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## Action on Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Promised

### *Grassroots Campaign to End Ghastly Abortion Practice Highlights Win/Win Scenario for Pro-Lifers*

Responding to pro-life activists' requests, pro-life members of the House of Representatives have promised to introduce a bill to outlaw partial-birth abortion,

and expect to hold a floor vote by the August recess.

The pledge for a House vote is great news in the fight against abortion-on-

demand because it provides a concrete way that pro-lifers can act to end this horrific abortion procedure.

The resumption of public attention to the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban in Washington can be credited to the steadfastness of National Pro-Life Alliance members and other pro-life activists.

The National Pro-Life Alliance alone has already collected over one million petitions asking Congress to ban partial-birth abortion and take concrete steps to end abortion-on-demand.

National Pro-Life Alliance members' next step is to line up as many House cosponsors as possible for the House bill.

### **NPLA Tops 1 Million Petitions, Increasing Prospects For Passage This Year**

With pro-life House members heeding the calls of National Pro-Life Alliance members and other pro-life activists, all pro-lifers are excited about prospects for passage.

The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban passed both the House and Senate over-



NPLA staff prepares petitions to Congress in favor of a Ban on Partial-Birth Abortion. NPLA members recently redoubled their petition campaign in anticipation of a vote by August.

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# Justice Department Cracking Down on Pro-Lifers

## *One Year After Change in Administration, Department of Justice Bureaucrats Are Continuing Harassment Policy*

As hundreds of thousands of concerned pro-life Americans convened at our nation's capital in January for the annual March for Life, many found themselves at odds with an old foe: career bureaucrats at the Department of Justice.

While persecution of pro-lifers was common during the Clinton Administration when pro-abortion extremist Janet Reno was at the helm, pro-lifers are alarmed that even with new Attorney General John Ashcroft, who is considered a key pro-life ally in the new administration, the bureaucrats will continue to go their own way.

### **Feds Seek to Bar Reverend Mahoney and Others from Peaceful Sidewalk Protests**

Days before the march, which is held annually on the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision to commemorate the millions of innocent children who have perished from abortion-on-demand, Justice Department bureaucrats sought, and were granted, a federal injunction against a group praying outside abortion chambers in Washington, D.C.

The group, headed by Reverend Patrick Mahoney, had been accused of no wrongdoing and was simply praying on public sidewalks for the children dying inside those abortuaries.

In fact, none of the abortion chambers' employees nor their customers had even filed a complaint against the protesters.

The Department of Justice first took action against Rev. Mahoney in 1998, although that injunction was found unconstitutional and thrown out by the Second Court of Appeals.

### **"We Are Absolutely Stunned" by Justice Department's Pro-Life Persecution**

In an interview with the Christian Communication Network, Rev. Mahoney explained, "We came to expect Janet Reno to use the courts to silence peaceful protests and even prayers made in front of abortion clinics. It was an abuse of power, and the injunction was overturned, but that was how things were under the Clinton Administration."

However, like many pro-life Americans, the Reverend expected the situation to improve after George W. Bush was elected president.

Pro-life expectations initially rose when the new President selected John Ashcroft, who carried the reputation as a pro-life Senator, to head the Justice Department.

After less than a year into the new administration, however, Justice Department bureaucrats are revisiting the Reno policy against pro-life demonstrators.

"We are absolutely stunned," said Reverend Mahoney, noting federal bureaucrats' "usage of the Justice Department to keep peaceful pro-lifers from praying on a public sidewalk is an abuse of power.

"When Reno did it, it was found to be unconstitutional, and I am confident [the new round of harassment] is equally unconstitutional."

### **Pro-Life Support for Ashcroft Nomination Came with High Hopes**

By trying to silence these peaceful, law-abiding pro-life Americans through bully tactics and intimidation, Justice Department lawyers are kowtowing to the abor-

tion industry, deliberately or not.

This is especially disturbing, given the fact that the abortionists made John Ashcroft their top enemy after his nomination was announced.

As most pro-lifers will recall, Mr. Ashcroft was nominated in late 2000 amid much controversy following his Senate re-election defeat.

Almost immediately, pro-abortion groups went on the attack against the Ashcroft nomination.

NARAL President Kate Michelman called Ashcroft the biggest threat to the pro-abortion agenda "since Ed Meese," who was Ronald Reagan's pro-life Attorney General, as her group and others waged an all-out war to defeat the nomination.

