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In November 2024, **Montana enshrined in its constitution an absolute right to abortion** before "fetal viability" (about 6 months into pregnancy) and after fetal viability the government cannot "deny or burden access to an abortion" if a "treating health care professional" thinks an abortion would "protect the life or health of the pregnant patient."

Let's consider how intentionally the pro-abortion extremists worded their amendment: after six months of pregnancy the government can't even "burden access to an abortion," if a "health care professional" (NOT defined in the amendment as a doctor) believes it would "protect the life or health" of the pregnant patient (also NOT defined, and may include the mental health of the patient). This extreme amendment got 57% of the vote in Montana on Election Day.

Prior to the passage of this initiative, Montana's state laws were very pro-abortion and the abortion industry was using the judicial system to stop any and all abortion regulations. Even the traditionally pro-abortion media said during the election, "it's unlikely that the amendment would expand or restrict anything about abortion access in Montana," explaining that the state's existing pro-abortion standard is so high that it's "a bar that no challenged [pro-life] state law has since managed to clear."

Montana already allowed abortions to be **performed by non-doctors** through fetal viability, taxes covered abortions, and pro-life laws limiting abortion at 20 weeks, in-person dispensing of abortion

pills, the 24-hour waiting period, and the requirement that doctors offer an ultrasound before abortions had already been halted by the abortion industry in court.

The lesson from Montana: even in a state with pro-abortion laws where the abortion industry wins every court battle... that's still not enough for the abortion industry. They spent \$17 million in Montana to make sure an absolute right to abortion was enshrined in the state's highest governing law.

That's why we must remain vigilant in Arkansas. Though we are a pro-life state, an extreme abortion amendment almost made the ballot last year and pro-abortion groups have put Arkansas on their list. They don't just want to undo 1 or 2 of our pro-life laws, they want to enshrine their extreme agenda into our state constitution. We cannot let that happen in our state!

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