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## NPLA Members Kick Off Campaign to Hold Candidates' Feet to the Fire

***Pro-Life Presidential Candidate Survey to Put Politicians on Record***

With the 2012 presidential races heating up, the National Pro-Life Alliance (NPLA) is seeking to put candidates from both parties on record by grilling them on ten specific questions critical to pro-lifers on the 2012 Pro-Life Presidential Survey.

Among the questions the Pro-Life Survey asks the candidates is if they would push for and sign the Life at Conception Act, legislatively ending abortion-on-demand.

The survey also asks if the presidential candidates will commit to nominating only federal judges who will uphold the Constitutional protection of life.

Although President Barack Obama's support for abortion-on-demand is well known, the NPLA Survey will help

members sort out the crowded field of Republican candidates trying to convince voters that they are pro-life.

NPLA's President, Martin Fox, points out that support for the Life at Conception Act is the gold standard for pro-life credentials.

### **NPLA to Again Survey All Candidates for U.S. House and Senate**

Just as importantly, over the next twelve months NPLA will again survey every candidate for U.S. House and Senate prior to each state's congressional primary and then again prior to the general elections.

Of particular note, NPLA staff is putting special emphasis on Senate races in presidential battleground states like Ohio, Indiana, Florida, Maine, Virginia, Michigan and Nebraska in addition to 18 other states where pro-abortion Senators are up for re-election.

Fox notes that in those states, member pressure will positively affect both the Senate and the Presidential races.

NPLA President Martin Fox is especially pleased to see strong pro-life candidates are already emerging in Florida, Michigan and Missouri.

Of course, in the 2010 midterm

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## NPLA Leads Charge to End Roe v. Wade

***Member Pressure for Life at Conception Act Garners All-Time Record Cosponsors***

With this issue of *LifeLine*, National Pro-Life Alliance members and staff are redoubling their efforts to recruit cosponsors and demand action on a Life at Conception Act in the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

When passed, the Life at Conception Act (H.R. 374 in the House of Representatives and S. 91 in the U.S. Senate) would end abortion-on-demand by legally defining that human life begins at the moment of conception.

At the heart of a Life at Conception Act – and the entire abortion debate – is the fact that science has long held that life begins at the moment of conception.

Even in the Pelosi-controlled 111th Congress, Pro-Life Alliance members recruited an all-time record number of cosponsors for the Life at Conception Act, which would legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade* and end abortion-on-demand.

Now, in this 112th Congress, the National Pro-Life Alliance has been building on that momentum by generating support for H.R. 374 and S. 91.

Members have flooded the new Congress with more than one million citizen petitions that NPLA staff

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**National Pro-Life Alliance is leading the fight to pass the Life at Conception Act to save millions of innocent unborn babies from the horrors of abortion.**

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elections, NPLA's Pro-Life Candidate Survey program played a key role in putting pro-lifers on alert about their candidates' positions in scores of key races.

### NPLA Survey Program Played Key Role in 2010 Elections

In the months leading up to the November elections, NPLA members demanded that their candidates fill out NPLA's questionnaire and pledge to support a Life at Conception Act if elected to Congress.

Thanks to the relentless efforts of NPLA members, more than three score, first time candidates who answered NPLA's Pro-Life Candidate Survey pledging to go all out to support life got elected.

### NPLA Members Elected Pro-Life Candidates Despite Great Odds

Raúl Labrador's election in Idaho's 1st Congressional District was a particularly good example of the power that organized and mobilized pro-lifers can wield.

In this Idaho seat, incumbent Walt Minnick worked hard to distance himself from Obama's economic policies.

Although he won Tea Party and business endorsements, he repeatedly voted for taxpayer funding of abortion.

NPLA cranked up its phone banks to identify and mobilize thousands of new pro-life households in the district and followed up with a series of five hard hitting mailings in the days just before the elections.

The result was that pro-lifers in the district turned out massively and Labrador beat Minnick by over 5,000 votes.

