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New Life at Conception Act Introduced In House *NPLA Members Step Up Campaign to Reverse Roe v. Wade*

In the dark shadow of the most recent statistics that roughly one and a half million babies are slaughtered annually in our nation's abortion mills, Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) introduced an updated version of a Life at Conception Act on September 10.

His "Right to Life Act of 2003" (H.R. 3069) would end abortion-on-demand by legally defining that human life begins at the moment of conception.

Furthermore, in its updated version, his Life at Conception Act would also stop new attacks on the sanctity of life posed by cloning experiments.

NPLA Members Lead Fight to Repeal Roe v. Wade

National Pro-Life Alliance members have been in the forefront of the fight to

pass a Life at Conception Act for several years running and have generated nearly one million petitions in support of such a law.

A Life at Conception Act was introduced by Duncan Hunter in February, but in light of the recent rash of experiments carried out on human embryos, as well as the many more being proposed, the bill has been revised to explicitly protect human embryos from cloning experiments.

Not only would this new version of the Life at Conception Act overturn the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion-on-demand in America, but it would also bring to a halt these cruel experiments.

New Life at Conception Act Would End Harvesting of Human Embryos

The new version of the Life at Conception Act states:

"The terms 'human person' and 'human being' include each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including, but not limited to, the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being."

National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox praises the efforts of NPLA members for their work to pass a Life at Conception Act:

"National Pro-Life Alliance members' activism has played a critical role in building support for a Life at Conception Act up to this point. I know they will continue to lead the way in the fight to rid America of abortion-on-demand."

National Pro-Life Alliance members are concentrating their efforts on recruiting cosponsors and pushing for a vote on Duncan Hunter's Life at Conception Act.

"National Pro-Life Alliance members understand a Life at Conception Act to be our quickest and best hope of eliminating

abortion-on-demand," states Fox.

Life at Conception Act Offers Most Feasible Means of Defeating Roe v. Wade

A Life at Conception Act would require a majority vote in both houses of Congress in order to pass, whereas a constitutional amendment banning abortion would require a two-thirds majority vote in both houses and ratification by three-fourths of the states.

"Passing a constitutional amendment is clearly much more difficult, and pro-lifers know better than to count on the Supreme Court to reverse *Roe*. That leaves us with our one best option to end abortion-on-demand.

"I'm confident that with enough outpouring of public support, the Life at Conception Act option is very obtainable," adds Fox.

"In the infamous *Roe* decision, the Supreme Court left us a road map to follow in order to overturn their ruling. After thirty years of legalized murder, it's time for Congress to follow that map," declares Fox.

Congress Has the Power to Declare That Human Life Begins at Conception

At the heart of a Life at Conception Act, and the entire abortion debate, is the known fact that life begins at the moment of conception.

The Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* did not even address this issue, but instead wrote:

"We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins...the judiciary at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate

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Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) has introduced a new Life at Conception Act to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in Congress.

Issue of Personhood Never Even Addressed in Roe Decision

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With recent advances in medicine, surgery is even being performed on babies in-utero. Congress must now act to ensure that all unborn babies are protected from abortion.

as to the answer.”

The Court then candidly admitted:

“If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant’s case (i.e., “Roe” who sought the abortion), of course, collapses, for the fetus’ right to life is guaranteed by the (14th) Amendment.”

By passing a Life at Conception Act and simply declaring that human life begins at conception, Congress would be exercising the authority specifically granted to it by the 14th Amendment, which states quite clearly:

“Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.”

With the elections fast approaching, Martin Fox is putting candidates on notice: support for a Life at Conception Act is mandatory.

“A key question, in fact, *the* most important

question on the Alliance’s candidate survey, is whether or not politicians support a Life at Conception Act.

“No candidate should expect pro-lifers to support them without first pledging support for this legislation,” warns Fox.

“Moreover, support and leadership for a

Life at Conception Act will be a prime factor in distributing members’ campaign contributions through NPLA-PAC.”

