

From: [David Drake](#)
Subject: Dear friends - I wrote a column on abortion for the DSM Register appearing tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 5:07:29 PM

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>> Not looking for agreement or disagreement. It was helpful to get clearer on my own thinking but welcome your own thoughts

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From: [Lambertsen, Laryssa](#)
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Local 5 News requesting an interview
Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 2:53:30 PM
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Hello, wondering if you had time today to speak about your feelings on Josh Mandelbaum's proposal to prohibit any city resources from being used to investigate people who seek abortion care?

Best,

LARYSSA LEONE (SHE/HER)

REPORTER/MSJ



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From: [Sanders, Scott E.](#)
To: [Cownie, Frank](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#)
Subject: Abortion discussion
Date: Sunday, August 21, 2022 3:27:14 PM

Mayor and CM Mandelbaum,

Would you be able to stick around after our Work Session in the morning to go over the request to discuss Abortion rights and benefits?

I have secured time with Legal and HR to join us.

Scott

From: [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#)
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: abortion resolution
Date: Monday, July 25, 2022 8:46:53 AM
Attachments: [Abortion resolution 6.27.22.docx](#)

I know we talked about this a couple of weeks ago. I wanted to share the resolution that I have drafted. I'd welcome feedback, and I think it would be great to consider this at our next Council meeting.

Josh Mandelbaum
Des Moines City Council Member
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Attachment Abortion resolution 6.27.22.docx (14007 Bytes) cannot be converted to PDF format.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#)
Subject: Supporting abortion access in DSM
Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 9:28:40 AM

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Dear Mayor Cownie and Council Members -

I am writing to ask you to support Councilmember Mandelbaum's proposal to prohibit city funds from being used to prosecute people for accessing abortion healthcare and to provide support for city employees traveling to receive abortion care.

With Roe v. Wade overturned, the US has become less safe for women. My family chooses to live in Des Moines because it allows us to live in a Midwestern city that reflect our values, even though the state of Iowa does not. We are here because we believe that Des Moines will do the right thing and enact legislation that protects our residents, even when the federal and state government does the opposite.

Councilmember Mandelbaum's proposal is the right thing to do morally. It will continue to make our city an attractive place to live that supports women's rights.

Thank you for your consideration -

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Cc: [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#)
Subject: PROTECT DES MOINES WOMEN
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:22:17 AM

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The City of Des Moines MUST ACT on Josh Mandelbaum's resolution to preserve the rights of Des Moines women to reproductive healthcare and abortion. The majority of Iowans believe that abortion rights fundamental rights that should be protected. PLEASE PROTECT DES MOINES WOMEN.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [CityClerk](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: resolution
Date: Friday, August 12, 2022 9:57:42 AM

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To all members,
I strongly request that you add Josh Mandelbaum's resolution to the next upcoming city council agenda.

Considering and passing this resolution is the least you can do for women whose personal health care rights have been diminished by the sacking of Roe v Wade.

I detest the thought of using money to pay law enforcement to investigate complaints when a woman makes a decision based on her right to make healthcare decisions in HER best interests.

The resolution "would also direct city staffers to draft an ordinance to prohibit discrimination in housing or employment against someone who has had an abortion or accesses reproductive health services." To think that this would even be an issue is another reason this resolution needs immediate consideration by the council. And knowing that most discrimination would be aimed at people of color and issues of sexual orientation/gender identity makes it all the more important to pass it!

Women's rights are being taken away at a frightening pace throughout the U.S. It's time for the Des Moines City Council to put women's healthcare first and send the message that Iowa is taking steps to protect healthcare and privacy for all women, as well passing non-discriminatory measures for ALL residents of Des Moines.

Respectfully,
[REDACTED]
Des Moines, IA

From: [Mazie Stilwell](#)
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Time to meet
Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 11:05:20 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

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Mayor Cownie,

Hello! I'm the new Director of Public Affairs for Iowa with Planned Parenthood North Central States. Could we find time to meet in the next couple of weeks to discuss the city resolution on abortion access?

Thanks,
Mazie



Mazie Stilwell (she/her)
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Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 7:45:28 AM

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To the Des Moines City Council and Mayor:

We are Des Moines residents.

We were shocked to learn that this council is considering an extreme resolution ordering our police not to enforce state law on abortion even on late term abortions!

We are pro life and believe that every life should be protected from conception to death. We hope you will see how this puts our law-enforcement in an impossible position.

Children are a gift from God.

Please do not harden your hearts and implement this radical resolution to kill innocent babies!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [CityClerk](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: Regarding Proposed Abortion Policy
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 8:20:17 AM

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Thank you for representing me on our city council. I am a Des Moines resident, and I was shocked to hear the council is considering an extreme resolution ordering our police not to enforce state law on abortion, even on late-term abortion.

I am pro-life, and I believe that every life should be protected from conception to death. But even if you disagree with me, I hope you can see how this resolution would put our law enforcement in an impossible position and inspire the state legislature to punish our city for a radical, ideological statement.

Please don't pass this resolution,

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [CityClerk](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: Abortion resolution
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 9:48:46 AM

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Thank you for representing me on our city council. I am a Des Moines resident, and I was shocked to hear the council is considering an extreme resolution ordering our police not to enforce state law on abortion, even on late-term abortion.

I am pro-life, and I believe that every life should be protected from conception to death. But even if you disagree with me, I hope you can see how this resolution would put our law enforcement in an impossible position and inspire the state legislature to punish our city for a radical, ideological statement.

Please don't pass this resolution,

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Sanctuary city
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:15:05 AM

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We do not support sanctuary city for abortion. At any stage or any type.

We (you) do not have the right to determine the death of a child, that is in the hands of God.

May God help us all if we continue this practice. And may the upcoming vote and election be a reflection of all voters.