### Members Hold Politicians Accountable For Their Pro-Life Pledges

In addition to giving pro-life activists ammunition to hold politicians accountable for their pro-abortion votes, the NPLA Pro-Life Candidate Survey will compel



**Although Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA) claimed to be pro-life when he last ran for election, this past year alone he voted not once nor twice, but three times for taxpayer funding of abortion. In 2012, Pennsylvania pro-lifers can make Casey face the music and pay the political price for his pro-abortion votes.**

politicians to take a position on the Life at Conception Act right at the moment when they are looking for votes.

### Polls Show Radical Pro-Abortion Agenda Politically Toxic

Of course, recent polls by CNN/Gallup continue to reinforce the fact that the majority of Americans find abortion morally objectionable.

Gallup polling shows that, since 1994, a majority of Americans want abortions made illegal, except to save the life of the mother -- and that the pro-life view has grown an average of 60% over the years.

When presented with specific questions, 71% of Americans support parental notification and intervention laws and 69% support a waiting period to "cool off" before an abortion.

Thanks to the hard work of NPLA members and other pro-lifers in the last election pinning politicians down on the Pro-Life Candidate Survey, scores of pro-abortion politicians were exposed as "wolves in sheep's clothing" and were defeated.

In practical terms, politicians realize

that voicing public support for abortion-on-demand could doom their election efforts.

### Pro-Abortion Candidate Giuliani Admits Pro-Lifers Sunk His Presidential Ambitions

"I would have a hard time getting nominated," former Mayor Rudy Giuliani said recently, pointing to his pro-abortion stance as the reason he did not enter the Republican Presidential nominating process.

Commenting on the survey program NPLA President Fox said, "With the 2012 elections, NPLA members and other pro-lifers must redouble their efforts to turn over the White House and the Senate to pro-life champions, and stop the deadly assault on the unborn."

To make sure election challengers to President Obama and pro-abortion Senators are 100% pro-life and committed to stopping Obama's pro-abortion bureaucratic machine, Fox will again be appealing to NPLA members to expand the successful candidate survey program and demand politicians answer the National Pro-Life Alliance Candidate Survey. ♥

personally delivered to the offices of every Congressman to make sure that every elected official who pledged to support the Life at Conception Act in last year's elections keeps his word.

### **Members' Push for the Life at Conception Act Secures Record Support**

As a result, NPLA members are already far ahead of last year's pace in recruiting cosponsors.

Pro-lifers began this Congress with 52 cosponsors in the House and Senate.

In September, NPLA celebrated a new milestone when Congressmen Joe Walsh (R-IL), Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN), Austin Scott (R-GA), Raúl Labrador (R-ID) and Bill Johnson (R-OH) became the 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th and 129th Members of Congress to cosponsor the Life at Conception Act.

This is an all-time record level of total support in both chambers of Congress.

The National Pro-Life Alliance's President, Martin Fox, pointed out that "the number of cosponsors to a bill are a critical demonstration of the bill's support when Congressional leadership is deciding which of the thousands of bills introduced merit floor action."

With this growing activism, Fox believes that NPLA members will secure more supporters for the Life at Conception Act and ultimately force the House and Senate to vote on the issue.

"Then the politicians will have a clear choice," says Fox.

"Either they will pass the Life at Conception Act and save millions of innocent unborn lives, or they will pay the political price when they face angry pro-life voters in the next election. Either way the unborn win."

### **Life at Conception Act Would End Abortion-on-Demand**

NPLA members have long led in the fight to legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade* and end abortion-on-demand by passing a

Life at Conception Act and support for the legislation has steadily grown in each of the last four Congresses.

In the 1973 Supreme Court case of *Roe v. Wade*, the Court attempted to avoid the central issue of the abortion debate without ever addressing the personhood of the unborn by stating:

"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 as to the answer."

Thus the Supreme Court left the door open for Congress to answer the question of when protected life begins by using the 14th Amendment which states "nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law..."

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."

So even by the Supreme Court's own admission — Congress can exercise its constitutional authority to enforce the 14th Amendment right to life and completely nullify the *Roe v. Wade* decision by passing a Life at Conception Act.

### **Life at Conception Act Is the Quickest Way to Overturn Roe, Using Supreme Court's Own Roadmap**

A Life at Conception Act also avoids the nearly impossible process of passing an Amendment to the Constitution.

