

# IF ACLU WINS

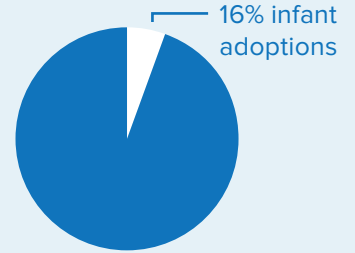
## Faith-based agencies will be forced to violate their conscience or shut down



There are **2 million** couples in the U.S. wanting to adopt



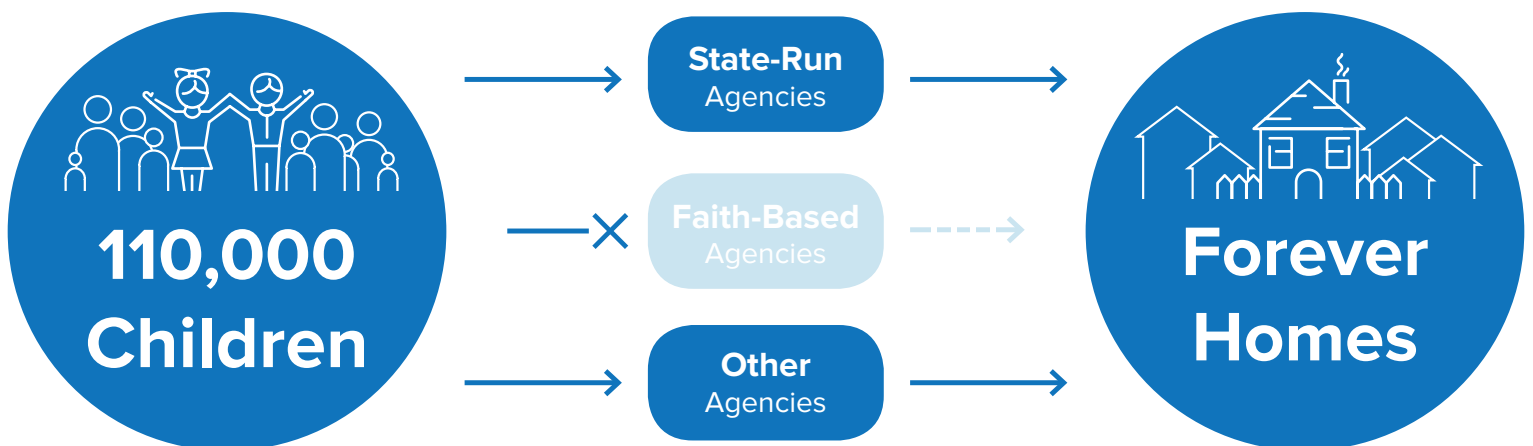
But only **110,000** adoptions happen each year



**84%** of kids seeking families are older or hard-to-place

SOURCE: National Council on Adoption: A Comprehensive Report of U.S. Adoption Statistics

**Eliminating Michigan's adoption law further limits placement opportunities** by effectively shutting down faith-based agencies. That means less children reach their forever homes, *especially special needs and hard-to-place children.*



“ *If faith-based adoption agencies disappeared overnight, the entire system would collapse on itself.*

— CHUCK JOHNSON

*President and CEO of THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION*

## TOP 3 REASONS

*Why We Need Faith-Based Adoption Agencies*

1

They excel in placing special needs and hard-to-place older children

2

They offer women who want to place their child for adoption the choice of a home with similar religious and moral beliefs

3

They help the child and parents throughout the process and beyond with a built-in network and community of support



**Bethany Christian Services** is the largest faith-based agency, with 120 offices in the U.S.



**Catholic Charities** helps over 30,000 individuals every year with foster care, adoption placement, and other services



≈45% of adoptions placed by Catholic Charities, and ≈32% placed by Bethany Christian Services are **special needs or hard-to-place older children**



**One Church, One Child** ensures African-American children are placed out of foster care and into loving homes

Shutting faith-based agencies down limits birth mother choices and does not increase access for anyone

**EVERYONE  
LOSES**