



Honorable Addia Kathryn Wuchner, R.N.

“I am not only pro life, but I am pro woman.”

“What society views as right to abortion has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships.”

Representative Addia Wuchner, interview EWTN September 2017

Addia Kathryn Wuchner’s dedication as a servant leader has been demonstrated in her role as a businesswomen, bioethicist, registered nurse, community leader, humanitarian mission director, and as a State Representative. She has placed her life in the service of others throughout the Commonwealth and abroad.

Addia served in the Kentucky House of Representatives, representing the citizens of the 66th District in Boone County and the Commonwealth of Kentucky from 2005 until 2019.

In 2017 after serving 12 years as Vice Chair of the Health and Welfare committee, Representative Wuchner became Kentucky’s first woman to be appointed Chair of the House Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Family Services.

During her tenure in the General Assembly Addia served on the Economic Development and Workforce Committee, Banking and Insurance and Budget Subcommittee for Human Services Committee, Appropriations and Revenue, Education and Workforce Development, Tourism, Transportation and numerous task forces and working groups including Healthy Babies Council.

Mrs. Wuchner’s service in the Kentucky House of Representatives, as well as her six years serving on the Northern Kentucky Independent Health Department Board of Directors was distinguished by her passion and energy to improve both the economic and physical well-being of all Kentucky’s citizens, especially as a voice for Kentucky’s most vulnerable citizens, our children.

In 2006, Representative Wuchner worked tirelessly to ensure that her child pornography legislation raising the offense of child pornography in Kentucky from a Misdemeanor to a Class D Felony in Kentucky was incorporated into the new “Kentucky Sex Offender” law.

In 2010 after months of work, her Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma Act, aka the “Shaken Baby Prevention Act,” passed and became child abuse prevention model legislation. Working across the aisle, in 2013 she co-sponsored HB 3, the Kentucky Human Trafficking Victims Right Act, which passed, sending a clear message that this modern day slavery has no place in Kentucky.

In 2017 Addia authored and championed Kentucky Women’s Informed Consent Law– requiring abortion providers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to preform a neonatal ultrasound and osculation of the fetus prior to performing an abortion. In January 2020 the law was upheld by the Supreme Court of the Untied States.

As Chair of the House Health and Welfare Committee she supported the Ky. Cabinet of Health and Human

Services in ensuring that abortion providers have signed “transfer agreements” in place as standard care and best practice for surgical centers. In October 2020, after extensive Court battles, the US 6th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s Transfer Agreement requirements.

“For the abortion industry to believe it should operate exempt from basic health standards is not only irresponsible and immoral but incredibly insulting to woman.”

Rep. Wuchner, 2018 on Kentucky’s Transfer Agreement regulation for abortion facilities.

Addia sponsored The Human Rights of the Child Act - 2018. This law bans live dismemberment abortions. It affirms the State’s interest in protecting the integrity of the medical profession, and also recognizes the separate and independent compelling interest the Commonwealth has in fostering respect for life by protecting the unborn child from an abortion that utilizes the brutal and cruel process of the intentional dismemberment and vivisection of the human unborn child. The law has been challenged by ACLU and EMW Surgical Center in Louisville and remains in the Courts. Attorney General Cameron has stated he will carry the defense of this law to the Supreme Court of the United States.

A long-time advocate for dyslexia awareness and ensuring Kentucky students early identification and appropriate interventions, she championed both the 2012 Kentucky’s Response to Intervention Act and the 2018 Ready to Read Act.

Representative Wuchner has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions for legislation she authored. Her support of legislative policies will impact and improve the lives of Kentuckians for years to come.

- Kentucky Chamber of Commerce * “Thanks for Going to Bat Award” 2018 Medical Peer Review law
- Opioid and Substance Abuse, * “NADDI National Legislator of the Year” 2012 for her work opioid addiction.
- Dyslexia 2012 - * recipient of the “Kentucky PTA Paul Mason Award” and “Legislator of the Year”
- Dyslexia – “Ready to Read 2018”
- 2010. Cincinnati Right to Life “Champion for the Dignity of Human Life”
- Childhood Obesity and School Activity, * “American Heart Association “You’re the Cure” Award
- Hospice Care & Neonatal Care Protection Act
- “Friend of the Child” * recipient of the “American Academy of Pediatrics for her commitment to improving the health of children in the Commonwealth and Shaken Baby - Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma Prevention law.
- “Champion of the Child” * numerous awards and recognitions from “Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky and Kentucky Youth Advocates”
- Kentucky PTA – “Mason’s Award Legislator of the Year”
- Human Trafficking * recipient “Champion for Justice”
- Kentucky Non Profit Association, “Legislative Award” 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018
- 2017 Speaker of the House Recognition “House of Representatives Pro Life Legislator of the Year”
- 2017 Informed Consent Ultrasound Bill *Upheld by the United States Supreme Court January of 2020.
- Kentucky Family Foundation “Champion of Faith, Family and Freedom” Award 2018
- 2018 The Human Rights of Unborn Child Live Dismemberment Ban

Representative Wuchner is a graduate of Bellarmine College School of Nursing and attended the University of Louisville where she majored in Pre-Med Biology. She pursued doctoral studies in Bioethics at Regina Apostolorum Pontifical University, School of Bioethics, Rome, Italy.