Because a Life at Conception Act simply enforces the existing 14th Amendment's right to life rather than adding a new amendment to the Constitution, it would only require a simple majority vote in both Houses.

Of course, the abortion lobby is well aware that their court-invented "right" could be overturned by legislative action.

The radical, pro-abortion National Organization for Women (NOW) warned its members that if the establishment of the personhood of the unborn were achieved through the passage of legislation, it would bring about the end of legal abortion in America.

The pro-abortion lobby group warned:

"Indeed, declaring fetuses to be equally protected 'persons' (a legal term of art) under the law continues to be a holy mission for anti-abortion activists in the House.

"So why is establishing 'fetal personhood' important to our opponents?," asked the pro-abortion lobby group.

"Take a look at this language from *Roe v. Wade*: 'If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant's [*Roe*'s] case, of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the

See **Pro-Abortion Group Fears the Life at Conception Act . . . page 4**



**By passing a Life at Conception Act, Congress would eliminate abortion-on-demand by legislatively defining when life begins.**

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[Fourteenth] Amendment.”

### National Pro-Life Alliance Vows Increased Heat to Overturn Roe

Said Fox, “As Pro-Life Alliance members and staff step up pressure on Congress to build additional support for

the Life at Conception Act, it’s critical that the politicians, including the leadership in both Houses, continue to hear from their constituents.

“That’s why I am so grateful that members continue to sign petitions and insist that their elected representatives act on legislation to eliminate – not just regulate – abortion-on-demand.”

To make sure politicians feel the

heat, NPLA staff is making regular visits to Capitol Hill to deliver the thousands of petitions that arrive daily at NPLA headquarters.

And Fox vowed that “the National Pro-Life Alliance’s absolute top priority will be to fight on every front, legislative and judicial, to see to it that this tragic Supreme Court decision ends up on the ash heap of this country’s history.” ♥

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# NPLA Members Fight to Strip All Tax Dollars for Abortion from Budget

## Abortion Lobby Losing Momentum Pushing Their Radical Abortion Agenda

Much to the dismay of the abortion lobby, the National Pro-Life Alliance together with other pro-life forces have so far fought to a standstill the Obama Administration’s plans to divert billions in federal funding to Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers in both the domestic and foreign aid budget.

Yet, as this issue of *LifeLine* goes to press, a major battle on federal funding for abortion lies ahead.

The prospects for continued assaults by the pro-abortion forces in the 112th Congress are certain when the continuing

resolution recently passed by Congress expires on November 18.

### Taxpayers and Pro-Lifers Join NPLA’s Campaign to End Obama’s “Abortion Provider Stimulus Plan”

To keep up the pressure against tax dollars for abortion, the National Pro-Life Alliance has been conducting a series of nationwide petition drives among its members and supporters to put the heat

on Congress to strip all taxpayer funds to abortion providers.

By informing and mobilizing the massive numbers of pro-lifers and taxpayers upset with billions of tax dollars the Obama Administration plans to channel to abortion providers, NPLA is employing the same successful strategy used last year to make passage of the “ObamaCare” program a politically toxic vote.

As the debate over ObamaCare raged, NPLA mailed literally hundreds of thousands of letters into swing target states exposing the details of the plan:

- more than \$7 billion to abortion providers like Planned Parenthood under the guise of funding “community health centers”
- billions more in tax subsidies for people forced to buy government mandated insurance plans that must pay for abortive drugs and procedures
- taxpayer funding for abortion pills mandated through a redefinition of “health care.”

Although Obama ultimately passed his proposal, the victory came at an enormous political price.

### Pro-Lifers Made Sure Obama and Pelosi Paid a High Political Price for Betraying the Unborn

Furious pro-lifers swept a wave of at least 81 new pro-life Congressmen into office.



After multiple complaints about Planned Parenthood overbilling the government for supposed “services,” Congressman Cliff Stearns (R-FL) announced he will begin investigations on the abortion provider’s practices.