No Pro-Life Support for Politicians Who Don’t Support Life at Conception Act

In just one full election cycle, National Pro-Life Alliance members’ activism has propelled their political action committee into one of the top two pro-life PACs in the nation.

Fox is also urging National Pro-Life Alliance members to “Make sure your Senators and Congressmen know where you stand on *Roe v. Wade* and abortion-on-demand, particularly now while they are gearing up their election campaigns.

“National Pro-Life Alliance members should call their elected officials at 1-800-839-5276 and let them know that in order to be truly pro-life, they must support and cosponsor the Life at Conception Act (H.R. 3069),” declares Fox.



Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Overcomes Latest Senate Obstruction Attempt

Bill Finally Sent to Committee After Being Stonewalled by Senate

Over six months ago on March 13 the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban passed overwhelmingly in the Senate. Now, as this issue of *LifeLine* goes to press, the bill is finally moving forward and ever closer to being signed into law.

On September 17, the Senate finally ended the stonewalling by pro-abortion Senators by voting to move forward with the Ban in a House/Senate conference committee.

Pro-Abortion Leaders in Senate Have Pulled Out All the Stops to Stall or Kill Ban

For months a handful of radical pro-abortion extremists had hijacked the legislative process by refusing to allow the bill to get to the President’s desk.

Thanks in large part to an avalanche of

petitions from National Pro-Life Alliance members, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban overcame an expected filibuster in the Senate and was quickly passed by the House.

President Bush has repeatedly promised to sign the bill into law when it reaches his desk.

When the Senate passed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban back in March, pro-abortion Senators were able to sneak in a non-binding pro-abortion amendment to the bill to give themselves another shot at delaying or killing the bill later.

The House of Representatives, however, passed a pure version of the bill in June without the pro-abortion Senate amendment, thus the Ban was passed in two slightly different forms.

According to the rules of Congress, the bill should have then been sent to a

House/Senate conference committee, where members of each party meet to resolve the differing language.

But the pro-abortion radicals within the Democratic leadership in the Senate had simply refused to talk, effectively filibustering a bill that has already passed overwhelmingly in both houses.

Thankfully, the conference committee removed the pro-abortion amendment and sent its report to the House of Representatives where it passed overwhelmingly. Now all that stands between President Bush’s signature binding the Ban as law is the Senate who must also approve the conference committee report.

The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban has

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Banned Abortion Procedure Kills Healthy Babies During Birth

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passed both houses of Congress in previous years, only to be vetoed by Bill Clinton.

Public opinion polls have demonstrated that roughly 70-80% of Americans believe the procedure should be banned.

The horrid details of this procedure are undoubtedly the reason for such widespread support for its ban.

The procedure is performed late in the pregnancy on viable unborn babies capable of surviving outside of the mother's womb.

Labor is induced and the baby is delivered feet first. When the child has been almost completely delivered, and only its head remains in the birth canal, the abortionist stabs the squirming baby at the base of its skull with a suction device and vacuums out its brain.

Then, with forceps, the abortionist crushes the infant's skull and delivers the dead baby.

"The pro-abortion lobby has desper-

ately fought the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban since day one," explains Michael Muench, Legislative Director for the National Pro-Life Alliance.

"It has spread categorical lies which have been eagerly propagated by the national media in an attempt to convince Americans that this is an extremely rare procedure that is performed only to save the life of the mother or in emergency situations," points out Muench.

Ban Is Key First Step to Ending Abortion, But Not Nearly Enough

Michael Muench calls the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban "an important political victory for pro-lifers.

"The success we've had is a great show of strength and demonstrates what can be accomplished when pro-lifers turn up the heat on their politicians," explains Muench.

"Pro-lifers must make sure that getting

the Ban to the President is a top priority so that we can begin to move on to even more lifesaving legislation.

"While passing the Ban will be a great victory that pro-lifers can be proud of, even once the Ban is signed into law abortionists will still have a variety of methods at their disposal with which to kill the unborn," warns Muench.

