

October 16, 2024

Rally Planned in Opposition of Constitutional Initiative 128

The *Rally for Life and Family* will be held on **Saturday, October 19th at 12:30 p.m.** at the **Capitol Building Flag Plaza**. This event is an opportunity to express and articulate opposition to **Constitutional Initiative 128**, which seeks to enshrine a constitutional right to abortion in Montana, potentially eliminating current safeguards and regulations.

Organized by **MCC Social Advocacy** and supported by over 20 faith-based, pro-family, and pro-life organizations, the rally will highlight the flaws and risks associated with this largely out-of-state-funded, vaguely worded, and extreme abortion initiative.

Key concerns include:

- **Loss of parental notification requirements** when a girl aged 15 or younger seeks an abortion
- **Late-term abortion decisions** being placed solely under the control of abortion providers with a profit motivation
- **Removal of specified medical credential requirements** for those performing abortions
- **Millions in out-of-state special interest dollars** changing Montana's Constitution

Speakers will include:

- **Bishop Austin A. Vetter** of the Diocese of Helena
- **Caitlyn Van Horsen**, Registered Nurse and pro-life advocate
- **Derek Oestreicher** of the Montana Family Foundation
- **Mark Pritchard**, Senior Pastor at the Church at the Gates in Missoula
- **Matthew Brower**, Representing Bishop Jeffrey Fleming of the Diocese of Great-Falls Billings

Attendees will receive facts about CI-128 and are encouraged to share this information with uninformed, undecided, or nominally committed voters. The rally aims to ensure that existing safety regulations around abortion are maintained and that voters retain their influence over this issue, despite efforts by national special interest groups to alter the Montana State Constitution.