All lives matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [CityClerk](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: Lawsuit material in the abortion protection you are considering
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:26:27 AM

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One loose end in the Dobbs v. Jackson ruling which overturned Roe was treating "it's a baby" as a matter of opinion, leaving voters to decide whether to keep baby murder legal according to the "social value" voters place on babies.

I don't know why prolife lawyers have so far declined to point out in court that every court-recognized fact-finder (juries, expert witnesses, legislatures, Congress, and individual judges) who have taken a position have ruled that "life begins", that is, babies are humans/persons, at the beginning. Fertilization. Not one American legal authority has ruled any later time that human, constitutionally protected "life begins".

These facts make abortion legally recognizable as murder. Murder, once so recognized, cannot remain legal in ANY state. Or city.

Perhaps if the Des Moines city council approves your murderous scheme, that will finally make possible a court case which proliferators will finally be ready to exploit to end legal baby murder across America, both through courts of law and the Court of Public Opinion.

cc to prolife leaders and lawmakers.

For more legal information see <http://savetheworld.saltshaker.us/wiki/Forum#Life>

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Paperback Books at Amazon.com, with free PDF's at www.saltshaker.us:

"How States can Outlaw Abortion in a Way that Survives Courts" Court recognized fact finders have unanimously established what Roe said would end legal abortion

"The Prehistoric Angel Diary" Book 1: From Beelzebub's Fall thru Adam's Fall

"Eternal Hell: Heaven's Loving Purpose" Hell's aim: Heaven's Love - a treasure hunt through the Word of God

Websites:

www.Saltshaker.us

www.SaveTheWorld.Saltshaker.us

www.Talk2me.Saltshaker.us

Video channels:

www.youtube.com/user/Biblewizard2

www.youtube.com/user/FamilyBandChannel

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [CityClerk](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: Abortion Sanctuary City
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 3:18:02 PM

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Thank you for representing me on our city council. I am a Des Moines resident, and I was shocked to hear the council is considering an extreme resolution ordering our police not to enforce state law on abortion, even on late-term abortion.

I am pro-life, and I believe that every life should be protected from conception to death. But even if you disagree with me, I hope you can see how this resolution would put our law enforcement in an impossible position and inspire the state legislature to punish our city for a radical, ideological statement.

Please don't pass this resolution,

[REDACTED]

Sent from myMail for iOS

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [CityClerk](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: Abortion Sanctuary City
Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:37:23 AM

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Dear Des Moines City Council Members and Mayor,

As a resident of Des Moines, I want to share my opinion on the Abortion Sanctuary City proposal.

I believe that the City of Des Moines, as the Capital city of our state, should be an example to the rest of the state. When a law is passed by our Legislature it is a state law, not a choice for each city or town to decide if it is a law that they like or want to follow. That leads to chaos and lawlessness. What is the point of having a state government if each municipality is going to do what ever it wants.

You, as elected officials, have been chosen to lead our city. You should not be in the group who believes that "Rules are made to be broken." If you do not like the law as it is in IOWA, then you have every right to work to change the LAW OF IOWA, not to try to circumvent it by passing this resolution.

Vote "NO" on this resolution.

Thank You for your service to our community.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Praying for wisdom and discernment from God
Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 8:44:37 AM

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Thank you for representing me on our city council. I am a Des Moines resident, and I was shocked to hear the council is considering an extreme resolution ordering our police not to enforce state law on abortion, even on late-term abortion.

I am pro-life, and I believe that every life should be protected from conception to death. But even if you disagree with me, I hope you can see how this resolution would put our law enforcement in an impossible position and inspire the state legislature to punish our city for a radical, ideological statement.

Please don't pass this resolution,

Give 'em Heaven instead,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: ATTENTION
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:15:23 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing as a Des Moines resident concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I expect my city to represent my values, including the right to bodily autonomy.

Fortunately, I know I'm not alone – 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I have to guess that's even higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowans' freedom.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [CityClerk](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: Abortion Sanctuary City
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:16:05 PM

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Mayor Cownie and Des Moines City Council Members,

Thank you for representing me on our city council. Your hard work is greatly appreciated. I live on the north side of Des Moines, and I was deeply disappointed to hear the council is considering ordering our police not to enforce state law on abortions regardless of pregnancy term.

I am pro-life, and I believe that every life should be protected from conception to death. But even if you disagree with me, I hope you can see how this resolution would put our law enforcement in an impossible position and inspire the state legislature to punish our city for a radical, ideological statement.

Please don't even consider passing this resolution,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Boesen, Connie S.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [CityClerk](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#)
Subject: October 3rd Abortion Resolution
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:37:07 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing as a Des Moines community member in the Merle Hay (really Beavertdale) neighborhood concerned about abortion rights. Whether the council is unified on support for reproductive rights, as the past year has shown abortion access is an issue that impacts everyone and action is important at a local level. The values of the current state government infringe on their responsibility to support and care for those that reside in this community. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has and will continue to fail.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines-ers that you are standing up for our rights.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Please keep protecting our reproductive rights!
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 3:49:39 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing as a Des Moines resident concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I expect my city to represent my values, including the right to bodily autonomy. Fortunately, I know I'm not alone – 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I'm sure that's even higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowans' freedom.

I understand that you will be voting on this resolution at your October 3rd meeting. Please vote yes to reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pronouns in English: she/her/hers
Pronombre en Español: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Future of Abortion Rights
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 5:37:44 PM

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Greetings,

I'm writing as a Des Moines resident concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I would like my city to represent my values, including the right to body autonomy. Let me tell you, I am not alone as at least 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases. I'm sure that might be higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council, you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowans' freedom.