"Once the Ban has been signed into law by the President we can focus all of our attention on even bolder legislation to save countless more unborn babies," points out Muench.

"We must turn our focus to passing the Parental Notification and Intervention Act and ultimately, to ending all abortion by passing a Life at Conception Act."

National Pro-Life Alliance members are encouraged to call their Senators as well as Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist at 1-800-839-5276 and tell them that they must get the Ban through the Senate and to the President's desk for his signature. ♥

Sponsorship of Parental Intervention Act Surges to Seventy-Seven

NPLA Members Push For Vote on Parental Veto of Teen Abortions

National Pro-Life Alliance members are looking to build on momentum from the passage of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban in Congress by passing new parental intervention legislation that, if enacted, would save literally tens of thousands of additional unborn babies each year.

Thanks to the hard work of the bill's lead sponsor, Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO) and that of National Pro-Life Alliance members, the Parental Notification and Intervention Act now has 77 cosponsors, including Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox is urging Alliance members to continue the pressure on Congress to make the Parental Notification and Intervention Act a top priority in this session of Congress.

"With so much support for saving the lives of tens of thousands of babies whose

only mistake was being carelessly conceived by their teenage mothers, it is important that we keep our officials in Washington focused on moving this bill forward."

NPLA Members Urge Congress to Make Parental Intervention a Top Priority

Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO) introduced the National Pro-Life Alliance-drafted Parental Notification and Intervention Act. The principal aim of H.R. 1489 is to give parents the power to save the life of their teenage daughter's unborn baby.

If enacted, the bill would require that both parents be notified before any abortion is performed on their underage daughter, giving them 96 hours to act and pre-

vent the abortion.

Also, since it would be a national law, it would apply in all fifty states and could not be circumvented by taking the teenage girl from one state to another.

Under the Parental Notification and Intervention Act, no doctor is permitted to perform any abortion procedure on a minor without first notifying both parents, either of which could legally stop the abortion from taking place so long as the minor's life is not in immediate danger.

The rights of parents are recognized in virtually every instance throughout our society.

In most states a minor cannot get her ears pierced or obtain an aspirin from the

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school nurse without their parents knowing about it.

Yet, with the current lack of a federal law, abortionists operate with impunity and are free to kill the baby residing inside a teenage girl's womb without the parents even having a clue.

One former clinic administrator recently testified how many clinics actively encourage teenage abortions by distributing birth control pills to teenage girls, knowing full well that these girls were not likely to remember to take the pills every day at the same time.

NPLA Bill Would Guarantee That Parents Have the Right to Stop an Abortion

The result is more teenage sexual activity and more teenage pregnancies. This in turn translates into more teenage abortions, with parents powerless to stop it.

The National Pro-Life Alliance is seeking to end the glaring double standard enjoyed by the abortion industry and provide parents with the legal means to save the lives of their innocent unborn grand-

children.

Polling data has repeatedly demonstrated that the American people as a whole overwhelmingly support not only legislation to require that parents be notified of their teenage daughter's abortion, but legislation that would give parents the power to stop the abortion from taking place.

80% of Americans Say Parents Should Be Able to Stop Daughter's Abortion

According to a 1996 Gallup survey, 74% of Americans were in favor of requiring that parents be given the power to stop an abortion from being performed on a minor.

Since then, the level of support has risen even higher. In a 1998 CBS/New York Times poll, 78% favored parental intervention.

In a Los Angeles Times survey conducted in 2000, the figure grew still more to 82%.

With the huge public outcry over the issue, many state legislatures have responded to this glaring double standard

enjoyed exclusively by the abortion industry, and have enacted laws to curtail teenage abortion.

Some states have required that parents be notified of their minor daughter's abortion. Others have given parents the ability to act on that knowledge and stop the abortion from happening.

In the face of growing popular support for parental involvement, the abortion industry has resorted to other strategies to maintain their teenage clients.

According to National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox:

"It is all too often the case that in states where the legislatures enact these common sense safeguards, they are undermined by Attorneys General or judges who block the enforcement of the legislation," explains Fox.

