



Press Packet



Statement by Local Chapters

Read by Jeff Woodwick, Klamath County Right to Life Chapter Leader

My name is Jeff Woodwick. I'm a resident of Klamath Falls.

I'm proud to speak on behalf of pro-life leaders from Congressional District 2.

We represent thousands of Oregonians who are committed advocates for human rights, from conception until natural death. Knute Buehler is not aligned with our values and respect for inherent human dignity and value.

He has repeatedly stated his commitment to Oregon's extreme abortion policies, including stating that *Roe v. Wade*, which is responsible for the deaths of over 60 million children, is "settled legal principle and its precedent should remain U.S. law."

Abortion is the human rights issue of our time. Knute Buehler is on the wrong side of history and has no place in Congress, representing CD 2.

Carol and Reginald LeQuieu - Grant County Right to Life Chapter Leaders

Teresa Clemens - Harney County Right to Life Chapter Leader

Mark Adams - West Umatilla County Right to Life Chapter Leader

Bryan Platt - Jackson County Right to Life Chapter Leader

Jeff Woodwick - Klamath County Right to Life Chapter Leader

Myrna Shaneyfelt - Josephine County Right to Life Chapter Leader

Steve Raycraft - Josephine County Right to Life Chapter Leader

Andrew Peterson - Malheur County Right to Life Chapter Leader



Statement by Lois Anderson

Executive Director, Oregon Right to Life

My name is Lois Anderson. I am the executive director of Oregon Right to Life, the state's largest and oldest pro-life organization. Oregon Right to Life is committed to the reestablishment of human rights from the moment of conception. Therefore, we will do everything in our power to prevent abortion rights supporting candidates from winning in Congressional District 2.

On Monday we started a petition on social media asking people to add their names in support of keeping Congressional District 2 pro-life. As of last night, nearly 2000 people have added their names! And today we are formally beginning a campaign against Knute Buehler in the Republican Primary for Oregon's second Congressional district.

Over the years, Knute Buehler has stated repeatedly that he is supportive of abortion rights.

"I was pro-choice long before I decided to run for office, and I am pro-choice today," Knute Buehler stated to the Willamette Week on May 23, 2018.

In July 2018, Knute said to The Oregonian, "Regardless of what happens at the federal level, Oregon will remain a pro-choice state."

Except as Buehler well knows, Oregon's current laws are not simply pro-choice. Oregon's current laws are radically pro-abortion. Abortion is legal until birth and one out of every 3 abortions is funded by taxpayers.

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The supermajority in the Oregon Legislature has shot down laws requiring the care of infants born alive during or after an abortion, laws that would prevent abortion based on the baby's gender, and laws preventing abortions after babies are capable of feeling pain.

Knute Buehler's defense of Oregon's reprehensible lack of basic protective laws precludes his candidacy to represent Congressional District 2. In aligning himself with Oregon's legal position on abortion, Knute has rendered himself also radically pro-abortion.

Buehler has consistently opposed President Trump who has maintained the most pro-life administration ever.

In 2015, he said on his Facebook page: "Donald Trump is uninformed, out of touch and has no place as a leader of the Republican Party." He also repeatedly stated opposition for our president throughout his failed gubernatorial race.

And finally, Buehler publicly called for President Trump to withdraw the nomination of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Recently Knute Buehler has been trying to disguise his record in the hopes that voters will forget that he has been an outspoken opponent of our President and his pro-life policies.

Today, Oregon Right to Life's Victory PAC is kicking off a quarter of a million dollar campaign that will tell the true story of Buehler's record. We are confident that once reminded of that record, the majority of voters in CD 2 will say no to Knute.



Statement by Patti Adair

My name is Patti Adair and I am a proud fourth-generation native of Congressional District 2.

I believe that we should have a pro-life congressman from the 2nd Congressional District.

I worked on President Donald Trump's campaign in Central and Eastern Oregon in 2016 and our 2nd Congressional district representative should support our pro-life President.