**With members' generous support, NPLA mailed pro-life candidate survey responses and voting records to over a million pro-life households in key congressional races, holding the politicians' feet to the fire about their pro-abortion votes. As a result, 81 new pro-life Congressmen — including many of those pictured above — were swept into office.**

And Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) -- an unabashed defender of abortion-on-demand -- lost her majority and position as House Speaker to John Boehner (R-OH), a cosponsor of the Life at Conception Act.

Following this political sea change in the United States House of Representatives, this year the new House passed bills such as the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3), as well as the so-called "Pence Amendment" (H.R. 217), prohibiting any federal funds from any program from going to Planned Parenthood or any of its affiliates.

### **NPLA Targets Senate to Finally End Tax Funding of Abortion**

However, both bills have been bottled up in the United States Senate which remains under the control of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) -- a staunch supporter of Planned Parenthood's tax funding.

While NPLA members had, in 2010, targeted 8 new Senate seats, only one-third of the Senate comes up for re-election every

two years and, as a result, it takes longer to reverse direction in the Senate.

But that's exactly what the National Pro-Life Alliance is hoping to do after next year's elections where NPLA Executive Director Mary King has already identified eleven states where a pro-abortion Senator could lose his seat.

By intensifying grass-roots lobbying in those states, King points out that NPLA members will put their Senator in a position where he must "either pay now by supporting pro-lifers with his vote, or pay later by suffering the political consequences."

And King believes that NPLA member efforts are already paying off with record Senate support for both the Life at Conception Act and the Parental Notification and Intervention Act.

### **House Victories Lead to Initial Pro-Life Victories Cutting Tax Funding of Abortion**

Although it is a fact that abortion providers still receive major funding every

year from the federal treasury, pro-life pressure has already resulted in some cuts.

The national office of the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, recently reported an 11 percent cutback in their budget from Title X, their largest direct source of federal funds.

Combined with cuts or delays in funds that abortionists receive from other federal programs, many state affiliates are either closing or reducing their staffing.

In fact, Planned Parenthood affiliates are closing at least 49 so-called "centers" in 20 states as a result of the cutbacks.

### **Federal Cuts to Abortion Funding Force States to Follow Suit**

Abortion providers also rely on a web of state funding.

Yet since many state programs like medicaid and community health programs are subsidized with federal dollars, the

See **Abortion Lobby Dead Set on Preserving Their Taxpayer Gravy Train...page 6**

federal cuts have increased the economic pressure on state legislatures to end taxpayer funding of abortionists.

In total, Planned Parenthood is facing a loss of \$60 million in just eight states that have eliminated or cut abortion funding: Wisconsin, Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Kansas and Indiana.

Nevertheless, NPLA Executive Director Mary King cautions against any celebration.

### **Radical Pro-Abortion Politicians Remain Committed to Soaking Taxpayers**

Despite these pro-life victories, there still remains a group of rabidly pro-abortion politicians in Congress and the Obama Administration who have supported and continue to support federal funding of abortion.

Of course, National Pro-Life Alliance members have long fought against and helped defeat scores of attempts to slip tax funding of abortion into budget bills, appropriations legislation, so-called “economic stimulus” proposals, and even the defense authorization bill.

Yet, by slipping abortion funding into “must pass” bills like the budget, the abortion lobby has made NPLA’s work very difficult.

“Earlier this year, President Obama and Senator Harry Reid were willing to shut down the entire federal government rather than allow a debt limit bill to pass that would have ended tax dollars for abortion,” said King.

### **Abortion Lobby Uses Tax Funds to Lobby for More Tax Dollars**

Incredibly, abortion lobby lawyers are suing many states, asking unelected judges to force taxpayers to maintain Planned Parenthood’s place at the public trough.

In fact, as the budget battles in Congress continued, Planned Parenthood, whose overhead is highly subsidized by taxpayer funds, launched a massive lobbying campaign using taxpayer funds to lobby for more taxpayer dollars.

Their so-called “Truth Tour” was their way of avoiding the actual truth.

In addition to a two hundred thousand dollar media buy, the nation’s largest abortion provider chartered a pink bus to travel the country organizing rallies to draw attention away from their business as an abortion provider and falsely tout mammograms as a potential service for women, despite not actually offering mammograms at any of its centers.