I understand that you have the opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

Thank you for your consideration.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Reproductive Rights in DSM
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 7:47:20 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing as a Des Moines resident concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I expect my city to represent my values, including the right to bodily autonomy. Fortunately, I know I'm not alone – 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I have to guess that's even higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowans' freedom.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
B.S. Civil & Environmental Engineer, Honors College
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Safe and legal abortion rights
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:45:04 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing as a Des Moines resident concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I expect my city to represent my values, including the right to bodily autonomy. Fortunately, I know I'm not alone – 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I have to guess that's even higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowans' freedom.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Reproductive Freedom
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 8:16:17 AM

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I understand that you are considering a resolution to support reproductive freedom in Des Moines. Whether my granddaughter decides to get an abortion should be between her doctor, her pastor, her parents, and her beliefs. Politicians should not be telling women what to do with their bodies.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Abortion resolution Vote on October 3rd
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:33:31 AM

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Hello Mr. Cownie,

I'm writing as a Des Moines resident and a current medical student at Des Moines Univeristy concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I expect my city to represent my values, including the right to bodily autonomy. Fortunately, I know I'm not alone – 60% of lowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I have to guess that's even higher in Des Moines. As a medical student I understand how important it is to not only have the right to bodily autonomy but that abortion is healthcare and can be lifesaving in all cases. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support lowans' freedom.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights and the rights of all those who can become pregnant.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From:

To:

[Voss, Carl B.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#)

Date:

Friday, September 30, 2022 10:44:48 AM

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I'm writing as a Des Moines resident concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I expect my city to represent my values, including the right to bodily autonomy. Fortunately, I know I'm not alone – 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I have to guess that's even higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowans' freedom.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

Thank you,

[Redacted Signature]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#); doshmandelbaum@dmgov.org; [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#)
Subject: Abortion Resolution: Saving Iowans
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 12:22:37 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing to you as a concerned Des Moines resident. I am worried about the future of abortion rights in our state and city. I expect Des Moines to represent my values (shared by the majority of folx in our state), including the right to bodily autonomy. Fortunately, I know I'm not alone – 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I have to guess that's even higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council, you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowans' freedom.

If you already agree with me that those with a uterus have a right to bodily autonomy and choice, thank you from the bottom of my heart. If you don't agree with quality abortion access for everyone, please take a minute to understand that if quality abortion access is not available, abortions will still happen. Unsafe abortions done by unqualified people are a very true reality for some. People from this state, who call Iowa home, will travel if they are able to another state; an Iowan, who should have access to these services *in their home state will not be able* to get these life-saving services. And it is life and death in some situations.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Upcoming council meeting
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 2:35:05 PM

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Dear Council member Mr Frank Cownie:

My name is [REDACTED]. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

The proposal states: 'growing majority of lowans support abortion access in most or all cases'. That is simply not true. In fact, the opposite is true.

As a naturalized immigrant and survivor of communism, I implore you to realize that the act of taking a human life at the beginning stages is unparalleled in its evil and scope, and any and all soon-to-be parents should be supported, helped and encouraged to receive all children as a blessing. All forms of government should work for the protection of babies and their parents, not the opposite.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Vote NO
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 3:20:05 PM

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Dear Council person [Mr Cownie]:

My name is [REDACTED] I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD" 46:10

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Please vote no
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:28:47 PM

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Please vote no to the pro abortion proposal.
Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Pro abortion proposal
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:42:34 PM

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Please vote no for this proposal.

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Taxpayer funded abortions
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:13:44 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

I am a citizen of Iowa. My understanding is that Josh Mandelbaum wishes to use taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for Des Moines city employees. I am strongly opposed to taxpayer funded abortions directly or indirectly anywhere in our state of Iowa, and I ask you to vote NO on this.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Tax money for abortions
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:15:14 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

I strongly disagree with use tax money for abortions for city employees.
An abortion is not a right and it is not health care. It is taking an innocent life.

Thank you for hearing me,

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: council vote NO to abortion
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:57:32 PM

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Dear Council person Cownie: My name is [REDACTED]. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 8:09:40 PM

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I'm writing to encourage you to vote no on Councilman Mandelbaum's request to place his pro-abortion proposal on the agenda. Abortion is not healthcare. Pregnancy is not a life-term for a woman. It lasts nine months. Abortion is a life-term sentence for the baby. Abortion ends a life. Please vote no on this horrendous proposal and prevent Des Moines from becoming a sanctuary city for abortion.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Vote no on proposal
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:12:18 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [CityClerk](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: Potential flood of litigation with Mandelbaum's abortion resolution.
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 5:05:01 AM

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Mayor Cownie and Council members,

Please take a moment to let me know where you stand on Mandelbaum's abortion resolution. Do you support it? I have to tell you the people of Iowa have spoken very clearly over and over, voting in ProLife candidates in both houses of the Iowa legislature, as well as Governor. Since 2016, all three have been Republican, and they have done exactly what the people voted them into those positions to do: they have passed ProLife laws. There is still work to do, but that is the job of the legislature, NOT seven people on the city council. This is a political stunt, one in which women will fly into Des Moines to have their babies murdered, women will be injured, and our emergency rooms are simply not prepared to deal with the casualty rates. Planned Parenthood is giddy to hire more people and expand to keep pace with the flood of women who are starting to trickle in, and this is going to explode into something very ugly. Will you be assuming responsibility for that? It will go sideways; it always does when abortionists get greedy and there is no one watching them. We will hold you personally responsible when the sewers begin to back up with aborted babies, because you do know they tell their abortion clients to pass their dead or dying product of conception (aka babies) on the toilet and to not look, just flush. Those are the chemical abortions, the two pill combination that must both be taken in the state where it is legal to dispense them. Women will be aborting their babies alone, in hotel rooms. All the dead babies will be Des Moines responsibility to handle. Next you have surgical abortions where larger babies are dismembered; those too often end up in the sewers when abortionists choose not to pay a service to take their medical waste (aka bodies) away. Planned Parenthood in DSM already does this. All of these things have happened in other states, and that was while Roe was still in effect. Imagine what a free for all this will be; and don't forget: no abortion facility has ever been inspected in Iowa. This will be very bad, and we will remember who supported it and approved it. Imagine intact and dismembered fetuses flowing up and out of storm drains on residential streets and in front of businesses. That means lots of small but recognizable human arms and legs and heads with little faces. Imagine people coming to future city council meetings to address that topic, and the citizens will be as outraged as the business owners. I know a great malpractice attorney who specializes in abortion cases. He's really good, too. He has tried some of the biggest cases in recent history. He is always willing to take cases pro bono, and if it's a state he doesn't practice law in, he will find attorneys who do to take the cases; and there will be a lot of them. Women will be injured physically and psychologically, perhaps even die, and the family will need to sue, not only the abortionist, but those in power who allowed and even fought to make such conditions possible. I will be keeping my friend updated on the situation as things progress. The people of Iowa do not want to be an abortion sanctuary. I live in Des Moines, and we do NOT support this political stunt; and to suggest forcing us to pay for it with our tax dollars is criminal. You cannot say you didn't know.