Statement by Oregon Family Council

Knute Buehler clearly supports abortion and cannot be trusted to defend the unborn. It's unclear if Buehler's views include protecting individual religious liberties, individual conscience rights, and the 2nd Amendment. Buehler's views on social issues are more in line with Portland's liberal elites rather than the voters he seeks to represent. Oregon needs a strong voice to fight for conservative principles and values. Knute Buehler is not that person.

The Oregon Family Council PAC educates voters and supports candidates at all levels of government in Oregon. OFC has published the Christian Voter's Guide since 1980 and distributes over 400,000 copies each election cycle.



Statement by Advance Liberty

Advance Liberty, formerly the Parents Education Association, is deeply appreciative of the past work of Congressman Greg Walden in representing Oregon's 2nd Congressional district. Now that he is retiring, we look forward to supporting candidates to replace him who have a strong commitment to liberty, including the liberty rights of the unborn, granted to them by God.

We will oppose any candidate that does not commit to protect the liberty of the unborn.



Statement by Oregon Firearms Federation

When Buehler served in the legislature he aligned himself with the most militant anti-gun Democrats to promote anti-gun legislation.

Buehler was one of only three Republicans (now all gone) to vote for a Democrat bill that took away gun rights from people who have been convicted of no crime.

When he ran for governor he campaigned as a liberal and ignored Republican voters. Now he wants to reinvent himself to run in Congressional District 2 as a Trump supporting, pro-gun conservative. Knute is a fraud and the voters of District 2 will not fall for his charade.

Buehler, a gun owner, said he supported "common sense" gun control measures like outlawing bump stocks, creating a three-day waiting period to buy handguns, and increasing the legal age to purchase "assault weapons" to 21. – OPB, 2018

In 2nd Debate, Brown And Buehler Spar On A Wide Array Of Oregon Issues

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/kate-brown-knute-buehler-debate-medford/>

Legislation Cited: HB 2526 (2017), HB 3460 (2017) and HB 4145 (2018)



Statement by Robert and Holly Bennington

Our names are Robert and Holly Bennington. We have lived in Central Oregon since 2006.

Ten years ago, our triplets were born at 27 weeks, still in the second trimester.

Our daughter Grace weighed just one pound and nine ounces. Yet, right after the surgeon delivered her, she let out a perfect, tiny little cry.

Oregon has zero restrictions on abortion which means babies can be aborted at any stage right up until they are born, even up until and after their due date, months after my babies were born. Already fully formed. Already able to cry.

Knute Buehler has stated time and time again that he supports Oregon's position on abortion, that he would ensure that abortion is legal in Oregon even if Roe v. Wade is overturned.

We reject Knute Buehler's candidacy and urge our fellow residents of CD 2 to vote no on Knute.



Knute Buehler Quotes Supporting Abortion

"I oppose this action bc I'm pro-choice, it violates the doctor-patient relationship & plays politics with women's health." – @KnuteBuehler on May 19, 2018

"I was pro-choice long before I decided to run for office, and I am pro-choice today," Buehler tells WW. – Knute Buehler to Willamette Week on May 23, 2018

"Oregon has some of the most liberal abortion laws in the country. They existed before I was elected, and they will remain after I'm elected as governor." – Knute Buehler to OPB on June 11, 2018

"Abortion should be publicly funded if it's determined between a woman and her doctor to be medically necessary." – Knute Buehler to OPB on June 11, 2018

Buehler said he opposed the measure [HB 3391] "not because of its abortion portion but because of the fact it was adding new benefits for new beneficiaries. It's a fiscal argument." – Knute Buehler to OPB on June 11, 2018

"On the specific issue of abortion rights, Knute has been pro-choice for as long as I've known him." – Patty Buehler editorial to The Oregonian on June 22, 2018

"In the legislature, he has voted to support abortion rights when he voted in favor of the Oregon Health Authority budget that includes public funding for abortions, even though most of his Republicans colleagues in the House voted against it." – Patty Buehler editorial to The Oregonian on June 22, 2018.