Addia holds several honorary Doctorates. Thomas More University awarded her an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters in recognition of her overall contributions in bioethics, rights of the unborn and international humanitarian aid.

She is a member of the 2007 Class of Leadership Kentucky and is an alumni of the 2005 Toll Fellows Program (Quest for Excellence) which recognizes excellence in public leaders.

Addia is a Registered Nurse and has been a dedicated health care professional for over 36 years, recognized for her contributions in advancing the role of bioethics in health care and public policy.

Addia began her nursing career at St Anthony Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. From 1986 to 1994 she worked with CTI Inc. overseeing marketing and implementation of high-tech medical procedures provided to hospitals and clinics in Louisville, Lexington and Cincinnati. She went on to serve as Vice President of Strategic Planning for the Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati and Senior Director of Corporate Relations for the St. Luke Hospitals.

Over the years, she has been a guest speaker and authored and co-authored multiple articles on the matters she champions ranging from Faith, Ethics & Healthcare, Life Issues from the Human Rights of the Unborn Child, Culture of Life, Pain Management, End of Life Care, Women's Health, Authentic Femininity, Human Trafficking, to Dyslexia and Decoding.

Her faith, and mission-driven vision has taken her around the globe and often places few would venture. Addia was the founder and missions director for Project Wings Of Mercy, International Medical and Humanitarian Aid, completing nine missions to war torn Bosnia and Croatia during the 1991-94 conflict, as well as medical aid and disaster relief to New Orleans following hurricane Katrina, annual specialty surgical missions to Mexico and disaster relief missions to Haiti, Dominican Republic.

Addia served for eight years as Bioethics Liaison for Helping Hands Medical Missions, conducting week-long Culture of Life and The Christian Meaning of Human Suffering CEU courses for the medical professionals while on mission trips to Mexico and Dominican Republic.

As a Kentucky State Representative consultant and in her personal life, Addia is an unwavering champion of pro-family, pro-life and pro-woman policies that ensure and protect the dignity and the right to life of every human from conception to natural death. She possesses the exceptional ability to reframe the emotional and political arguments and refine them with facts, science, ethics and local dialog.

She has been a frequent guest on both local and national television and radio, including KET, EWTN, News Hour, and various secular and faith radio programs.

She brought a very different dynamic to the Kentucky legislature and other places she worked or served. Her hallmark is compassion for others, along with her leadership and laser focused approach to public policy.

For several years, Addia hosted the Faith Lift Women's Breakfast - Better than a Botox Brunch- an Uplifting Series of Saturday Morning Talks on Authentic Femininity, Culture of Life, and Faith and Reason, and works of John Paul II.

With a diverse and extensive background in ProLife, ProFamily and ProWoman policies, as well as healthcare administration, strategic planning, bioethics, and public policy, non-profit fundraising, Mrs. Wuchner continues

consulting and speaking both nationally and internationally.

In 2018, Addia was a collaborative co-founder and spokesperson for I'm Alive and WHAM Women's Health Advocacy which evolved into a Media Group in 2019. Both grassroots efforts provide a media venue for unborn children and women's health advocacy.

Addia served as a U.S. delegate to the Pontifical Conference on Women's Health in Rome. In 2002, at the request of the US House of Representatives Pro Life Caucus, she testified before Congress to defend "Parents Right to Know" federal legislation addressing reproductive matters of underaged minors and preservation of parental rights.

As a demonstrated servant leader, Addia's passion and commitment to serving others has allowed her the opportunity to serve on many Boards and projects over the years;

Boone County Success By 6,
CareNet of Northern Kentucky,
Health Point Family Care Advisory Board,
New Day Ranch and Equine Program,
Boone County CASA, and then Kentucky CASA where she served as Board President,
National Foundation for Women Legislators Board,
Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky,
RC Durr YMCA.

Diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006, following six rounds of chemo and five surgeries, she added to her list of presentations: "Not Just Fighting and Surviving, but THRIVING" and "Finding Joy in the Shadow of the Cross". Additionally, Addia was the co-founder of the Ky. Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Racing Team.

She serves as trustee for ARK, Inc., dba Amazingly Remarkable Kids, committed to assisting children identified with dyslexia.

Addia was quoted by media 20 years ago saying, "Children may be 25% of the population but they are 100% of the future." She has lived committed to their well being.

Velvet Soul Band, playing at Addia's Thank You Kentucky celebration, dedicated the song, "I Won't Back Down," which truly captures the "Addia" known for her years of dedication and work serving as the Lady from Boone in the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Woman of faith, wife, mother, grandmother, Addia and her husband Jan have three adult children, 12 grandchildren, and a lovable Wheaten Terrier fondly known as "Buddy, the Irish Wonder."

For more information on Mrs. Wuchner's interests and initiatives, or to arrange a speaking engagement, please contact the office of Addia Kathryn Wuchner
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