

Hello everyone,

The Pro-Life Group at Our Lady of Hope has recently gotten involved with what we truly believe to be a worthwhile pro life cause. As you know our fight for the unborn never stops. Much is needed to assist in all that we can to help save the lives of the helpless unborn. Crisis pregnancy centers across the nation and especially in our own state need support.

Just recently, **Senate Bill 801** ([Click here to Read the bill](#)) has been introduced to the Virginia General Assembly by State [Senator Ken Cuccinelli](#). Its passage will make “Choose Life” License Plates, similar to the one below, available to Virginia drivers.. Virginia currently offers over 200 special license plates from wildflowers to your favorite college football teams. Why not a plate that expresses the value of human life also? This license plate is a clear and colorful pro-life message that travels with you. Better still; a majority portion of the money spent on these plates will go to the pro-life cause.

In 2003, when a similar Choose Life license plate bill was introduced, it passed both houses but **was vetoed by Governor Mark Warner**. Being that he is no longer in office and Governor Tim Kaine is, we’re hoping that another effort brought forth will turn out fruitful.

We need your help to make this a reality in 2009. Once we overcome the first hurdle of getting the bill passed, this will be a revenue sharing license plate. Once 1,000 plates have been sold, a portion of the fee for each plate will be directed to certain not-for-profit pro-life agencies within the state to assist them with their efforts to meet the needs of expectant mothers. (i.e. Crisis pregnancy centers) **\$15 of the \$25 it costs for customized plates goes to crisis pregnancy centers across VA. So supporting this helps our Pro-Life cause directly! In Florida, this is already been done and over \$5 Million dollars has been raised and donated!**

We need no less than 1,000 pre-paid applications for these plates to get the measure approved. If you aren’t in the position to buy one, you can still help. We need as many signatures on our petition as we can gather together. Please participate in whatever way you can to help get this moving!

1. **Fill out and sign the Choose Life Petition** in support of the Virginia General Assembly offering the “Choose Life” license plate.
2. **Complete a “Choose Life” License Plate application and write a \$25 check to the Richmond Coalition for Life in order to own the first Choose Life plates.** A minimum number of pre-paid applications is required (1,000 plates are needed to cover the cost of production for the first plates.) We must have a significant number of people pre-paying to show support for this bill to ensure its passage. **If the bill does not become a signed law, your money will be returned.**
3. We’ve spent weeks putting this together volunteers are still needed to help gather signatures, applications and checks. If you have the time to donate and can participate in petition drives, collect applications and/or donations please contact the Pro-Life Group and we can help you get setup, or put you on the schedule. This is a state wide effort and everyone can get involved.

PLEASE HELP BY SIGNING THE PETITION AND IF YOU CAN, WRITE A \$25 CHECK TO PRE-PAY FOR YOUR CHOOSE LIFE PLATE TODAY.

Timeline for Virginia Bill:

Once SB801 passes it will take approximately 9 months for the license plate to become available.

The bill will be introduced to the Virginia General Assembly Session in January of 2009.

SB 801 must pass out of two committees, one on the House and one on the Senate side, pass the full General Assembly and be signed by the Governor before the Choose Life plate will be an option for VA drivers.

Once the bill passes, it will take approximately 9 months for the license plate to be produced and delivered.

If you can't volunteer, form a petition drive or form a fund raisers, but can prepay for your plate and sign the petition, please fill out the attached petition and DMV application and make a \$25 check payable to: **Richmond Coalition for Life, Inc.** (Note: The check will be cashed and money will be deposited into a non-interest bearing account until the bill is passed and money is due at the Virginia DMV in mid 2009).

All the donations, applications, and petitions have to be sent to Senator Cuccinelli's office by Dec. 20, 2008. I'd like to collect all of this by December 19, 2008 so I have enough time to get it all to Senator Cuccinelli's office

Thank you for your help! For any questions please the Pro-Life Group.

