

# [On MSNBC: Bob calls for justice AND mercy at U.S. border](#)

The FAMiLY LEADER President and CEO Bob Vander Plaats joined MSNBC host Hallie Jackson Wednesday morning for a frank discussion on children being separated from their parents at the U.S./Mexico border.

Watch the interview below:

The MSNBC interview was prompted by [Bob's op-ed in The New York Times](#), in which Bob called on the president, U.S. attorney general, and members of Congress to work out a solution to immigration enforcement that embodies the "do justly and love mercy" spirit of Micah 6:8.

"Let the adults get around the table, and let's stop this now," Bob told Jackson. "We cannot let the worst of Washington keep these kids hostage and separate families."

[\*\*\*Read Bob's New York Times column that prompted the interview, "Cruelty at the Border Is Not Justice," by clicking here now!\*\*\*](#)

Bob has also been interviewed recently on local TV networks, including WHO-TV and KCCI-TV, Des Moines. You can watch those interviews below:

[\*\*\*Read Bob Vander Plaats' column, "Cruelty at the Border Is Not Justice," on The New York Times website by clicking here.\*\*\*](#)

[\*\*\*Bob previously wrote a USA Today column about solutions to America's immigration woes in February 2018. Click here to read the USA Today column.\*\*\*](#)

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## **TFL's Capitol Connection: Iowa's Heartbeat Law faces injunction**

TFL's Drew Zahn, Chuck Hurley, and Bob Vander Plaats were on hand at the Polk County Courthouse on June 1 to witness the injunction hearing in Iowa's Heartbeat Law case. From the Courthouse itself, they report what happened, why it happened, and what YOU need to know:

For more, including a statement from the pro-life attorneys and the Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders, [click here](#).

***Get YOUR NAME entered into the official court records, telling America's judges to stand for life! Click here today!***

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## **TFL's Capitol Connection, Ep. 16: Life battle leads session recap**

The FAMIly LEADER's Bob Vander Plaats, Chuck Hurley, and Danny Carroll sat down to discuss what was supposed to be the final recap of the 2018 Iowa Legislative Session.

But with the nation-leading Heartbeat Law facing a court battle, "TFL's Capitol Connection" commits to keep going, to

keep YOU informed:

[\*\*Sign the petition for life that will be entered into official court records!\*\*](#)

In the video, Bob and Chuck mention a historic petition, which very well may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have YOUR name entered into the court's official docket record, calling on America's judges to defend life!

History remembers the 56 brave men who signed their names to the Declaration of Independence. Will YOUR name be counted among those who signed this "Declaration of Life"?

**SIGN THE PETITION!**

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## [\*\*Watch Gov. Reynolds sign Heartbeat into law\*\*](#)

With dozens of legislators, families, reporters, and The FAMiLY LEADER in the room, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed into law the most pro-life abortion restriction in the nation!

Now watch the governor's comments and exclusive interviews with the bill's floor manager, Rep. Shannon Lundgren, and other pro-life champions of the Heartbeat bill:

The Heartbeat law bans abortions in Iowa – with some exceptions – after an unborn baby's heartbeat is detected. But the law, which could save an estimated 3,000 or more babies'

lives in the state each year, doesn't go into effect until July 1.

Looking ahead, the bill is certain to face legal challenge, and The FAMiLY LEADER plans to be a part of fighting for babies' lives in court.

And YOU TOO may have the opportunity to have **your name submitted in the official record**, telling the judges you want the courts to defend unborn babies by upholding the Heartbeat law!

*Sign up for TFL's text alerts today, so we can let you know when the window opens to have YOUR NAME added to the fight for life:*

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## The spiritual groundwork for "Heartbeat"

Passing a major piece of pro-life legislation like the "Heartbeat bill" doesn't happen overnight, and it doesn't happen at all without God breaking down major spiritual strongholds.

Bob Vander Plaats and Greg Baker talk about the years of work at the heart-and-soul level that have led up to one of the most significant pro-life victories in American history:

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# TFL's Capitol Connection, Ep. 15: Heartbeat passes!