However, pro-life activists just as quickly came to Ashcroft's defense, hoping his pro-life record in Congress would translate to strong pro-life leadership at the Justice Department.

On February 1, 2001, pro-life activism carried the nomination through, although 42 mostly pro-abortion Senators voted against their former colleague.

During those confirmation hearings, the Attorney General-designate was grilled extensively about his views on abortion and other family issues.

Pro-abortion forces feared a pro-life Attorney General would mean they could no longer count on Big Government to automatically do their bidding," said National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox.

"With Justice Department bureaucrats

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# Pro-Lifers Show Massive Support For Life at Conception Act

## *NPLA Prepares to Deliver Petitions for Bill that Will End Abortion-on-Demand*

As this *LifeLine* goes to press, the National Pro-Life Alliance is preparing to deliver an avalanche of petitions signed by grassroots pro-life activists boosting passage of Life at Conception legislation to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Over the past year, members of the National Pro-Life Alliance have been at the forefront of the campaign to promote support and ultimate passage of a Life at Conception Act.

The Life at Conception Act (S. 1373/H.R. 2763), sponsored in the Senate by Bob Smith (R-NH), and in the House of Representatives by Duncan Hunter (R-CA) states that “the life of each pre-born human person begins at fertilization. . .”

By making it official that “life” is classified to begin at conception, abortion-on-demand would cease as a national policy, since allowing the killing of an unborn human being would be forbidden under the equal-protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

### **Bill Establishes All Persons, Including Unborn, Protected by Constitution**

Senator Smith explains the need for a Life at Conception Act in these terms:

“Our Nation’s founding document, the Declaration of Independence, declared for all the world that we hold it to be self-evident that the right to life comes from God and that it is unalienable. . .”

“In *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court ruled that the entire class of unborn children — from conception to birth — have no right to life and may be destroyed at will.

“I am introducing this legislation to keep the Declaration’s promise by revers-

ing *Roe v. Wade* and assuring that unborn children have their God-given right to life protected.”

“It is a sad state that our country is in, when life can be taken from a child under the unelected judges’ ‘discovery’ in make-believe ‘penumbrae’ of the Constitution,” said National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox.

“Enactment of a Life at Conception Act would halt the flow of death that has been allowed, tolerated and condoned in America since 1973.”

### **Author of *Roe* Penned Way Out Should Congress Establish When Life Begins**

The legal basis for a Life at Conception Act is ironically found in the ruling the bill is designed to overturn. Supreme Court Justice Harold Blackmun wrote these words when he handed down *Roe v. Wade*:

“We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. . .the judi-

cing of thirty million children.

“All that has to be done to nullify legalized abortion is passage of a law that states the universally known truth that life begins at conception, and *Roe* disintegrates,” said Fox.

### **NPLA Petitions Tell Congress: Enact a Life at Conception Act**

Thanks to the overwhelming response from grassroots pro-life activists, the Life at Conception Act now has a record number of Republican and Democrat cosponsors in the House and Senate.

But in order to move forward on this bill, pro-life forces must convince more politicians of the overwhelming opposition to abortion-on-demand.

To date, the National Pro-Life Alliance has gathered over a million and a half petitions in favor of a Life at Conception Act.

“After nearly three decades of abortion-on-demand, the time to end the slaughter of millions of unborn children is

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**- Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun**

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ary at this point in development of man’s knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer.

“If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant’s case, [requesting legalization of abortion-on-demand] of course, collapses, for the fetus’ right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment. . .”

By this concession, the High Court left the legislative door wide open for repealing the very ruling that has sanctioned the

now,” declared Fox.

“That is why National Pro-Life Alliance members are pushing hard for congressional action on the Life at Conception Act, to send *Roe v. Wade* to the ash heap of history.”

The next round of petition deliveries scheduled for May will clearly express to Congress the wishes of more than 270,000 additional pro-life supporters. 

# **Pro-Life Candidate Pulls Golden Upset** *But with Pro-Abortion Groups Spending Millions in 2002, Support for Pro-Life Candidates Is Vital*

A come-from-behind win by the pro-life gubernatorial candidate in the California Republican primary has given Golden State pro-lifers much cause to celebrate.

