



RECORD ON LIFE

Kristin Lyerly

Candidate for Congress (D - Wisconsin)

Abortion doctor enters race for Wisconsin congressional seat - Wisconsin Law Journal (April 4, 2024)

- **Abortionist Background:** Kristin Lyerly is a practicing abortionist who has performed abortions in Wisconsin and Minnesota. In 2020, Lyerly was reprimanded by the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice. According to the board's report, Lyerly "failed to timely deliver an infant" in 2018. She admitted to investigators that "late decelerations were present on the fetal heart rate tracing for about 30 minutes" before she elected to perform an emergency C-section. The report also noted that Lyerly voluntarily suspended her hospital privileges in 2019, while "under investigation by her employer for substandard or inadequate care."
- **Wisconsin Law:** Kristin Lyerly was a plaintiff in the case brought against Wisconsin's pre-Roe abortion law which went into effect when the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson* (2022). The law granted legal protection for unborn babies from abortion throughout gestation except in cases when the mother's life was in danger. As a result of Lyerly's case, the law currently is not in effect.
- **Unlimited Abortion:** Kristin Lyerly supports the "Women's Health Protection Act" (WHPA), a bill in Congress that would enshrine unlimited abortion in federal law and eliminate existing protections for unborn babies and their mothers on the state level, including parental involvement and right-to-know laws.
- **Abortion Funding:** Kristin Lyerly supports the use of tax dollars to pay for abortions. On the federal level, she supports the WHPA, which would eliminate virtually all limits on taxpayer funding of abortion, including the Hyde Amendment. She has also spoken out against Wisconsin's law that prevents state tax dollars from being used to pay for health insurance plans that cover elective abortions.
- **Endorsements:** Kristin Lyerly has received the endorsements of groups that promote unlimited abortion until birth, including EMILY's List and Reproductive Freedom for All (formerly known as NARAL Pro-Choice America).
- **Pregnancy Help Centers:** Kristin Lyerly opposes funding for pregnancy help centers. In a 2023 interview with the *Wisconsin Independent*, Lyerly said pregnancy help centers are "a scam that's put together to trick you into keeping a pregnancy. This is not where our funding needs to go."
- **Late Abortions:** Kristin Lyerly supports a nationwide policy allowing unlimited abortions for any reason until birth. She advocates for, in her words, "unimpeded access" to abortion regardless of the circumstances. Several states allow abortions throughout pregnancy but Lyerly argues that "'abortions up until the time of birth' only exist as a conservative talking point." In a March 2023 post on X, Lyerly asserted, "Phrases like 'partial-birth abortion', 'late term abortion', and 'abortion up until the time of birth' were created to shock, dehumanize, and ultimately control women."
- **Funding for Abortion Travel:** Kristin Lyerly supports the "Reproductive Health Travel Fund Act," a bill that would set up a tax-funded grant program to offset expenses for individuals who travel to obtain abortions. "Until we can restore legal access to abortion in all 50 states, innovative legislation like the 'Reproductive Health Travel Fund Act' will touch countless people in need of abortion care," Lyerly stated in a press release.
- **A Woman's Right to Know:** Wisconsin's right-to-know law entitles a woman to specific information about her pregnancy, including the biological development of her unborn baby, and alternatives to abortion available in her area. She must be provided this information 24 hours prior to an abortion. Kristin Lyerly opposes this law, calling it a "politically enacted barrier."