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Tennessee Catholic Public Policy Commission

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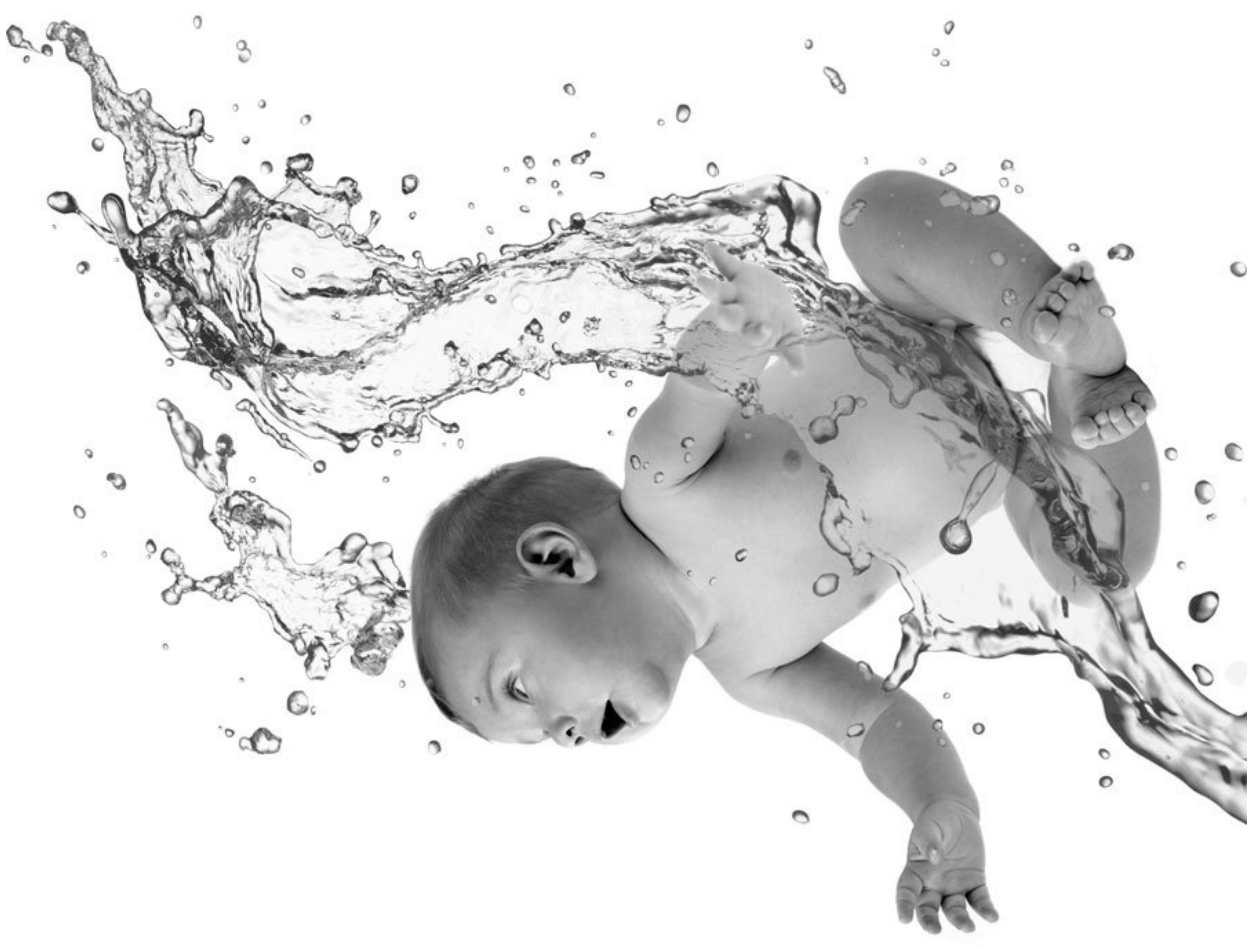
Throwing the baby out with the bathwater.



YES, we want legal refugees.

NO, we do not want to endanger a fetus, a child, or an expecting mother.

This bill bars a refugee woman, infant, and child w/o a green card from prenatal care and food programs. | **HB1238 / SB1279** | **Sponsors:** *Senator Mark Pody (R) Lebanon and Representative Brandon Ogles (R) Franklin*

As written bill HB1238 / SB1279 requires verification of US citizenship or lawful presence for each applicant 18 years of age or older, who applies for Prenatal Care and/or a Special Supplemental Food Program (for women, infants, and children) that are administered by the Department of Health.

Senate Status: Passed second reading, sent to Senate Health and Welfare
House of Representatives Status: Sent to Criminal Justice Subcommittee

What is a "second reading"??? Click and See.

Contact your Senator and Representative. Tell them: DO NOT throw the baby out with the bathwater. DO NOT SUPPORT HB1238 / SB1279. We support pro-life. **We do not support** any legislation that endangers a fetus, expecting mother, or child.

DO NOT SUPPORT HB1238 / SB1279

BIG on Prosecuting. Small on Prevention.

This bill prosecutes a mother whose child is harmed by illegal drugs used during pregnancy. | **SB0659 / HB1168** | **Sponsors:** *Senator Janice Bowling (R) Tullahoma and Representative Terri Lynn Weaver (R) Lancaster*

As written this bill authorizes prosecution of a woman for assault if she used an illegal drug while pregnant and the child is born addicted to or harmed by it. The bill also provides enrollment in an addiction recovery program while pregnant.

TN is ill-equipped to facilitate recovery. Many counties do not have drug courts, much less addiction recovery programs. **The result: More** time in jail; **More** of the same behavior; **Few**, if any, recovery resources

Yes. We need strict laws to discourage this behavior. We also need more drug courts and addiction recovery resources to redirect the lives of mothers and infants on a crash course to addiction and repeated incarcerations.

Let's rethink this. TNCPPC is working with the sponsors to improve this bill. We can do better.

We have demystified the legislation process.

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