NPLA-Drafted Bill Would End "Judge Shopping" by Abortionists

"Abortionists have been known to send their lawyers out to shop for pro-abortion judges who refuse to enforce the parental involvement laws, rubber stamping the vast majority of the requests they receive from minors to waive the requirements, in some cases having the same request heard before multiple judges until it is finally granted.

"They have been so effective in finding pro-abortion judges that in Michigan a partial state survey by the state's Supreme Court found that more than 90% of the judicial bypass requests were granted.

When you hear statistics like this, clearly it is time to act at the federal level to prevent such brazen disregard for the will of the people and the rule of law.

"These judges are in effect telling parents 'this is none of your business, I'll decide if your teenage daughter goes under the knife and terminates the life of your grandchild.'"

Equally infuriating, even in states that have enacted parental safeguards that are actively enforced, parents are left com-

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National Pro-Life Alliance staff meets with Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave to discuss progress on the Parental Notification and Intervention Act. The NPLA-drafted bill now has 77 cosponsors in the House of Representatives.

NPLA Bill Would Prevent Judges From Arbitrarily Stripping Away Parents' Right to Stop Teen Abortions

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pletely in the dark when a nervous boyfriend or even a sex offender drives an underage girl across state lines to a state that has no such safeguards.

If passed, the Parental Notification and Intervention Act would close these gaping loopholes that exist in state laws and prevent countless abortions from being carried out.

Bill Meets Supreme Court Requirement, Yet Still Closes Current Loopholes

H.R. 1489 would make it a felony for an abortionist to perform an abortion on a minor without first notifying the girl's parents four days in advance.

Either parent could then step in and prevent the abortion from occurring.

Since the Parental Notification and

Intervention Act would be a federal law, it would eliminate the de-facto amnesty enjoyed by those who transport minors to a neighboring state to skirt the law.

The bill addresses the Supreme Court's requirement of "judicial bypass" but does so in a way that would not render the law ineffective. Unlike many existing bills, H.R. 1489 provides a clear-cut standard to be met before a judge may grant a judicial bypass.

H.R. 1489 Would End Pro-Abortion Judicial Activism

A judge would be permitted to allow an abortion without notification of the parents only if he or she receives clear and convincing evidence of danger of physical abuse from a minor's parents if they are notified.

Martin Fox is calling on the House leadership to schedule hearings on H.R. 1489 and bring it to a floor vote.

"All National Pro-Life Alliance members should call their Congressmen and insist that they cosponsor and fight for the Parental Notification and Intervention Act. Call your Senators and urge them to sponsor the bill in the Senate.

"Most importantly, all National Pro-Life Alliance members should call House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Majority Leader Tom DeLay and tell them that getting H.R. 1489 to the House floor for a vote should be a top priority in this session of Congress," concludes Fox.

Members of Congress can be reached by dialing the Capitol switchboard at 1-800-839-5276.



NPLA-PAC Gears Up For '04 Elections

Pro-Life Gains in Senate Could Decide Makeup of Supreme Court

Pro-life voters played a major role in the '02 mid-term elections, throwing out the radical pro-abortion leadership in the United States Senate and frustrating a pro-abortion power grab in the House of Rep-

resentatives.

Now, with radical pro-abortion Senators refusing to vote on the President's federal court nominees that don't espouse their extremist pro-abortion agenda, pro-lifers are eyeing key Senate seats to make appointment of pro-life judges possible.

There is a strong possibility that as many as two seats on the Supreme Court are likely to be vacated in the near future.

If pro-life forces are able to claim those two seats, the despicable and erroneous *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court ruling legalizing abortion-on-demand -- coupled with passage of a Life at

Conception Act -- would finally be overturned.

National Pro-Life Alliance members did their part in the '02 mid-term elections with their generous contributions to the Alliance's political action committee (NPLA-PAC), which helped elect more than a score of pro-life candidates to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

NPLA-PAC supported 39 candidates in the primary and general elections, 31 of whom defeated their pro-abortion opponents.

