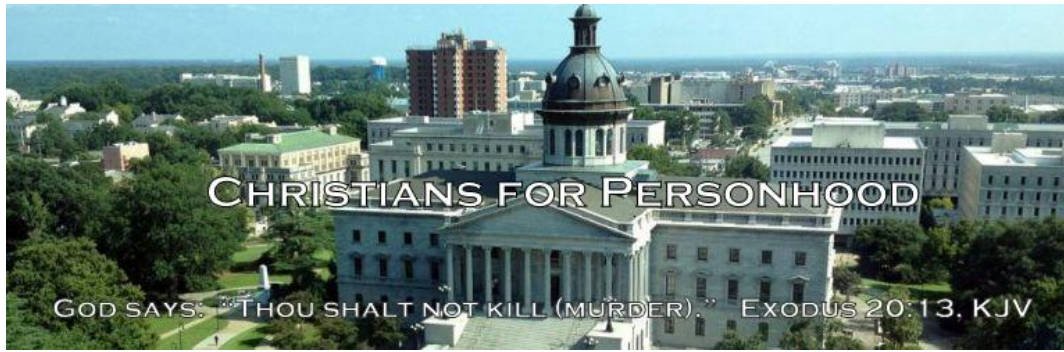


[Christians for Personhood \( CP \)](#)

Columbia, South Carolina

August 3, 2018 [ To be posted online at: [ChristiansforPersonhood.com](http://ChristiansforPersonhood.com) ]



## Two Republican Pro-Personhood Candidates for [SC Senate District #20](#)

- Primary August 14: [Benjamin Dunn](#), [Christian Stegmaier](#)

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There are [four Republican candidates](#) running in the August 14 Primary of the SC State Senate District 20 [Special Election](#). Two\* of these Republican candidates are confirmed supporters of [SC Personhood Legislation](#):

- [Benjamin Dunn](#)

- [Christian Stegmaier](#)

\* **Note:** Both of these men are professing Christians and attorneys.

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The purpose of Personhood legislation is to establish justice for all pre-birth human beings, recognizing the Creator God-given unalienable right to life of every human being as a “person”, in law, at fertilization, and that without exception, because God's Word says, "Thou shalt not kill (murder)." Exodus 20:13, [KJV](#)

[SC Senate District #20](#) includes parts of Richland and Lexington Counties; running from White Rock to Ballentine and Irmo, along I-26 and I-126, thru downtown Columbia, continuing southeast thru Shandon and other Columbia neighborhoods to I-77, and vicinity [ [Map](#) ].

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## Benjamin Dunn vying to represent Republicans for Senate Seat #20

by Michael Reed | THE STANDARD

<http://thestandardsc.org/>

August 1, 2018

[ Excerpts, emphasis added ]

Dunn says that “Roe v [W]ade may very well be overturned in the next few years. If so, it will be kicked back to the states to decide.”

Continued...

**He says, “... I support the personhood bill in S.C. S.217 [.]”**

Letter signed by Christian Stegmaier received and publicized by Personhood South Carolina ( Gaffney, SC ):

**Stegmaier, SC Senate District 20 Candidate, Pledges Support for Personhood...**



ADDRESS P.O. Box 1414 Gaffney, SC 29342  
EMAIL office@personhood.sc  
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July 18, 2018

**Request for Personhood Pledge**

Dear Candidate,

Personhood South Carolina is devoted to restoring the right to life for all preborn South Carolinians, beginning at conception, without exception. We believe this is the essence of the pro-life movement.

This past legislative cycle's personhood effort had companion bills (S217, H3530) making significant progress in both the House and Senate.

We are reaching out to candidates for senate seats and asking for their support. We would be very grateful if you would answer the following question as soon as possible:

*Will you pledge to defend all preborn lives, without exception, by granting your full support to personhood legislation if you are elected to the SC Senate?*

If so, please sign and date the statement below.

Full support includes co-sponsoring personhood legislation, voting in favor of personhood at every opportunity (including even procedural votes such as recall motions, special order motions, tabling motions, and cloture votes and also committee votes), and using all positional powers to move personhood forward without delay.

We thank you for your time considering personhood. We believe this work should be our state's highest legislative priority. We hope you will agree. We look forward to hearing from you.

**I pledge to defend all preborn lives, without exception, by granting my full support to personhood legislation if I am elected to the SC Senate.**

CHRISTIAN STEGMAIER

28 July 2018

(name, printed)

(signature)

(date)

Please return one copy of the pledge to the address above, or scan and email to office@personhood.sc.

Respectfully in Christ,

Dr. Matthew Clark  
Executive Director

Mr. Travis M. Childers  
Treasurer

Rev. Dr. Andrew Dionne  
Secretary

MATTHEW CLARK  
Executive Director

TRAVIS M. CHILDERS  
Treasurer

ANDREW DIONNE  
Secretary

\* I will support the passage of S. 217

**From Christians for Personhood:**

The above "Dear Candidate" letter (July 18, 2018) from Personhood South Carolina contains this sentence: "This past legislative cycle's personhood effort had companion bills (S217, H3530) making significant progress in both the House and Senate." This statement is only half true. It is true the [Senate Bill S217](#) did see significant progress in the SC Senate in 2017-2018 Session: S217 passed Subcommittee after two public hearings, S217 passed the full Senate Judiciary Committee, S217 was placed on the full SC Senate calendar, and the Judiciary Committee Amendment to S217 was actually approved on the Senate floor. However, the [House Bill H3530](#) on the other hand, never even had a public hearing in 2017, or in 2018. And the historical record shows public hearings in Subcommittee have been held in the past for the SC House personhood bill; in 2001, in 2004, in 2005, in 2008 (then-SC Attorney General Henry McMaster also testified at this hearing), and in 2010. The SC House personhood bill passed out of Subcommittee in both 2004 and 2005. In 2005, the personhood bill also passed the full House Judiciary Committee (still unamended), before being amended on the floor of the full SC House of Representatives with a fatal flaw so-called "morning-after-pill" (chemical abortifacient) rape "exception" [sic] amendment, then passed the full SC House of Representatives on Second and Third Readings, and was then sent to the SC Senate where two public hearings were held, no vote taken, and it died.

[History of Personhood Legislation in South Carolina \( 1998 - 2016 \)](#)