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## Born Alive Abortion Survivors Fighting for Life

More than 1,700 babies survive abortions every year, according to the [Abortion Survivors Network](#).

It seems impossible, but children do sometimes live through abortion. Too often the immediate aftermath is infanticide through strangulation, suffocation, or abandonment.

Abortionists couch their tiny victims in the deceptive term “botched abortion.” But these little fighters are survivors of attempted murder.

The testimony of one abortion survivor, Gianna Jessen, is powerful and lends keen insight into what actually happens in these cases. She addressed the House Judiciary Committee in 2015 about having lived through saline abortion, which burns and suffocates an infant in the womb. The mother is supposed to deliver a dead baby, but Jessen arrived alive. And she describes the strange circumstance that saved her life after birth.



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Thankfully, the abortionist was not at work yet. Had he been there, he would have ended my life with strangulation, suffocation or leaving me there to die. Instead, a nurse called an ambulance, and I was rushed to a hospital. Doctors did not expect me to live. I did.

Now that the U.S. Supreme Court removed federal protections for abortion, some states are working not only to protect innocent life in the womb, but outside as well.

Montana’s Republican governor Greg Gianforte has [signed](#) a bill requiring medical care for survivors in his state.

The Infant Care and Safety Act criminalizes the inhumane but common practice of leaving these vulnerable babies to die or murdering them once they are outside the womb.

The Democratic governor of Kansas, Laura Kelly, was not as merciful, vetoing three pro-life bills. But in April, the state house and senate overrode her decision. They passed House Bill 2313, requiring medical care for babies who live through the murderous attack on their lives.

West Virginia Governor Jim Justice, also a Republican, [signed](#) a similar measure in March that requires healthcare practitioners to consider a baby alive if he has a beating heart, movement of voluntary muscles, or pulsation in the umbilical cord.



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In January the U.S. House passed the [Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act](#), but so far the measure is going nowhere in the Democrat-controlled Senate.

Nor will young life be protected in Arizona, where Democrat Governor Katie Hobbs vetoed a born-alive bill in April. It also would have required abortion facilities to keep records of their procedures and results.



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