The National Pro-Life Alliance Political Action Committee works in conjunction with the National Pro-Life Alliance's candidate survey program, supporting only candidates who have taken a solid public stand on ending abortion-on-demand, and incumbents who have backed up that stand with their votes and leadership in Congress.

Because of the pro-life gains made in

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Pro-life Senate gains in the upcoming elections could clear the way for the confirmation of pro-life Supreme Court and federal court justices.

Ouster of Pro-Abortion Radicals Key to Supreme Court Gains

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the '02 elections, pro-lifers were able to end former Majority Leader Tom Daschle's (D-SD) long-running obstruction of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban in the Senate.

"In campaign after campaign, the fact that Senator Daschle and his radical pro-abortion colleagues refused to even allow a vote on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban in the Senate hurt pro-abortion candidates," stated National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox.

"As a result, voters elected pro-life candidates to key seats in the Senate. With the Senate's disgraceful treatment of President Bush's pro-life judicial nominees, the next election will provide ripe targets again for pro-lifers in the Senate," adds Fox.

Vulnerable Pro-Abortion Senate Seats Could Translate Into Pro-Life Supreme Court

Fox is optimistic that pro-lifers can pick up more key seats in the pro-abortion leaning Senate in a repeat of the '02 mid-term gains made by pro-life candidates against their pro-abortion opponents.

Although the situation remains fluid with many races as they continue to develop, pro-lifers are eyeing several seats in the Senate where they feel the seats are within reach:

•**California:** Pro-abortion extremist Senator Barbara Boxer is up for re-election and could face a pro-life opponent. Republican challengers won't be clear until after the California gubernatorial recall election but pro-lifers are hopeful



Barbara Boxer

that a pro-life candidate will step up to challenge Boxer.

Darrell Issa, George Radanovich and Tom McClintock are considered to be the most likely pro-life challengers from the Republican side, while the rest of the field is pro-abortion.

Barbara Boxer voted for the pro-abortion amendment designed to kill the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban and also introduced an amendment to overturn President Bush's Mexico City Policy which bans fed-

eral funding of abortions.

•**Florida:** Pro-abortion Senator Bob



Bob Graham

Graham has not yet announced whether or not he will seek re-election in the Senate. Graham recently withdrew his nomination from the Presidential race and his delay in announcing his candidacy could hurt his Senate campaign badly should he decide to run. Four pro-life candidates have already entered the race on the Republican side. One of them will face a pro-abortion Democrat in the General election, as all of the Democrat contenders support abortion.

•**Georgia:** In '02, pro-life forces were



Zell Miller

able to gain a Senate seat when NPLA-PAC-backed Saxby Chambliss (R) defeated pro-abortion Max Cleland (D). Pro-lifers will once again have a golden opportunity to pick up an additional Senate seat in the next election as pro-abortion incumbent Senator Zell Miller (D) will not seek re-election.

To date there are three serious candidates vying for the Republican nomination, two of which are pro-life. Rep. Mac Collins and Herman Cain both oppose abortion-on-demand.

They will face pro-abortion Johnny Isakson in the Republican primary.

Democrat candidates are not yet known, but pro-lifers stand a good chance of gaining a seat in Georgia.

•**North Carolina:** Staunch pro-abor-



John Edwards

tion Presidential candidate John Edwards has announced that he will not seek re-election which makes North Carolina another state where pro-lifers stand a good chance of picking up a Senate seat.

U.S. Rep. Richard Burr, who is pro-life, is the leading Republican candidate for the Senate seat. Burr has had a 100% pro-life

voting record as a member of the House of Representatives.

Erskine Bowles, who served as Chief of Staff in the Clinton Administration, is considering a run. He is pro-abortion.

•**Pennsylvania:** Liberal pro-abortion



Arlen Specter

Senator Arlen Specter will face a pro-life challenger in the Republican primary against Rep. Pat Toomey.

