

Amendment 62 opposed by reader

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

Dear Editor,

Local and regional health organizations and providers have spoken out against Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101, any of which could jeopardize future funding levels from the state of Colorado.

Meanwhile, I haven't seen any comments about the threats inherent in Amendment 62 to the physical and mental well-being of the women of Colorado and their families.

The unintended legal and societal ramifications are equally alarming, since a fertilized egg would have the same rights as a newborn baby, including property ownership and inheritance rights.

Amendment 62 would make all abortions illegal, as well as many forms of birth control, contraceptives and fertility procedures currently used for family planning by responsible adults.

Even a miscarriage could make the woman and her doctor murder suspects. The minor irony is that supporters of this amendment who generally favor smaller government want to make the state of Colorado responsible for monitoring all pregnancies and accounting for all fertilized eggs in any fertility clinic used by Colorado residents anywhere in the world.

This extreme proposal goes by the innocent-sounding title of the "personhood" amendment. Colorado voters wisely rejected a similar amendment in 2008 and should do so again this year.

Sincerely,
Dean Wilkins