Do the right thing,
[REDACTED] and family.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Abortion funding
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 6:07:24 AM

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Dear Council person [last name]: My name is [your name]. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Re: Abortion funding
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 6:18:27 AM

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Dear Mayor Connie:

My name is [REDACTED]. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: taxpayer money for abortion
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 7:08:20 AM

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Dear Mayor Cownie: My name is [REDACTED]. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: Please protect our unborn children!
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 8:08:12 AM

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Good morning,
I'm writing to plead with you to please vote NO to Mandelbaum's pro-abortion proposal on Monday evening. We must protect the innocent lives of the unborn.
Thank you and God bless you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Please vote no on Monday
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 10:13:49 AM

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Dear Council persons~

I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Thank you!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#)
Subject: Right to safe abortion
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 10:34:09 AM

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I am 86 years of age. I have taught young women from Jr High through college in AR, MO and IA. I have watched young women have to drop out of school or get illegal abortions throughout my career. When women have to drop out of school, they are often trapped in a welfare system where they cannot hold down jobs due to the cost of child care.

Planned Parenthood has lowered the number of abortions needed through distribution of birth control devices and information regarding STD.

PLEASE allow Des Moines residents to make decisions about safe medical care for ALL women.

[REDACTED] (Taught at DMACC and spent more than 20 yrs in IA Dept of Ed
(plus taught in public schools and AEAs.)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Pro-Life on Oct 3rd
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 10:42:39 AM

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Dear Mayor Cownie:

My name is [REDACTED]. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea. Thank you for listening to my voice!

Respectfully,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 11:01:33 AM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

I'm writing as a Des Moines resident concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I expect my city to represent my values, including the right to bodily autonomy. Fortunately, I know I'm not alone – 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I'm sure that's even higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowans' freedom.

As a chaplain, I believe reproductive rights for women must be protected as one of our most basic human rights.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

Thank you, [REDACTED], Chaplain

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*"Mni Wiconi Water is life! We are the river, the river is
us. We have no choice but to stand up."*

La Donna Bravebull

"I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night!"

Sarah Williams

"We love the ones we love for who they are."

Robert Frost (adapted)

"Prayer is essential, Protest is Required, Policy is Necessary"

Black Lives Matter

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Monday night's meeting ...
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 1:25:34 PM

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Hi Mayor Cownie: My name is [REDACTED]. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no to such a terrible proposal.

I am proud of Des Moines and appreciative of the way our city has blossomed over the past two decades under Council leadership. Our downtown has truly come alive! I can't think of anything that would not only bring that progress to a screeching halt, but set us back.

A big chunk of this city finds abortion immoral, people of science and faith.

I encourage you to vote NO to Josh Mandelbaum's push to disrespect the citizens of this great city.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Vote NO to Councilman Mandelbaum's pro-abortion proposal
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 2:21:38 PM

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Thank you!

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Pro Abortion proposal
Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 4:34:08 PM

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Hello Mr Cownie, I pray you will vote NO on this proposal from Mandelbaum.

Thank you and God Bless,

[REDACTED]

Des Moines IA

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Josh Mandelbaum Pro-abortion proposal
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 12:30:07 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

I read through a pro-abortion proposal which Josh Mandelbaum is bringing to the city council,

that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees.

His proposal is filled with fallacies.

I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Do the *right* thing and Vote NO!
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 1:39:58 PM

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Dear Mr. Cownie:

My name is [REDACTED]. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote NO on an idea that supports a decision by one who HAS life....to TAKE a life. The unborn have rights, too - the right to live the life they have been granted.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: say No
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 5:10:17 PM

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Dear Mayor Frank Connie,
Vote No to Mandelbaum's pro-abortion proposal!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: say NO
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 5:22:17 PM

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Dear Mayor Frank Cownie,
Vote No to Mandelbaum's pro-abortion proposal!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

(I apologize for the auto spell correct that misspelled your name)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Sheumaker, Indira D.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: RE Des Moines reproductive rights resolution
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 5:42:44 PM

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Greetings all,

As a long time Des Moines resident, I am writing to you to ask for your support for the resolution supporting abortion rights in our community. As a leader in the metro, it's up to us to lead with our values, namely the right to bodily autonomy. I am glad and relieved to see that this item is on the agenda and will be headed to workshop for consideration in the future.

I Know that many of you have been supportive of abortion rights in the past- this is why I feel like I can count on your support for this. There are already enough tensions with the police department- we don't need to make them do something they do not want to do. We need to work on building trust and not creating additional areas of suspicion and conspiracy.

Thanks much for this. I won't be able to attend the meeting tonight but I will follow it closely as you work on it.