In addition to direct government grants, Planned Parenthood also receives a major portion of their budget by billing government for supposed health “services.”

### **Legal Questions Raised Over Planned Parenthood’s Billing Practices**

Yet the mammoth abortion provider is frequently embroiled in controversy over questionable billing practices.

Washington state officials have again and again been charging Planned Parenthood with wrongly overbilling the state \$629,143 over a three-year period, while a California audit of Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties alone found that one affiliate overbilled the government in excess of \$5 million in the fiscal year.

Similarly, in 2007, New Jersey Planned Parenthood was found to have improperly coded certain prescription drugs as “family planning” services and, as a result, improperly billed the federal government for \$2,219,746.

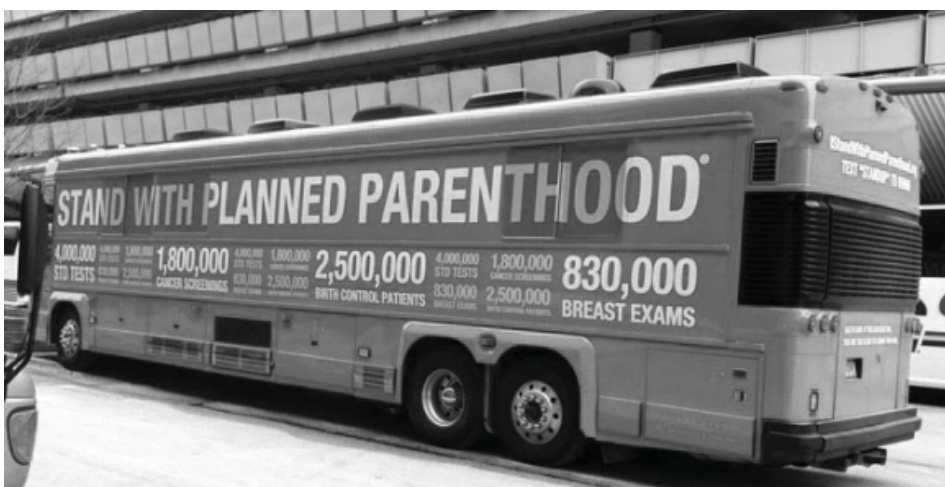
### **NPLA Members Fight Back to Repeal Pro-Abortion Tax Funding**

With the budget deficit soaring and the huge pressures to reduce federal spending, Executive Director Mary King is calling on members to double down the pressure “while the iron is hot.”

“Pro-lifers cannot grow complacent after our victories in the last midterm elections.

“Until pro-lifers capture the Senate and White House, this administration will continue to search for ways to fund the abortion lobby, and we must do everything to ensure our elected officials keep their campaign promises to defend the defenseless.”

That’s why, in the midst of these budget debates, King is urging NPLA members to keep up the pressure on their elected officials to end every cent of taxpayer money being used to directly or indirectly fund abortion. ♥



**When NPLA and pro-lifers fought to shut off the flow of tax dollars to the nation’s largest abortion mill, Planned Parenthood launched a nationwide ad campaign, including the “pink bus tour.” The tour attempted to draw attention away from their role in exterminating more than 332,278 unborn babies per year.**

# New ObamaCare Regulations Would Force Insurers and Taxpayers to Pay for Chemical Abortions

**NPLA Fighting to Repeal Obama's Abortion Pill Mandate**

President Obama's pro-abortion Health and Human Services Secretary has ordered private consumers to pay for abortion pills, including the new pill from Europe known as ellaOne as part of the cost of their insurance premiums.

The action uses provisions which President Obama and the abortion lobby slipped into the "ObamaCare" legislation, passed last year. The new rules give Obama's Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) the power to dictate what is healthcare, and what healthcare providers and insurers must provide.

During the hotly contested debates over ObamaCare last year, National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox warned that this power would surely be used later to force citizens to pay for abortion as part of their taxes and their insurance premiums.

## **NPLA Warned of Danger in Letting Administration Decide What Mandatory "Healthcare" Must Include**

Warned Fox, "it is ridiculous and dangerous to classify the slaughter of innocent unborn babies as 'healthcare,' but that is what will happen should the abortion lobby be allowed to define the term."