Friends of life nationwide should be encouraged as well, since the upset victory of Bill Simon demonstrates the power pro-life forces wield when the message is clear, even in a state sometimes branded by the media as overwhelmingly pro-abortion.

Yet with abortion groups spending millions in 2002 to retake Congress, pro-lifers cannot let their guard down, as support for pro-life candidates will be vital in the months ahead.

A clear example of the power of a mobilized pro-life base emerged March 5, when attorney and political novice Bill Simon, Jr., a right to life supporter, defeated pro-abortion Los Angeles Mayor

Richard Riordan.

## **Bill Simon Defeats L.A. Mayor After Trailing by 40 Points**

Most “experts” gave Simon little chance until right before the election, especially since Riordan had been recruited by the White House, and led by over 40 points at the beginning of this year.

Simon now faces a tough match against the pro-abortion incumbent Governor, Democrat Gray Davis. Still the November general election marks the first time in years Californians are given the opportunity to elect a pro-life candidate to major statewide office.

With both the House and Senate up for grabs this year, NPLA members must work overtime to strengthen our legislative numbers.

When politicians are running for office is when they listen the closest to their constituents.

For this reason, it’s vital that pro-lifers lobby their candidates to commit to life before they are in office, when they are paying the most attention.

## **NPLA Survey Program Puts Candidates on Record for Life**

National Pro-Life Alliance candidate surveys are being mailed to every House and Senate candidate in the crucial weeks before each state’s primary.

The surveys urge each candidate to commit publicly to ten key pro-life legislative issues.

Already, dozens of candidates have returned their surveys, which help the Alliance inform citizens about where the politicians stand.

For example, pro-life candidate Devin Nunes, running for an open House seat from California’s newly-created 21st district, won a crowded primary for the GOP nomination, after he returned his pro-life survey 100% in favor of saving the unborn.

Because of the census and redistricting, more seats are in play than usual.

That is why NPLA’s pro-life candidate survey program is so important.

## **NPLA-PAC Helps Pro-Life Candidates Against Abortion Groups’ Assault**

Abortion groups will be going all out to retake Congress this year, making it imperative pro-life forces fight back.

National Abortion Rights Action League President Kate Michelman has vowed to spend \$40 million in the next election cycle, and NARAL’s TV attack ads have already hit the airwaves in target-



**Pro-life Bill Simon (left) pulled a stunning upset in the race for California Governor over Los Angeles Mayor and abortion-on-demand supporter Richard Riordan.**

ed areas nationwide.

Other abortion groups like Planned Parenthood, NOW, and EMILY's List, which according to government reports is the nation's largest PAC, will spend millions more in an attempt to defeat pro-life members of Congress.

## **NPLA-PAC Aims To Elect Pro-Life Leaders to Congress**

To counter this pro-abortion political assault, National Pro-Life Alliance Legislative Director Robert Hughes is calling on members to generously support the Alliance's Political Action Committee, NPLA-PAC.

Hughes cited several races where pro-life support and involvement will mean the difference:

- In Colorado, State Senator Marilyn Musgrave, who has sponsored every

major piece of pro-life legislation, including the state's Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, is seeking to take her pro-life leadership to the U.S. House, but faces a wealthy pro-abortion lawyer in the primary.

- Democrats controlled redistricting in North Carolina, jeopardizing pro-life Reps. Robin Hayes and Charles Taylor, and with Jesse Helms retiring, the Senate seat is also up for grabs.
- The retirement of pro-abortion GOP Congresswoman Marge Roukema in New Jersey is opening the seat up to pro-life State Assemblyman Scott Garrett, who has made ending abortion-on-demand a top priority.
- In South Dakota, the state's lone Congressman, John Thune, is running a tough pro-life challenge against Senator Tim Johnson, who has voted for taxpayer-financed abortion at every

opportunity. This also means a competitive race for the open House seat.

"In competitive contests in dozens of races like these, pro-life support can make the difference," said Hughes.

"NPLA-PAC is monitoring dozens of races across the country, identifying candidates like these who need and deserve pro-lifers' support."

Hughes pointed out that NPLA-PAC supported winning candidates in 21 of 25 congressional races in the last election.

"We expect 2002 to be even more successful, with twice as many candidates supported, if we raise the funds necessary."

"I know I can count on National Pro-Life Alliance members to help NPLA-PAC carry the day. The future of our struggle to end abortion-on-demand and save millions of yet-to-be-born babies is at stake."