"I believe a great thing is happening," says The FAMiLY LEADER Capitol Team member Chuck Hurley. "In our lifetime, the sanctity of human life is on the front page of newspapers."

Indeed, newspapers and news networks around the country are reporting the stunning, late-night development: The Iowa Legislature has passed the Heartbeat bill!

Bob Vander Plaats, president and CEO of The FAMiLY LEADER, says the news is nothing short of a "sign of revival."

In this week's TFL's Capitol Connection, Bob sits down with Chuck Hurley and Danny Carroll to share what's happened and what's next in Iowa's nation-leading charge to defend life in the womb.

Along the way, Danny also shares a story from behind the scenes about the precursor to the Heartbeat bill and the first moment this session when he came to believe the Heartbeat bill was possible:

In the video, Bob mentioned an opportunity to thank the legislators who voted for the Heartbeat bill. The FAMiLY LEADER has developed [a convenient tool](#) that enables you to email every "yes" vote in a single, easy step.

**[Click here to thank Iowa's legislators today!](#)**

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# TFL's Capitol Connection, Ep. 14: Heartbeat's only prayer is YOU

Iowa's "Heartbeat bill" has hit the hurdle of men's hearts. Bob Vander Plaats, Chuck Hurley, and Danny Carroll sit down to discuss this life-saving bill's path forward, even while lawmakers are hoping to close out the legislative session quickly.

See why Chuck and Bob affirm that *prayer* is needed to break this through this stronghold; nothing else will do:

*Join the "Heartbeat" text and prayer team that Bob mentioned by clicking here now!*

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# Bob on Fox Business: "Our identity isn't in Donald Trump"

On April 19, Charles Payne of Fox Business invited The FAMiLY LEADER President and CEO Bob Vander Plaats to discuss President Trump's recent peak of support among white evangelicals in the polls.

But while the temptation is to think of presidential polling and demographics solely in terms of politics, Bob offered a powerful testimony to what it really means to call yourself an "evangelical" Christian: "Christians don't find our identity

in Donald Trump; our identity is in Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone.”

Watch the full interview below:

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## [The Timeless Voice: We bring a “tough teaching” to the Capitol](#)

How is bringing the gospel to the Iowa Capitol like Paul bringing the gospel to Athens?

Greg Baker, vice president of church engagement for The FAMIly LEADER, explains:

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## [TFL’s Capitol Connection, Ep. 12: “Heartbeat” status...](#)

*“Wondering where the Heartbeat bill stands?”*

Bob Vander Plaats sat down with The FAMIly LEADER Capitol Team, Chuck Hurley and Danny Carroll, to find out what the options are for the Heartbeat bill’s passage as the legislature reaches 100 days in session.

***Simple online tool:***

We're asking you to pray, to contact your legislator, to invite your friends ... **and we've made it easy for you to do.** The FAMiLY LEADER has drafted [a quick, online tool](#) that helps you do all that and more in just a matter of minutes.

**[Join with thousands of Iowans in standing for life RIGHT NOW!](#)**

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## **TFL's Capitol Connection, Ep. 11: "Heartbeat" faces hurdle**

What's the status of the "Heartbeat bill"? What's the hang-up? How can we help move it into law and save babies' lives?

Bob Vander Plaats sat down with The FAMiLY LEADER Capitol Team, Chuck Hurley and Danny Carroll, to get the latest news in this video below:

In the video, Bob also mentioned ["The Daniel Difference,"](#) a devotional program on reviving the power of prayer in your life. It's available for free in the YouVersion Bible app, or more directly [by clicking here.](#)

And keep an eye on your email inbox. The FAMiLY LEADER is planning to get the word out far and wide when the next opportunity is ripe for the people of Iowa to make their voice heard on "Heartbeat"!

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# Bob on MSNBC: Leaders should 'own' and confess wrongdoing

The FAMILY LEADER's Bob Vander Plaats faced questions from MSNBC's Katy Tur over recent allegations of Donald Trump's extramarital affairs.

Tur's questions focused on scandal and politics.

Bob's response, however, looked to a higher standard. Instead, Bob said, the mark of a leader is to "own" your wrongdoing, confess it, and apologize. If the allegations are true, Bob said, our president has humbling work to do ahead: