



ARIZONA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

UPDATE

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Good News

The U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona has now ruled that the Arizona Catholic Conference (ACC) will be able to defend in court the legislation it helped pass earlier this year to protect women and children from the negative effects of abortion. With this decision, the ACC officially becomes an intervening party in the case *Tucson Women's Center v. Arizona Medical Board*.

The types of protections being defended in this lawsuit are common sense protections, including a provision requiring abortion doctors to provide informed consent at least 24 hours before an abortion.

While this ruling is certainly good news, the ACC continues its efforts to also become an intervening party in a parallel lawsuit filed by Planned Parenthood in state court. It was in state court that a judge agreed on September 29th to stay much of this law while a parallel lawsuit makes its way through court.

We remain grateful to the Alliance Defense Fund, the Center for Arizona Policy, and the Bioethics Defense Fund for working closely with us in these efforts and providing legal representation and other assistance relating to the efforts to intervene in both cases.

Please feel free to forward this message and encourage the people you know to sign up for these free updates at www.azcatholicconference.org so that we can continue to expand our influence on matters of importance to the Catholic Church.