Membership support of NPLA-PAC is essential to help elect strong pro-life candidates like (left to right) Marilyn Musgrave (CO-4), John Hostettler (IN-8) and Ernest Istook (OK-5).

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## **Justice Department Bureaucrats Must Be Reigned In**

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trying to silence peaceful pro-life protesters, we have now reached 'code red.' It's vital pro-life Americans call on the Attorney General to change this policy at once.

"Our nation's highest-ranking law-enforcement officer should be standing up for the rights of our most vulnerable citizens, unborn children, as well as adults who are working to save them."

### **Call Attorney General, Urge He Stop Underlings' Legal Harassment**

Fox is asking NPLA members to call the Attorney General and insist these reckless government lawyers stop harassing peaceful pro-life protesters at once.

The Department of Justice's switch-

board number is (202) 514-2000.

Please urge John Ashcroft to stop his underlings' aggressive action against law-abiding pro-life activists.

"Insist the Attorney General rein in the Justice Department's legal attack dogs," said Fox.



# President Urged to Stop Funding For United Nations Population Fund

## *Budget "Compromise" Requires Executive Finding That UNPF Is Abortion Front Group*

Pro-life activists are calling on President Bush to move quickly in halting U.S. taxpayer funding for a group associated with killing children worldwide, including government-sponsored forced abortions in the People's Republic of China.

In the hectic rush to get a Foreign Operations Budget passed, Congress sent a budget to President Bush January 10 for his signature which included \$34 million for the so-called United Nations Population Fund (UNPF).

Federal funding for UNPF was rammed in by pro-abortion politicians, and ultimately left intact despite numerous reports exposing the organization as a front group for abortionists.

This so-called "compromise" was in reality an attempt by pro-abortion members of Congress to sneak in funding for UNPF by playing on fears that a delayed Foreign Operations resolution might hamper the War on Terrorism.

### **Congress Left President Way to End Funding for UN Pro-Abortion Group**

However, pro-life forces did manage to win an escape clause in the Foreign Operations Budget, which was written in such a way that the President may overturn the \$34 million grant to the UNPF, if he issues a finding that the organization "supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion."

If such a finding is presented, the President may choose to reduce the funding level for this organization, or pull it entirely.

Such a finding should be easy, as the United Nations Population Fund's track record of supporting abortion overseas is well established.

### **Paying for Abortions "Flies In the Face" of President's Mexico City Policy**

Because of its pro-abortion policies, taxpayer dollars to the United Nations Population Fund was forbidden during the Reagan and first Bush Administrations; however, President Clinton fully funded the international abortion group.

By agreeing to fund the United Nations Population Fund, George W. Bush would not only be breaking a campaign promise to pro-life Americans, but also the spirit of his own Executive Order reinstating the so-called "Mexico City Policy."

That policy is intended to deny any group that advocates or performs abortion overseas.

Using the doublespeak commonplace among international bureaucrats, the United Nations Population Fund claims it does not support or encourage abortion.

Instead, by redefining abortion as "population control," the UNPF seeks to elude the Mexico City Policy restrictions, unless the President takes action otherwise.

### **UNPF Has Backed Forced Abortion in China Since 1979**

But the facts could not be clearer: Since 1979, the United Nations Population Fund has supported China's draconian "one child" policy, which forces women who get pregnant a second time to undergo an abortion.

This taxpayer funding of coerced abortion exposes the irony of the pro-abortion movement in America who supports taxpayer funding for groups like UNPF yet

tries to claim they are "pro-choice," when so many of the women victimized by UN-supported programs are given no choice at all.

### **Investigators Reveal UN Bureaucrats Work Side-by-Side with Government Killers**

Undercover investigations by the Population Research Institute have revealed that the UNPF actually shares office space with the Chinese Office of Family Planning, the bureaucracy where forced abortions and sterilizations are ordered.

In fact, their desks are adjacent, leaving no doubt the UNPF is aware and if not supportive at least indifferent to its partners' bloody practices.

Several Chinese refugees and defectors have testified before Congress that forced abortions are indeed a matter of government policy in that country, with the *de facto* endorsement of the United Nations.

