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**Legislative Action: NY and OH**

Recent actions in two state legislatures, and leadership demonstrated by their governors, clearly illustrate for us that there are two paths we, as a country, can follow when it comes to protecting pre-born children. How we will be remembered depends upon how we use our voices to speak for those who can't speak for themselves.

The New York State Legislature recently passed, and Governor Andrew Cuomo signed, a bill making it legal in New York State to abort a baby for any reason, up to the moment of birth. The bill became law on January 22, the 46th anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision, when the US Supreme Court opened the door to abortions up to 24 weeks, the point at which pre-born babies are generally considered to be viable outside the womb.

To celebrate this “accomplishment”, the Governor ordered that the lights on several buildings, including the One World Trade Center, be turned pink. The next step, according to Governor Cuomo, will be to add the right to kill unborn babies to the state constitution.

However in Ohio, the state legislature over-turned previous Governor John Kasich's veto of the “heartbeat bill” which will prevent the murder of a pre-born child once a heartbeat is detected, usually at about six weeks into pregnancy. Ohio's new Governor, Mike DeWine has vowed to sign the bill into law giving Ohio one of the most protective restrictive abortion regulations bills in the nation. The state expects legal action from the pro-abortion lobby, but has vowed to fight for the rights of the unborn.

Our faith teaches us to defend the right to life from fertilization to natural death. We must demonstrate the conviction and courage to stand up and protect pre-born children like Governor DeWine and the Ohio legislature, rather than celebrate the passage of bills intended to terminate a baby's life up to the moment of birth, as done by the NY legislature and Governor Cuomo last week.

Let your voices be heard!