Knute Buehler Quotes Supporting Abortion [continued]

"Knute has been pro-choice for as long as I've known him. As a doctor and now as a lawmaker, he believes medical decisions shouldn't involve politicians." – @KnuteBuehler on June 22, 2018

"ICYMI: Patty Buehler's opinion... 'Knute is Moderate and Pro-choice, I Should Know'" – @KnuteBuehler on June 26, 2018

"Because the deceitful, partisan attack machine continues to misrepresent my views & record on abortion & reproductive health, I'll continue to set the record straight. 1) I'm pro-choice. 2) I've broken with most in my Party to vote for public funding of abortions through State Medicaid. 3) I believe Roe vs. Wade is a settled legal principle & its precedent should remain U.S. law. 4) As Governor, I would protect & support State laws keeping OR a pro-choice State, 5) I oppose IP1, the proposed ballot measure restricting abortion rights." – @KnuteBuehler on July 9, 2018

"Women should be empowered to make the decisions affecting their own bodies – not politicians. I have a record of protecting women's healthcare, and as governor, I will keep up the fight." – @KnuteBuehler on July 11, 2018

"Regardless of what happens at the federal level, Oregon will remain a pro-choice state and I'll continue to do the work that I have done in the past to expand access to contraception." – Knute Buehler to OPB on July 18, 2018

"I'll be a trusted advocate for women's reproductive rights and care. Regardless of what happens at the federal level, Oregon will remain a pro-choice state." – Knute Buehler to The Oregonian on July 18, 2018



Knute Buehler Quotes Supporting Abortion [continued]

"As Governor, I'll ensure Oregon remains a pro-choice State..." – @KnuteBuehler on July 19, 2018

"I'll be voting no on Ballot Measure 106. As Governor, regardless of what happens at the federal level, I'll ensure that Oregon remains a pro-choice state." – @KnuteBuehler on July 28, 2018

"ICYMI: 'Patty Buehler: Knute is moderate and pro-choice, I should know.'" – @KnuteBuehler on July 31, 2018

"ICYMI: As a lawmaker, I've always maintained an independent-minded outlook: supporting pro-choice policies, while also making birth control more accessible for women to reduce the number of abortions in Oregon." – @KnuteBuehler on July 31, 2018

"The attack on my commitment to women's health is dishonest & desperate. My position is clear: I'm pro-choice. More: <http://knutebuehler.com/issues/>" (removed) – @KnuteBuehler on August 13, 2018

"As governor, regardless of what happens at the federal level, Knute will ensure that Oregon remains a pro-choice state," Knute Buehler's spokesperson Monica Wroblewski said. – Bend Bulletin on August 14, 2018

"In another misleading attack ad, Kate Brown and Anne Udall misrepresent my pro-choice record. The Women for Knute Coalition is setting the record straight: I am proud to be a champion for women's health care in Oregon. Check out their letter here." – @KnuteBuehler on August 29, 2018



Knute Buehler Quotes Supporting Abortion [continued]

"I am pro-choice... I was pro-choice long before I decided to run for office. As Governor, regardless of what happens at the federal level, I will ensure Oregon will remain a pro-choice state." – @KntueBuehler on September 6, 2018

"I am proud to stand with thousands of women all across Oregon in protecting their reproductive rights and health care. As governor, I'll continue to ensure that Oregon is a pro-choice state. Check out my record." – @KnuteBuehler on September 6, 2018

"Despite my consistent record about a women's right to choose, Gov. Brown continues her lies about the fact that I am pro-choice. Here's a fact check to, yet again, affirm that I am pro-choice and I support women's reproductive health care." – @KnuteBuehler on September 14, 2018

"Gov. Brown has no credibility left. Earlier this week, Willamette Week exposed her for fabricating lies about me. Now, she continues to peddle lies about my commitment to reproductive rights. I am pro-choice." – @KnuteBuehler on September 14, 2018

"Yet another news outlet confirms that I am pro-choice, despite Kate Brown's desperate attempts to lie about my record. Oregon will remain a pro-choice state when I am governor." – @KnuteBuehler on September 20, 2018

