



THE RECORD ON LIFE

Governor Tim Walz 2019-present (D-Minnesota)

Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota was picked by Vice President Kamala Harris to be her running mate in the 2024 presidential election. Prior to serving as governor, Walz represented Minnesota's 1st Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2007-2019 during which time he maintained a pro-abortion rating from National Right to Life.

- **Abortion Funding:** Governor Tim Walz supports the use of taxpayer dollars to fund abortions. While serving in Congress, he voted against the “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act,” a bill which would establish a permanent, government-wide prohibition on federal subsidies for abortion and for health plans that cover abortion with narrow exceptions.
- **Unlimited Abortion Until Birth:** Governor Walz supports passage of the “Women’s Health Protection Act,” a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and do away with virtually all existing protections for unborn children and their mothers on both the federal and state levels, including parental involvement laws.
- **Born-Alive Abortion Survivors:** Governor Walz opposes the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act,” which would ensure that an infant born alive during an attempted abortion is afforded the same degree of medical care as any other newborn of the same gestational age.
- **Funding Abortion Providers:** Governor Walz supports the use of taxpayer dollars to fund abortion providers like Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider. In Congress, he voted against legislation which would have redirected taxpayer funds from abortion facilities to federally qualified health centers that do not perform or refer for abortions.
- **Late Abortions:** While serving in Congress, Walz voted against the “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act,” which would have protected unborn babies 20 weeks and older from late abortions on account of their ability to experience pain.
- **Heartbeat Legislation:** Governor Walz sharply criticized legislation passed in neighboring Iowa which protects unborn babies when they have detectable heartbeats. He claimed that in passing this law, Iowans were being “stripped of their fundamental rights.”
- **Pregnancy Help Centers:** Governor Walz signed repeal of Minnesota’s “Positive Alternatives Act,” which had, since 2005, offered funding for life-affirming programs in Minnesota that provide adoption services, housing assistance, counseling, childcare, parenting education, medical attention for both moms and babies, and more.
- **Minnesota Protections:** In 2023, Governor Walz signed legislation to enshrine a “fundamental right” to abortion for any reason throughout pregnancy in Minnesota law and invalidate existing protections like the state’s parental involvement law.
- **Chemical Abortions:** Under the Biden-Harris Administration, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) suspended safeguards established for women undergoing chemical abortions, such as seeing the abortionist in person. The in-person requirement helped to prevent complications resulting from an ectopic pregnancy, which can be fatal and can only be diagnosed with an in-person evaluation. The FDA also now permits pharmacists to dispense abortion drugs, and it allows abortion drugs to be sent by mail. Governor Walz supports these changes. He signed an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the abortion drug mifepristone.
- **The U.S. Supreme Court:** Governor Walz applauded President Joe Biden’s appointment of Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court. Jackson’s nomination was backed by the nation’s most prominent abortion advocacy groups.
- **Endorsements:** Throughout his political career, Governor Walz has received endorsements from groups that promote unlimited abortion, including Planned Parenthood Action Fund and Reproductive Freedom for All (formerly known as NARAL Pro-Choice America). On August 6, 2024, Alexis McGill Johnson, CEO of Planned Parenthood, declared that the presidential ticket of Kamala Harris and Tim Walz is “the most pro-reproductive freedom ticket in history.”