Take care,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Abortion Resolution
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 5:56:01 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing as a Des Moines resident concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I expect my city to represent my values, including the right to bodily autonomy. Fortunately, I know I'm not alone – 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I have to guess that's even higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowans' freedom.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: Josh Mandelbaum agenda proposal
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 7:05:30 PM

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As an independent voter, I urge you to vote NO on Josh Mandelbaum's ridiculous and evil pro abortion proposal to be admitted on a future agenda. As a proud lifelong Iowan I DO NOT believe this is a value our great state should or would stand for.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: October 3
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 7:45:25 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing as a Des Moines resident concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I expect my city to represent my values, including the right to bodily autonomy. Fortunately, I know I'm not alone – 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I have to guess that's even higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowans' freedom.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Vote No Please
Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022 8:38:17 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

My name is [REDACTED]. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: "No" to Abortion proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 6:58:36 AM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

My name is [REDACTED] and I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees.

I strongly encourage you to vote NO on such a terrible idea.

I was this proposal's targeted woman during my first pregnancy: Latina and a poor college-student with no health insurance.

Strong community support from ministries and government programs like WIC empowered me to determine that "YES, I can do this!"

Let's focus on encouraging women through life's challenges-before & after pregnancy.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Resolution: Reproductive Healthcare - a right for Des Moines citizens
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:19:03 AM

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Hello,

I'm writing as a Des Moines resident concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I expect my city to represent my values, including the right to bodily autonomy. Fortunately, I know I'm not alone – 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I have to guess that's even higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowans' freedom.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

As a citizen of Des Moines I feel we need to support that reproductive healthcare decisions are a personal decision and should only be made by those that are so deeply impacted.....the person needing reproductive healthcare.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Please Decline Funding for Abortion Expenses
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 9:35:40 AM

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Dear Honorable Mayor Frank Cownie:

I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such an idea. Knowing that so many consider the termination of life to be gravely immoral and that it is the exact opposite of "health" care, please do not subject a vast number of your constituents to paying for what we consider morally reprehensible. However, if you would like to promote an agenda item that instead funds the many medical pregnancy centers that are not profit-driven and support everyone involved with pregnancies, I would be in favor of such.

Most Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: proposal for funding for abortions
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 9:40:37 AM

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Dear Cownie:

My name is [REDACTED]. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on this proposal. It is an attempt to use taxpayer monies for the abortions of city employees. It is also an attempt to disregard the existing pro-life laws on the books.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Abortion related proposal by Council Member Mandelbaum
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 9:41:09 AM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

I understand the Council may considering a pro-abortion proposal at a future meeting to use taxpayer money for abortion-related travel expenses for city employees. I strongly oppose this use of taxpayer funds and encourage you to not support the proposal.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Taxpayer funded abortions in Des Moines
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 9:48:55 AM

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Dear Frank

This is BJ McLaughlin. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Abortion Rights Resolution
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 10:25:25 AM

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Hello,

I am writing as a Des Moines resident concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I expect my city to represent my values, including the right to bodily autonomy. Fortunately, I know that I am not alone – 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I would guess that's even higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowan's freedom.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I am hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
She/Her/Hers
Drake University Class of 2024
Chemistry Major | Politics Major

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Vote No to the Pro-Abortion Proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 11:15:28 AM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a citizen of Des Moines. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I absolutely disagree that taxpayer money should be spent in such a grievously immoral manner. I strongly encourage you to vote no to this proposal.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: VOTE NO
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 12:36:44 PM

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Please decide to VOTE NO on the Pro Abortion proposal you'll be voting on tonight. Do not make Des Moines an abortion sanctuary in central Iowa.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: ABORTION proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 12:51:32 PM

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Vote “no” to Mendelbaum’s pro-abortion proposal. Thanks you.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Abortion Resolution
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 12:57:28 PM

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Hi Mayor Cownie,

Feel the need to be a little more formal when our discussion isn't covering your dinner order, hearing there is strong opposition to the abortion resolution on today's agenda. As mentioned previously, abortion is not going anywhere for Iowans in need - there are a lot of folks like myself who will personally make sure of that.

Thank you so much for your support in moving this resolution forward, especially with the hostile environment our anti-choice politicians have created. I pray no issues with the decision being confirmed today. Grateful for our city council upholding their responsibility of working for the people, despite the power plays being made by wreckless politicians.

Thank you for your leadership!

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Pro abortion proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 1:01:30 PM

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Dear council person Cownie,
My name is [REDACTED]. I understand the council is considering a pro abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayers money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly urge you to vote no!
Respectably,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Abortion sanctuary city
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 1:13:02 PM

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Honorable Mayor Cownie, please hear the voices of those who cannot attend this meeting, and vote on their behalf, and please vote NO to Councilman Mandelbaums proposal to make Des Moines a sanctuary city promoting the abortion agenda.

We value the rights of every person, those rights are the right for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Very Sincerely

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Proposal re: abortion
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 1:28:50 PM

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I support the proposal regarding restricting resources for criminalizing abortion in Des Moines, please vote yes.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: your vote matters
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 1:36:19 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing as a Des Moines resident concerned about the future of abortion rights in our state. I expect my city to represent my values, including the right to bodily autonomy. Fortunately, I know I'm not alone – 60% of Iowans support access to safe and legal abortion in most or all cases and I have to guess that's even higher in Des Moines. I know that many on the council have been supportive of reproductive rights in the past, which is why I'm so optimistic for your support of the abortion resolution. As a council you have an opportunity to stand up where the state has failed to support Iowans' freedom.

I understand that you have an opportunity to get this resolution passed at your October 3rd meeting. I'm hopeful you will take swift action and reassure all Des Moines residents that you are standing up for our rights.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Des Moines, IA

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Josh Mandelbaum's anti-life proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 1:43:16 PM

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I urge you to reject Councilman Mandelbaum's proposal to murder unborn children. Not only is it contrary to State Law, abortion is a crime against Nature and a sin against God.

