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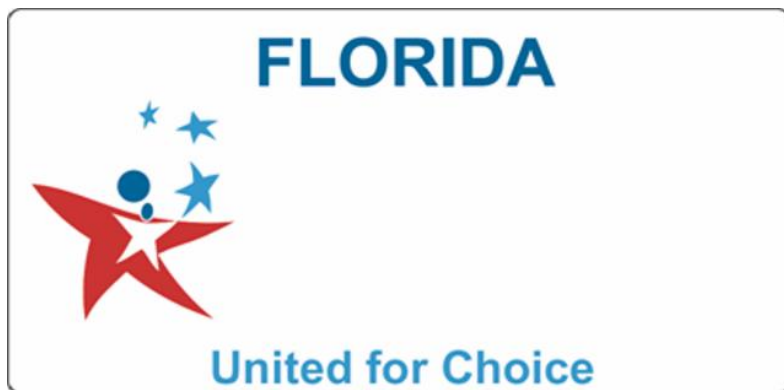
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A Pro-Abortion License Plate: The First Really Bad Idea of 2007

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Creepy Design

On their best day, the so called "pro-choice" advocates say they want to make abortions "safe, rare and legal". But the latest bad idea they have come up with is Exhibit "A" as to why they are not pro-choice at all, but pro-abortion. The "award winning" license plate design is a half way honest but creepy depiction of a blood-red mother star with her patriotic blue star baby apparently floating upward into the sky after being aborted-- all against a pure snow white background. I supposed you have to think long and hard about how to come up with a user friendly way to depict the grizzly surgical procedure of an abortion.

Both Sides of the Debate?

The pro-abortion lobby says that "both sides of the debate" need to be represented on license plates. That is a little like saying both sides of the slavery debate needs to be represented. The law of Florida requires the state to support live births over abortion. That alone is a good enough public policy rationale to let this idea die a quick and

permanent death.

Government is Also Free to Speak

I agree with the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeal's legal reasoning that state regulated license plates are not a public forum for free speech like in a public park. The license plates are a form of *government sponsored speech*. And state government can, as a matter of public policy choose to advertise and promote pro-life positions and not do the same with pro-abortion views. The government also selectively promotes messages like "Smoking Kills" or "Just Say No to Drugs". It does not then have to also sponsor the "other side of the debate" on these issues. Further, the state has the right and the duty to discourage policies that are destructive and do not promote the common good of society. Pro-abortion advocates are free to have free speech on the back side of their bumpers. They are not free to require the state to sponsor their odious position as well.

Florida Choose Life Plate



Thanks in part to the leadership of Florida's own Russ Amerling, 12 states currently have Choose Life license plates. The Florida Choose Life license plate is the eighth most popular plate on the road today (out of all 104 designs!). It has sales and renewals which total almost a quarter of a million over the last six years. This has raised \$4,632,166. in revenue which goes to support the critical

work of Florida crisis pregnancy centers, maternity homes and non profit adoption agencies. (State Cost \$22/year per plate with \$20 going to the cause) To purchase a Florida Choose Life plate online or to switch your license design go to <http://www.choose-life.org/apply.html> for instructions.

Aborting a Bad Idea

Only two states, Montana and Hawaii have pro-abortion license plates. In recent years, Georgia and Ohio has denied these pro-abortion plates. For all the same good policy reasons these states aborted this bad idea, Florida should do the same. The Florida Family Policy Council will work to ensure that any bill like this filed in the legislature never sees the light of day.

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