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**ARKANSAS RIGHT TO LIFE JOINS LETTER FROM  
MORE THAN 70 LEADING PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATIONS:  
Criminalizing women who have abortions is not pro-life**

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas Right to Life, the state affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), which is the federation of right-to-life affiliates in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, today joined with all sister affiliates and leaders from more than 70 state, national, and international pro-life organizations, in issuing an open letter to the nation’s state legislators urging them to reject legislation and policy initiatives that would impose criminal penalties on women who have abortions.

“There are two victims in every abortion: the unborn child who loses her life, and her mother who is left abandoned by the abortion industry to deal with any physical complications, as well as the emotional and psychological pain of the abortion trauma for months or even years to come,” said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. “This joint letter recognizes that women who have abortions require our compassion and support, not criminalization.”

The joint letter states:

“As national and state pro-life organizations, representing tens of millions of pro-life men, women, and children across the country, let us be clear: We state unequivocally that any measure seeking to criminalize or punish women is not pro-life and we stand firmly opposed to such efforts.”

Rose Mimms, executive director of Arkansas Right to Life, applauded the move by the National Right to Life Committee and pro-life leaders across the nation.

“Many women are often coerced into an abortion decision that they do not want. It is not caring nor compassionate in their desperate moment to treat them as a criminal. Our mission is to protect unborn children and their mothers from those who profit from their crisis pregnancy,” said Mimms.

The full letter is available

here: [www.nrlc.org/uploads/communications/051222coalitionlettertostates.pdf](http://www.nrlc.org/uploads/communications/051222coalitionlettertostates.pdf)

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