Very Sincerely,

[REDACTED], DSM resident of Beaverdale.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Sanctuary City Proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 1:56:49 PM

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Mayor Cownie,

Thank you for your service as mayor of our great city. I am grateful for you taking the time to step up and serve in such a big way. Your work does not go unnoticed.

As a resident of Des Moines I want to ask that you vote no to Josh Mandlebaum's proposal to ask Des Moines police to defy state laws in regard to abortion. I am pro life, and will always oppose the abortion of unborn children. But even outside of that, this proposal would set a dangerous precedent and create tension between our police and our legislature.

Please vote no to bringing this proposal into consideration.

Thank you again for your service,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Upcoming Council Vote
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 2:00:49 PM

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Good afternoon Mayor Cownie!

I hope this email finds you well and refreshed from the weekend. My name is [REDACTED] and I am a resident of Des Moines and have had the opportunity to meet you on multiple occasions. We testified together against payday lending in the legislature, as well as brought pastors together to visit with you at city hall.

First, I want you to know I love Des Moines. I love living in Des Moines. I love doing ministry in Des Moines and I thank you for your service to our city.

I want to write you today to encourage you not to bring the motion forward to make Des Moines a sanctuary city for abortion. I am pro-life, but my reason is more than pro-life. We want to be a city that complies with state law and is not pitted against our state legislature.

This measure also does not meet the tone of the city I have grown to love. Our city has a history of being left-leaning, but never antagonistic. I have always felt Des Moines is a fair city that has a history of taking reasonable, measured approaches. This approach would end that historic trend and put our city at odds with some of its residents, as well as the state government.

Once again, thank you for your service. I know you truly labor for what is best for our city.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Please vote NO on abortion proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 2:05:48 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a lifelong citizen in Des Moines. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote NO on such a terrible idea.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Please vote no on abortion proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 2:26:47 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

I wanted to try again. My name is [REDACTED]. First of all, thank you for the work that you do for the people of Des Moines. I have lived here my whole life and appreciate that a lot of work has gone into making the city as wonderful as it is today. I know you have and are playing a big part in that. Thank you!

Secondly, I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote NO on this inappropriate proposal. Thank you for valuing life. I have a just-turned two-month-old baby girl right now, and having just been through pregnancy and seen so many ultrasounds and felt my baby growing and showing her personality early, even inside of me, it has underscored in my mind again that babies are developed very early and deserve protection. Our family tries to spend a lot of our free time serving others, and the unborn (and their vulnerable moms) are just one of the many groups of people who are vulnerable and voiceless and need our help, support, and protection. True support means providing help and resources and loving both women and babies, not one at the expense of the other.

Thank you for your consideration. Have a good day!

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: VOTE NO For Josh Mandelbaum's Pro Abortion Bill
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 2:34:13 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

My name is [REDACTED] and I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on this. Our tax dollars should be put to better use helping in our own community and not towards ending life!

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Vote NO for the use of tax money to pay travel expenses
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 2:53:20 PM

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Mayor Cownie,

Please vote NO, first to even put this awful idea on the agenda, second because it is a terrible idea to use taxpayer money to pay city employees travel expenses to go get an abortion in another state. How low can we go in a society that is willing to sacrifice its unborn citizens for the sake of keeping the government well staffed with employees.

Just do the right thing and vote no.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting - Oct. 3rd
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 3:07:38 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

My name is [REDACTED], I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees.

I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea. I have two very close family members who continue experiencing the emotion impact of their abortions from many years ago.

To label abortion as women's health is a dishonor and disservice to women, let alone to cooperate by financing means to acquire abortions.

The answer is in providing help to women and the children in the womb that are life saving.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[Sent from the all new AOL app for Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: vote NO to Mandelbaum's pro-abortion proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 3:13:34 PM

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As you are a Des Moines City Council Member, I cannot believe you would vote to establish a precedent of asking our police officers to defy state law!
Vote NO to Mandelbaum's pro-abortion proposal which would make Des Moines an abortion "sanctuary" city.

Abortion is NOT healthcare. Healthcare takes care of BOTH patients, the mother and the unborn baby.



Friends are like stars; you don't always see them, but you know they are there.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Josh Mandelbaum's Proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 3:29:38 PM

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Dear Council person Cownie. My name is Lois Brookhart. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Books are the most wonderful friends in the world. When you meet them and pick them up, they are always ready to give you a few ideas. When you put them down, they never get mad; when you take them up again, they seem to enrich you all the more."

— [Fulton J. Sheen](#), [Life Is Worth Living](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Concerns
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 4:06:06 PM

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Hello, I am asking you to please vote NO on making Des Moines an abortion sanctuary city!
Please do not establish a precedent of asking our police officers to defy state law!
Thank you
God bless
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 4:16:15 PM

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Dear Mr. Cownie

[REDACTED] *It is my understanding that the Des Moines City Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.*

Sincerely
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: City funded abortion
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 4:21:34 PM

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Dear Councilperson Cownie,

It is my understanding that the Des Moines City Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: City of Des Moines a sanctuary city for abortion
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 4:22:49 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

My name is [REDACTED] and I reside at [REDACTED], Des Moines, Iowa.

I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote NO on this as it is a State level issue and NOT a city issue. If we have so much money for the city of Des Moines, please use it for repairing the streets and schools as both of these issues are directly related to the City of Des Moines and its ongoing upkeep of the city and schools. Please do NOT waste precious taxpayers dollars nor your precious time on the abortion issue. It is for the State of Iowa delegates to vote on.

