



“Created Equal is a pro-life organization like none other. Their dedication not only to defending the preborn, but to training others to carry on the fight, is extraordinary.” - Lisbeth, Justice Rider



I speak to a packed house at the hearing for the ordinance to censor free speech outside abortion facilities.

Defending babies is our primary mission. However, oftentimes we find ourselves defending the freedom to defend, as well.

In the wake of the Center for Medical Progress videos last year, we formed the #ProtestPP coalition with Eric Scheidler of Pro-Life Action League and Monica Miller of Citizens for a Pro-life Society. That coalition led to one hundred thousand citizens taking to the streets to decry Planned Parenthood’s sale of aborted baby parts.

In Columbus, #ProtestPP led to a consistent presence beginning last October outside our local Planned Parenthood facility where babies are killed. In the final two and a half months of last year alone, this ministry saw 44 women turn away from Planned Parenthood—nine of whom went on to provide confirmation they would not kill their babies.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE RESCUING BABIES FROM THE HANDS OF DEATH. YOUR GIFT OF ANY SIZE ALLOWS OUR TEAM TO EXPOSE ABORTION AND SHOW COMPASSION TO ABORTION-MINDED WOMEN AND MEN.

Not surprisingly, local abortionists, facility staff, lobbyists, and others are not pleased with this loss of business. While on our summer *Justice Ride*, we received word the Columbus (Ohio) City Council was poised to enact an ordinance sponsored by a staunchly pro-abortion council member. This ordinance was set to make it illegal to “annoy” someone within 15 feet of an abortion facility.

We immediately rose to challenge the ordinance. We knew this vague language would be used against us, since our life-saving efforts siphon business away from abortion facilities and certainly “annoy” them. We spoke at the ordinance’s hearing, testified before the council prior to their vote, and also joined private meetings with individual council members.

We were not alone. The Columbus Police Department and the ACLU of Ohio joined our opposition. The police challenged the enforceability of the ordinance. The ACLU, normally bosom buddies with the abortion lobby, called it an “unacceptable barrier to free speech.”

In the end, we succeeded in neutering the ordinance. It only passed after the sponsor added an amendment to remove the vague language, instead copying and pasting language from the city’s disorderly conduct code.

This does raise the penalty for disorderly conduct outside abortion facilities, but we do not engage in that type of behavior.



Left: We stand behind a chalk line showing where the ordinance was poised to push pro-lifers: into the street. Right: My colleague Seth Drayer testifies prior to the vote on the ordinance (top). NARAL uses a blown up version of our Killers Among Us cards as evidence of “extremism” at the hearing.

While laying plans to challenge the city ordinance, we were in the midst of a packed *Justice Ride*. Another solid team had assembled to take part in the movement to rescue babies, and we had an intense schedule planned for them.



This summer, our Justice Ride focused on a variety of venues for defense. In addition to creating conversation downtown (middle) and displaying abortion victims on multiple overpasses concurrently (right), we also distributed flyers exposing Killers Among Us and reached out to those entering abortion facilities (not pictured).

We stayed primarily in our home base of Columbus, OH to allow flexibility of venue. Our mission to activate preborn defenders often leads to focusing on outreach efforts which create dialogue, such as using signs on college campuses or downtown squares. However, there are other methods of rescuing babies with which defenders must be familiar.

This summer, our *Riders* displayed large abortion victim photos on multiple overpasses during rush hour, distributed flyers to expose a *Killer Among Us*, and led sidewalk counseling and protest outside of abortion facilities. By the end of the week, the *Riders* had not only apologetic skills for debate but also experience with effective social reform tactics.

WILL YOU HELP OUR SUMMER TEAM CONTINUE OUR BUSY PACE? YOUR GIFT OF \$300 PROVIDES FUEL FOR OUR STAFF TO TRAVEL 1400 MILES. \$150 SUPPLIES FUEL FOR 700 MILES. \$75 SENDS OUR TEAM 350 MILES TO SAVE LIVES.

Read what the *Riders* had to say afterward:

“The Justice Ride has changed my perspective on abortion from facts and figures to lives and souls.” - Jacob

“Created Equal is an organization that doesn’t talk about how terrible abortion is. They actively try to stop it.” - Lauren

“Having been trained well and experienced numerous outreaches, I feel confident in answering any pro-abortion argument.” - Joe

While the *Justice Ride* may be behind us, our summer is just getting started. Our team of interns and full-time staff regularly hit the streets to rescue the preborn and offer hope and healing to the born.

TAKE ACTION: JOIN #OPERATIONRNC TO DEMAND THE GOP DEFEND PREBORN BABIES. EMAIL JAMI@CREATEDEQUAL.ORG FOR DETAILS.

And we’re laying plans for another big event: ***#OperationRNC***. The eyes of the world will turn to Cleveland, OH during the Republican National Convention. We do not endorse or oppose any candidate for political office. However, we refuse to let this opportunity to defend the babies with a global profile pass us by. We need your help. Join us!



Defending those who can’t defend themselves,

Mark

Mark Harrington, National Director, Created Equal

P.S.— Kathryn just wrote me, “Dear Mark, please do not let up; keep working all summer.” We have no intentions of letting up, but we need your help. Will you join us in Cleveland?