Toomey answered affirmatively all questions on his '02 NPLA candidate survey, including support for a Life at Conception Act to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Pat Toomey is a cosponsor of the NPLA-drafted Parental Notification and Intervention Act.

•**South Dakota:** Senator Tom Daschle



Thomas Daschle

has been a thorn in the side of pro-lifers for years. Daschle used his position as Majority Leader to deny a Senate vote on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban and to prevent any pro-life nominee from being appointed to the federal courts.

Pro-Life Republican John Thune is considered a likely challenger, but has not yet declared his candidacy.

Martin Fox is stressing the urgency of the upcoming elections, pointing to the possibility of openings on the Supreme Court in the near future.

"The extremist pro-abortion lobby realizes that it needs a stacked Supreme Court to maintain its radical agenda and will stop at nothing to maintain its hold on the Court.

"Pro-Lifers must ensure that the President has the support he needs in the Senate to appoint pro-life judges to the Supreme Court," declares Fox.

"The pro-abortion lobby will throw tens of millions of dollars into these races and will viciously attack pro-life candidates.

"With the generous help of our members, the NPLA-PAC will provide these candidates with the support they need to win in '04," concludes Fox.



RU-486 “Abortion Pill” Proves Doubly Deadly

National Pro-Life Alliance Calls On Leaders to Recall Abortion Drug

National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox is again calling on the President and Congress to ban the RU-486 “abortion pill” in the wake of a young California woman’s death shortly after taking the drug.

Holly Patterson, an 18 year old San Francisco girl died in September just days after taking the first of the two drug RU-486 abortion pill regimen at a local Planned Parenthood abortion facility.

Patterson complained of very severe bleeding and cramping and was taken to the emergency room after her condition continued to worsen.

Doctors were unable to save the girl, who they say suffered from septic shock and a severe bacterial infection.

Adding to the tragedy of her story, Holly Patterson had hidden her pregnancy from her parents, who learned about it just hours before her death.

Drug Rushed to Market Against FDA Protocol by Clinton Administration

The deaths of at least two women last year prompted the National Pro-Life Alliance to urge President Bush to recall the deadly abortion pill, which was rushed through the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to market against protocol.

The drug was approved in 2000 despite inadequate testing and reports of side effects reported by women in other countries.

The two deaths last year prompted both the FDA and Danco Laboratories, the company that distributes the drug, to issue warnings to physicians about severe side effects resulting from the drug’s use.

The maker of the second drug in the RU-486 abortion pill regimen has publicly disavowed its use to induce abortions.

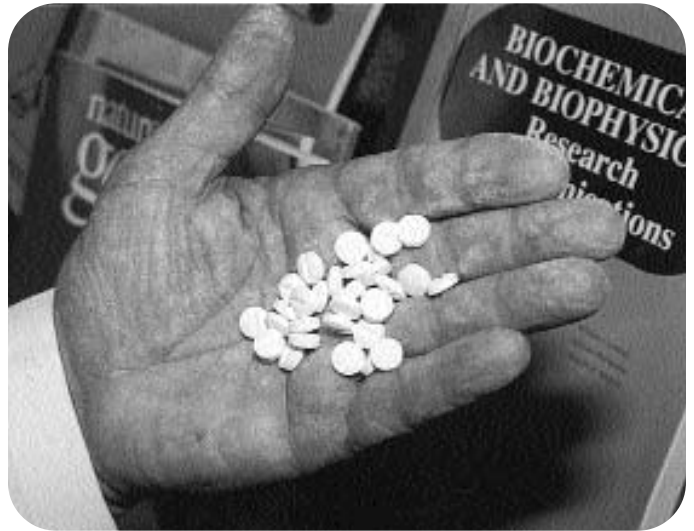
“The President has expressed opposition to RU-486. Now there is more evidence than ever to act,” states National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox.

“Holly Patterson’s death makes the case to overturn the drug’s approval that much stronger.”

RU-486 Is a Deadly Human Poison by Its Very Design

“The purpose of this drug is to poison and kill unborn babies. Is it any surprise that a human poison is being linked to these women’s deaths?” asks Fox.