Thank you for your consideration,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Vote NO to Pro-Abortion City Ordinance!
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 4:26:03 PM

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Dear Councilperson Cownie:

It is my understanding that the Des Moines City Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees, and would establish a precedent of asking our police officers to defy state law! I strongly encourage you to vote NO on such a terrible idea.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Tonight's meeting
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 4:35:40 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

It is my understanding that the Des Moines City Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea. Please do not support Mandelbaum's pro-abortion proposal; do not make Des Moines an abortion "sanctuary" city.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Mandelbaum's pro-abortion proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 4:50:15 PM

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Mayor Cownie:

I am asking you to vote no on this proposal.

I do not want Des Moines to be an abortion "sanctuary" city. This is an issue that should be determined by our state legislators. I also am against abortion funding for city employees with our tax dollars. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: Vote NO on Mandelbaum's pro-abortion
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 5:01:20 PM

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I urge you to NOT set a precedence of asking police officers to defy state law.

Let's make Iowa a life affirming sanctuary, rather than a murderous one. If we don't want violence for our young, why target the most vulnerable; those living in their mother's womb.

We're going to be a nation held accountable to what we've done to the least of our people. Surely you don't want that blood on your hands. Tax prayers should not be paying for any abortions.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Pro-Abortion Proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 5:24:12 PM

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Please vote no on the pro-abortion proposal. Taxpayers, ESPECIALLY Christian taxpayers, should NOT have to fund the killing of a human life against our will. It's murder.

I pray you do the right thing.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

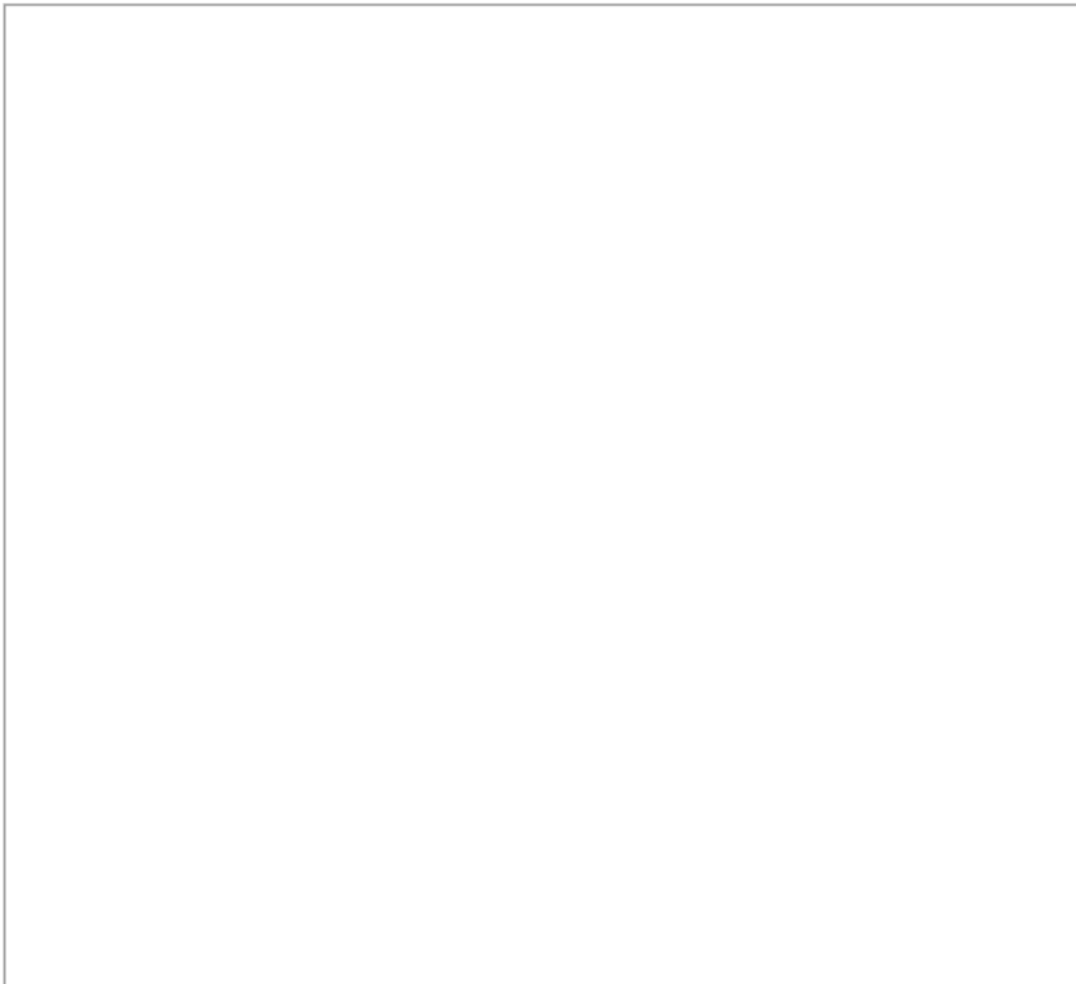
From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: Fwd: Action Alert – Des Moines City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 5:55:06 PM

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Please heed our plea.

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: Action Alert – Des Moines City Council Meeting
Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2022 21:01:41 +0000
From: Iowa Right to Life Committee <iowa@iowartl.org>
Reply-To: iowa@iowartl.org
To: patcrawfordco@gmail.com



Dear Iowa Pro-Lifers:

We want to keep you updated on the latest Des Moines City Council activity. We need to stop this unscrupulous pro-abortion proposal.

Des Moines City Councilman Josh Mandelbaum is trying to pass a pro-abortion city ordinance that will jeopardize lives and interfere with enforcing state law. The proposal not only funds abortions for city employees, but

also makes Des Moines an abortion “sanctuary” city, prohibiting Des Moines Police from enforcing state abortion laws – all but guaranteeing an ugly conflict between the City of Des Moines and the Iowa Legislature.

Mr. Mandelbaum has drafted a [pro-abortion proposal](#) to be placed as an agenda item for tonight's meeting, Monday, October 3rd, at their scheduled 5:00 PM council meeting.