HHS made this compulsory insurance coverage for chemical abortions possible by twisting definitions to classify abortion pills as a so-called "emergency contraceptive."

This was the same deception employed last year by the Obama Administration's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ram through approval of the new abortion pill ellaOne, which effectively kills the unborn up to five days after conception.

If not stopped by Congress, all Americans will be forced by the Obama regulatory machine to subsidize abortion drugs as part of their health insurance premiums.

On top of that, all American taxpayers will also be forced to pay for abortion drugs



**Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius (pictured right) was all smiles with pro-abortion Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) (center) and the nation's largest abortion chain President Cecile Richards (left) when ObamaCare was signed, giving Sebelius the power to order every American to pay for abortion pills as part of their health insurance premiums.**

in cases where the Federal government subsidizes healthcare for low income women with taxpayer dollars.

"In the last Congress the Obama Administration put the pedal to the metal to coerce taxpayers to fund the abortion lobby," said NPLA President Martin Fox, "and gave the abortion lobby free rein to write healthcare regulations."

The abortion lobby is giving high priority to government approval of abortifacient drugs and the promotion of chemical abortions.

## **Approval of New Abortion Pill ellaOne Rushed Through the Approval Process**

These abortion pills are not only fatal to the baby but also carry a high risk to mothers as well.

Normal complications include prolonged bleeding from 9 to 30 days, nausea, spasms, dizziness, vomiting, migraines and depression.

Yet in the same politicized, hasty manner that President Bill Clinton's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the potent abortion drug RU-486 eleven

years ago, President Obama's FDA again skipped normal procedures in approving ellaOne.

## **Obama's Plan Forces Citizens Who Are Morally Opposed to Fund the Killing of the Unborn**

In looking at a possible repeal, Fox also pointed out that the ObamaCare mandate purposely omitted all exceptions for pro-life taxpayers, doctors, insurers and organizations to opt out of funding abortion based on religious and moral objections.

"Using this power, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius is dictating that everyone must pay for chemical abortions, or else," said Fox.

In fact, under the new regulations handed down by the Obama Administration, parents would have to pay for abortion pills for their own children, through their health insurance plans.

And both Christian and church

**See [ObamaCare to Force Consumers to Subsidize Abortions in Insurance](#) . . . page 8**



**Abortion pills like RU-486 and ellaOne are virtually always fatal to the baby. In addition, they carry many high risks to the mother as well, including death, as was the case with Holly Patterson (pictured left) and Manon Jones (right).**

insurance plans would have to collect premium payments that would pay for abortion pills through their plans. There is no “opt-out” clause for people of conscience.

At the same time, Christian hospitals, pharmacists and doctors are being forced to hand out the abortion pills or risk losing their very livelihood.

### **NPLA Warns that Mandatory Coverage of Surgical Abortions Is Next**

Fox warned that the White House’s

most recent dictates are just the first step.

Fox also cautions pro-lifers that the Obama Administration could dictate coverage of surgical abortions by the same logic used to justify ellaOne.

At the same time, Fox says it is likely that Secretary Sebelius would use the same regulatory powers to ultimately require abortion training for pro-life doctors and nurses, in spite of their moral objections.

“The good news is,” Fox said, “that pro-lifers are infuriated, and pro-abortion politicians are feeling the heat.”

Fox pointed to the vital role that NPLA members played in the midterm

Congressional elections, when scores of pro-abortion politicians lost their seats after voting to give the Obama bureaucrats and the abortion lobby power to impose their deadly agenda on all citizens and taxpayers.

### **NPLA Members Holding Politicians Accountable for Voting for Tax Funding of Abortion**

With Obama’s bureaucrats brazenly using ObamaCare to both fund and mandate abortion services, President Martin Fox has directed NPLA put top priority on efforts to repeal all taxpayer funding of abortion in the 2010 ObamaCare law.

NPLA members are demanding votes on the issue and holding all candidates for United States House, Senate and President accountable for their positions.

“Once the Congressmen and Senators know that their very political survival depends on ending this government-mandated slaughter, we will be able to stop this deadly bureaucratic assault on the unborn,” said Fox. ♥



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