“Even when this pill works as intended without ‘complications’, its result is a dead human being. This drug is nothing more than an attempt by the



RU-486 was rushed to market by the Clinton Administration. It was never given the scrutiny normally applied by the FDA before approving a new drug.

abortion industry to make the murder of the unborn more expedient. RU-486 should be banned for that reason alone,” declares Fox.

“That’s why I’m urging National Pro-Life Alliance members to call the White House and their leaders in Congress to act immediately to get this human poison off the streets.

The White House can be reached at (202) 456-1111 and members of Congress by dialing 1-800-839-5276. ❤️

Bush Administration Cuts Abortion Funding

Taxpayer-Funded Group Participates in Forced Abortions In China

Following the revelation that a group receiving U.S. tax dollars violated its grant by participating in forced abortions, the Bush Administration announced that it is discontinuing funding for a \$15 billion initiative that was intended to fight the outbreak of AIDS in Africa.

One of the seven organizations involved in the project, a British group

called Marie Stopes International that promotes and provides abortions, has raised red flags in the Bush Administration over its partnership with the United Nations Population Fund’s (UNPF) forced abortion program in Communist China’s forced abortion policy.

The UNPF was de-funded by the Bush Administration in 2001 for its participa-

tion in forced abortions in China.

The U.S. policy forbidding public funding of abortion is known as the “Mexico City Policy.” It was originally enacted by President Reagan, reinstated by George W. Bush, and forbids public fund-

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ing of groups which are involved with coercive birth control and forced abortion.

When the other six organizations involved in the project refused to sever ties with Marie Stopes and its support for forced abortion, the Bush Administration discontinued all funding for the program.

National Pro-Life Alliance Executive Director Mary King hopes this will establish a precedent to eradicate all abortion funding at the expense of taxpayers.

"I am very encouraged that the President is standing firm on his Mexico City Policy.

President Strengthens Mexico City Policy

"The government has no business sending the hard-earned tax dollars of American citizens -- many of which are profoundly opposed to abortion -- to groups that actively promote and even impose abortion on women overseas."

The President's Mexico City policy has come under attack recently in the Senate, where two amendments have been passed that would overturn the law, thereby permitting taxpayer funding of groups that perform or promote abortions abroad.

In July, pro-abortion Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) introduced an amendment to the State Department authorization bill that would overturn the pro-life policy.

Fifty-three Senators voted to permit

tax funds to be spent on international abortions.

Senate Seeks to Overturn Administration's Ban on Public Abortion Funding

Fortunately, the House voted to strip out the taxpayer funding of abortions. The abortion funding is expected to be kept out when the bill goes to a House-Senate conference committee where the differences between the House and Senate versions are ironed out.

President Bush has vowed to veto the bill if it includes taxpayer funding for abortions.

As his first act of business after being elected President, George W. Bush announced the restoration of the Mexico City Policy, originally announced by President Ronald Reagan in 1984.

This policy prohibits organizations receiving U.S. funding from using any part of its budget to provide or promote abortions -- no matter where the money came from.

NPLA Calls for Pressure On Senate to Stop All Taxpayer Funding of Abortions

On September 1, the President moved to strengthen the ban on tax-funded abortions.



The President's Mexico City Policy has come under attack in the Senate.

Pro-abortion Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) reacted by sponsoring an amendment to strike down the President's Mexico City Policy altogether.


The amendment was passed in committee and pro-lifers in Congress will now have to remove the amendment when the bill comes to the floor for another a vote.

"National Pro-Life Alliance members and other pro-life activists have helped beat back numerous attempts to overturn the administration's policy denying federal tax dollars to groups that perform abortions and export the culture of death overseas," explains Mary King.

"Pro-lifers must encourage their Senators in Washington to completely cut out all federal funding for the murder of the unborn.

"NPLA members should call their Congressman and Senators at 1-800-839-5276 and let them know that you will not accept any vote in favor of tax dollars for murderers," declares King.





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Abortion Stops a Beating Heart

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