To be clear, the proposal is NOT yet an agenda item. Mandelbaum wants a vote to put it on the agenda for two weeks from today. He needs four votes to get it on the agenda. He has two for sure: his and Indira Sheumaker's.

Pro-lifers need to contact the remaining council members and strongly encourage them to stop this anti-life proposal. Contact these council members by phone or email, or both, and tell them to vote NO to Mandelbaum's pro-abortion proposal. Tell these City Council members to say NO to making Des Moines an abortion “sanctuary” city:

Frank Cownie, Mayor: 515-283-4944 | fcownie@dmgov.org

Linda Westergard: 515-988-4288 |
LindaW@dmgov.org

Carl Voss: 515-210-0237 |
carlvoss@dmgov.org

Joe Gatto: 515-402-2626 |
joegatto@dmgov.org

Connie Boesen: 515-240-7929 |
connieboesen@dmgov.org

Here is the suggested wording for an email or a voice message:

Dear Councilperson [last name]:

It is my understanding that the Des Moines City Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

*Sincerely,
[Your Name]*

If you're able, and if you live in Des Moines, consider attending tonight's Council meeting to show your support for all life!
We want to have a pro-life presence which

honors and respects, and encourages them NOT to establish a precedent of asking our police officers to *defy state law!*

The Council meets at 5 p.m. in City Hall at 400 Robert D Ray Drive. While there will not be an opportunity to speak, it is important to show a strong pro-life presence and warn the Council we believe in protecting life. Be aware that this may be a long meeting and the Mandelbaum proposal will be near the end.

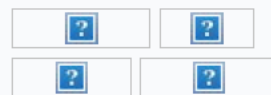
If you live outside of the Des Moines area, please pray over tonight's proceedings. We want to stop any momentum and keep these ideas from invading other Iowa communities!

Your pro-life dedication is inspiring!

Thank you for your pro-life passion!

Kristi Judkins, Executive Director

Iowa Right to Life
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#); [Westergaard, Linda C.](#); [Voss, Carl B.](#); [Gatto, Joe P.](#); [Boesen, Connie S.](#)
Subject: Pro-Abortion Ordinance
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 6:01:11 PM

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Hello Respected Councilmen and Councilwomen,

I don't live in the city of Des Moines, but I do want to express my thoughts on the pro-abortion ordinance. I don't agree with it and I think it's tax-payer money going to waste. Also, it really contradicts state laws and I think it's power overreach.

I just wanted to peacefully say I don't believe this represents Iowa as a state nor Des Moines as a city.

Thanks for listening,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Just say NO!
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 6:24:35 PM

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Say NO to making Des Moines an abortion “sanctuary” city!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Abortion Sanctuary City
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 6:53:41 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

I saw on the news that one council member is attempting to make Des Moines a sanctuary city for abortion. I don't want my tax money spent on city employees accessing abortion clinics. Fix the roads and bring in new business we can all use. Thank you. Teresa Jones

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Vote No- Sanctuary City
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 7:08:23 PM

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Dear Council person Cownie: My name is Tom Harmsen. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:24:14 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

Thank you for your service to the city of Des Moines. Please oppose Josh Mandelbaum's attempt to promote abortion in the city of Des Moines. We need to stand for life not death. Thank you.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Reproductive Health Care Resolution
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 9:49:34 PM

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Dear Mayor Cownie:

I fully support all of the provisions contained in the resolution that Josh Mandelbaum has asked you and the Council members to consider. I urge you to vote 'yes' on the resolution.

Women's reproductive health care must include access to a legal, safe, and affordable abortion without having to travel for hours to do so. I am old enough to remember the time before Roe v. Wade. Those were the days of coat hangers and women flying out of the country to access an abortion. We MUST NOT return to those days that were so dangerous for women.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
Des Moines, IA

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Mr. Mandelbaum's Proposal
Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 10:30:02 PM

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Just a quick note to respectfully request that you vote no on Mr. Mandelbaum's abortion proposal to use our money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees.

Thanks for reading and, hopefully, not bowing to that pressure.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

No good thing will God withhold from those who walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 9:40:04 AM

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Dear Councilperson Mr. Cownie:

It is my understanding that the Des Moines City Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Mason City, Iowa



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: Please Vote NO tonight
Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 11:04:21 AM

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Dear Mayor Cownie,

If you have a vote, please vote NO this evening to Councilman Josh Mandelbaum's pro-abortion proposal he is trying to get placed as an agenda item. There are state laws protecting unborn life the City of Des Moines should abide by. Please help prevent the use of taxpayer monies for the abortions of city employees; and prevent the willful disregard of existing pro-life laws on the books.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: use of tax money
Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 7:38:27 AM

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Dear Mayor Cownie:

My name is [REDACTED]. I understand the Council is considering a pro-abortion proposal that would involve using taxpayer money to pay abortion travel expenses for city employees. Your taxpayers all more than deserve have a say in this proposal. I strongly encourage you to vote no on such a terrible idea. In talking to some citizens, it appears this action could bring on some complicated legal tangles as well.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Family physician

From: [Mandelbaum, Josh T.](#)
To: [Sanders, Scott E.](#); [Cownie, Frank](#)
Subject: RE: Abortion discussion
Date: Sunday, August 21, 2022 3:39:38 PM

I'll plan on it.

Josh Mandelbaum
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From: Sanders, Scott E. <SESanders@dmgov.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Cownie, Frank <FCownie@DMGOV.ORG>; Mandelbaum, Josh T. <JoshMandelbaum@dmgov.org>
Subject: Abortion discussion

Mayor and CM Mandelbaum,
Would you be able to stick around after our Work Session in the morning to go over the request to discuss Abortion rights and benefits?
I have secured time with Legal and HR to join us.
Scott