"I'm 100% pro-choice. I helped secure public funding for women's reproductive care to ensure low-income women can exercise their rights, and I wrote the law making birth control available over-the-counter. I'm honored to have the support of women like Jen." – @KnuteBuehler on September 20, 2018



Knute Buehler Quotes Supporting Abortion [continued]

"I am 100% pro-choice, and as Governor, I'll make sure Oregon remains a pro-choice state. It's time for Gov. Brown to own up to her record, and stop relying on lies about mine." – @KnuteBuehler on September 23, 2018

"ICYMI: I am 100% pro-choice, and as Governor, I'll make sure Oregon remains a pro-choice state. It's time for Gov. Brown to own up to her record, and stop relying on lies about mine." – @KnuteBuehler on September 26, 2018

"While Gov. Brown lies about my record, Oregon women are speaking up to set the record straight. I'm proud to be pro-choice and ready to ensure Oregon remains a leader in women's health." – @KnuteBuehler on September 28, 2018

"Kate Brown struggles to defend her record, so she resorts to lying about mine. I am 100% pro-choice. As Governor, I'll ensure Oregon remains a pro-choice state." – @KnuteBuehler on September 30, 2018

"I'll be a reliable voice for women concerned about reproductive rights and care, and ensure that Oregon remains a pro-choice state and a leader in women's health." – @KnuteBuehler on October 3, 2018

"As Governor, I'll: ensure that Oregon remains a pro-choice state, ensure full access to reproductive rights and health care..." – @KnuteBuehler on October 3, 2018

"My position on choice is similar to Bill Clinton's. Pro-choice advocates didn't have any trouble with him." – Knute Buehler to Willamette Week on October 3, 2018



Knute Buehler Quotes Supporting Abortion [last]

"As Governor, Knute will ensure that Oregon remains a pro-choice state regardless of what happens at the federal level. All of the following news and opinion sources have described Knute as pro-choice: The Oregonian, The Bend Bulletin, Statesman Journal, Portland Tribune, Willamette Week, OPB, East Oregonian, KBND, FiveThirtyEight, National Review and the Daily Caller. At least 8 different Oregon news outlets have said Knute is pro-choice. At least 11 different news and opinion sources have said Knute is pro-choice. The editorial board for The Oregonian, Willamette Week and The Bend Bulletin have all said Knute is pro-choice. 11 Different news and opinion sources have said Knute is pro-choice 20 times in the past year." – @KnuteBuehler on October 9, 2018



Knute Buehler Quotes Criticizing President Trump

"I hope Republican voters in early primary states reject Donald Trump. He's uninformed, out of touch & has no place as a leader of the GOP." – @KnuteBuehler on August 9, 2015

"Next month, Republicans will gather in Cleveland for a national convention where delegates are currently poised to nominate Donald Trump for President of the United States. For me, I will neither be attending the convention nor supporting Donald Trump for President. I will not support Hillary Clinton either. Come Fall, I will have to decide whether to write-in or support another candidate." – Knute Buehler on Facebook, June 15, 2016

It's no secret that while President Trump ran as a Republican, he was never this Republican's choice for President (I wrote-in Ohio Governor John Kasich). Shortly after Mr. Trump announced his candidacy, and on several subsequent occasions during last year's campaign, I publicly expressed my opposition to his candidacy. My primary concern was his character, temperament, fitness and his lack of experience to perform the duties of President and Commander in Chief. – Knute Buehler on Facebook, May 17, 2017



Knute Buehler Quotes on Justice Kavanaugh

"I think with so much uncertainty that's been introduced into the process, there needs to be a full FBI investigation." – Knute Buehler, September 28, 2018

"I strongly believe that President Trump should withdraw [Brett Kavanaugh's] nomination and put forth a candidate who appeals to both parties. This is a time to heal our nation." – @KnuteBuehler on October 4, 2018

"At this point, I strongly believe President Trump should withdraw the nomination and put someone forward that can gain bipartisan support." – Knute Buehler, Medford debate, October 4, 2018