very fragile. The medical profession itself is deeply divided. That medical professionals may help patients to commit suicide is far from settled. The Illinois State Medical Society—the state’s own physicians’ organization—**flipped its official position four times** between 2023 and 2025.

The Medical Society’s Board of Directors adopted a position of neutrality between meetings. But the Society’s members restored opposition both times they were given the chance to vote. The Society itself publicly described its membership as **“a house divided.”** Yet the Governor and the bill’s sponsors cited that *temporary* neutral position as though the medical community had spoken with one voice. It has not!

This is one of the most contested moral and medical questions of our time. But even if every U.S. medical society supported this law, **no government may force a doctor or nurse to help a patient end his or her own life.** That is a red line we must never allow to be crossed.

Your generous support is what enables our legal team to fight for these doctors, nurses, and health care entities *to heal, not kill*. If you can send a gift today to help, please do so!

After six weeks of trial, California’s effort to censor Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) hangs by a thread!

On September 17th, our head litigator Peter Breen and Special Counsel Paul Jonna delivered closing arguments in *California v. Heartbeat International & RealOptions*.

This marks the culmination of a 3+ year government crusade to bankrupt two pro-life Christian charities whose only offense is helping women learn about Abortion Pill Reversal. Attorney General Bonta is seeking **more than \$25 million in crushing fines**—roughly twice Heartbeat’s annual revenue—plus a **permanent gag order on their speech** about APR.

If he succeeds, both ministries would be bankrupted. At the very least, their speech would be censored—*an irreparable harm!* **But we remain optimistic as we await a decision!**

Why? Because after six weeks of trial, the Attorney General could not produce a single woman who was harmed or deceived. *Not one.* And we dismantled at trial the State’s scientific expert, Dr. Mitchell Creinin, on whose testimony their entire case relies!

Heartbeat and RealOptions have never charged a single woman a dime for this information. **Bonta wants to impose confiscatory financial penalties to put these charitable life-saving missions out of existence.** He also wants to furnish pro-abortion AGs nationwide with an anti-life legal precedent and blueprint for destroying countless similar ministries!

Putting it plain and simple, Bonta is playing politics with *real human lives at stake*. That is not consumer protection, but government censorship and suppression of conscientious people of faith! A decision is expected within 90 days. Your prayers and your partnership are what keep up our aggressive legal advocacy in that Oakland, California, courtroom.

Retired grandpa and pro-life sidewalk counselor Roger Lopez will soon have his day before the 9th Circuit!

Finally, we want to remind you about our pro-life client, a saintly man named **Roger Lopez**. About twenty-five years ago, Roger and his wife began standing on the public sidewalk outside San Diego's downtown Planned Parenthood. They offered a smile, a leaflet about free pregnancy resources, and a word of hope to women walking into that clinic. If a woman didn't want to talk, they prayed instead for her and her unborn infant.

When Roger's wife died in 2008, he wasn't sure he could go on alone. But a year later, when no other counselors showed up, he went back by himself. **He helped save three babies that first day back outside that same Planned Parenthood abortion business.**

"God just had His hand on my shoulder," Roger told us. He has been there ever since—twenty to twenty-five hours every month for more than fifteen years. **Over that time, more than 100 women have chosen life after talking with him.**

But in June 2024, San Diego imposed a double-barreled attack on pro-life speech: an ordinance imposing a **100-foot buffer zone and an eight-foot "bubble zone"** around anyone entering or exiting an abortion business, with criminal penalties of **up to six months in jail and \$2,500 per violation**. A Planned Parenthood security guard even harassed Roger for merely holding up a pamphlet!

Here is the outrage: abortion facility employees are completely exempt! They can approach anyone freely. *Roger risks prosecution for offering a leaflet with a pro-life message.* He told us: "I feel like I have my hands tied... Trying to follow the letter of the law, which is very vague, is a real burden on someone who is trying to reach out and help somebody else."

Since the ordinance took effect, **he estimates that 75% fewer women have come up to him** for a conversation—fewer chances to save a life!

On **October 29th**, our Senior Counsel **Michael McHale** will soon stand before the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals to argue Roger's case on appeal. We are mounting a frontal challenge not only to this ordinance but also to the 26-year-old U.S. Supreme Court precedent (*Hill v. Colorado*) that is cited as justification for such **"no-speech zones"** outside abortion businesses nationwide.

Justice Clarence Thomas himself has written that lower courts should no longer feel “compelled to uphold *Hill*-like buffer zones,” and the *Dobbs* Court (which overturned *Roe v. Wade*) declared that *Hill* “distorted First Amendment doctrines.” **We believe *Hill* is a “zombie precedent”—defunct in effect if not explicitly overruled. And we hope Roger’s case is the vehicle that finally lays this speech-suppressing precedent to rest.**

Roger said it best: “I am hanging in there because I believe Jesus is calling me to stand there in His place and to reach out to those who need help. You can’t give up on them.”

Will you help rush a gift to defend parents, protect life & fight for the truth?

Imagine a young kindergarten girl “corrected” in class for calling her transgender music teacher “Mr.”—a biological male *pretending* to be a female!

Imagine a doctor told by the State of Illinois to tout suicide’s so-called “benefits” to vulnerable patients or face career-ending penalties. **Imagine a retired grandfather facing jail** for offering pro-life help on a public sidewalk.

This is not fiction or hyperbole. These are very real threats being faced by the heroic clients we are so privileged to represent in courtroom battles defending life, family, and freedom.

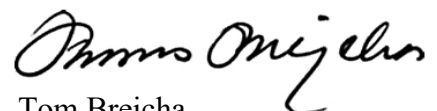
Here’s the key: *You make the difference in every one of these fights.* So please, will you help us defend life, family, and freedom with a gift of **\$500, \$250, or \$100**? We also need lots of gifts in the range of **\$75, \$50, \$35**—or whatever you can sacrifice. We will gratefully accept your generous contribution, no matter how small, no matter how large!

In Illinois, California, New York, and elsewhere, abortion industry lawyers are targeting pro-life ministries and citizens for daring to save babies and sharing the pro-life message of hope. **We need you as a defender, to stand with our heroic clients when few others can.**

If the Lord has blessed you financially, please consider gifts of **\$5,000, \$2,500, or \$1,000**. I’m praying one hero will step forward **with \$10,000, five with \$5,000, and ten with \$1,000**—these gifts make a tremendous impact in the fight for freedom and justice.

Your prayers and gifts sustain us at Thomas More Society, and for that we are always grateful. May God bless you and your loved ones in His own best way!

Yours faithfully,



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