### **Members Should Encourage President to Cut All Tax Dollars for Coerced Abortion**

"Given this UN agency's long history of pro-abortion activities across the globe," said National Pro-Life Alliance Executive Director Mary King, "it was shameful for Congress to hand \$34 million to the United Nations Population Fund.

"It is now incumbent upon President Bush to right this wrong."

King urges National Pro-Life Alliance members to call the White House at (202) 456-1414 and insist that the President revoke this abortion funding at taxpayer expense provision at once.



# NPLA Targets United Nations in War Against Taxpayer-Funded Abortion

National Pro-Life Alliance members are again taking up the cause against taxpayer-funded abortion, and calling on President Bush to rescind the international abortion group's funding from the Foreign Operations budget.

Thanks to NPLA members and other pro-life activists' diligence, several other attempts at funding the abortion industry have been halted in the past year:

- In May 2001, pro-life forces narrowly upheld President Bush's Mexico City Policy banning government funding of overseas abortion, 218-210.
- In July 2001, the House rejected pro-abortion Congresswoman Dianna DeGette's (D-CO) scheme to give free abortions to women in prison.
- In September 2001, pro-life activism helped defeat a measure to fund abortion on overseas military bases.

NPLA members are urged to call President Bush at (202) 456-1414 and insist he reverse congressional approval of the pro-abortion United Nations Population Fund.

## ***NPLA Members Intensify Drive for Partial-Birth Abortion Ban***

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whelmingly in previous congresses before being vetoed by then-President Bill Clinton.

The overwhelming unpopularity of partial-birth abortion makes it a winning issue for pro-life forces.

And the groundswell of public attention in an election year surely will carry over to the Senate and encourage pro-life Senators to stand up to the pro-abortion leadership.

Once the ball is rolling, pro-life forces can send the bill to President Bush, if they can keep up the pressure.

That is why pro-life activists must push hard on the politicians to help pro-life legislators muster the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban through both houses of Congress.

### **Americans Oppose Partial Birth Abortion by an Overwhelming Margin**

However, even if pro-abortion forces

succeed in blocking the bill, they will pay a heavy political price for doing so.

Hence, simply resuming debate on partial-birth abortion presents pro-life forces with a win/win scenario.

### **Radical Pro-Abortion Politicians Exposed by Partial-Birth Abortion Debate**

The fact is this abortion procedure is so grotesque that polls show an overwhelming majority of the public agrees partial-birth abortion should be outlawed.

Because the procedure is in essence the same as delivering a fully-developed child (except the final outcome), the American Medical Association is on public record saying the practice is "never medically necessary."

Since the issue of partial-birth abortion energizes the pro-life base like no other, it's vital pro-life legislators seize this golden opportunity to take majorities in the upcoming elections.

With control of Congress up for grabs this year, pro-life forces need to get their message out in the open like never before.

### **Votes to End Partial-Birth Abortion Turn Out Pro-Life Voters on Election Day**

Congressional action on the widely popular Partial-Birth Abortion Ban is the best way to make sure pro-life voters turn out on election day.

The promise of a House vote by August is an encouraging sign.

Even though the Senate is controlled by pro-abortion politicians, action on a Partial-Birth Abortion Ban would play a major role in changing that.

In the days of Bill Clinton, when only 34 votes were needed to sustain a presidential veto, many pro-abortion politicians

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# NPLA Members' Petitions & Ads Make Politicians Feel the Heat on Partial-Birth Abortion

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representing so-called "swing states" were "given a pass" by party brass and allowed to vote for the ban since they knew it wouldn't become law.

But because it will now require 41 Senators to defeat the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban with a filibuster, several of those same politicians will now be exposed for their radical support for abortion.

This means even more pro-abortion politicians may be exposed, and putting their own political careers in jeopardy.

In past congressional elections in recent years, outrage at the Clinton veto, or pro-abortion leaders' refusal to allow a vote, was answered by a long string of pro-life victories.

## NPLA TV Ads Shine Spotlight on Pro-Abortion Politicians

Recent elections clearly demonstrated the power of partial-birth abortion in exposing and defeating pro-abortion politicians.

Dozens of pro-abortion politicians, including former Sens. Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL) and Chuck Robb (D-VA), have lost their seats after supporting partial-birth abortion.



The Alliance is producing a series of TV ads like this one, shown by Executive Director Mary King at a press conference, to put heat on key "swing" Senators to support a Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.

In these contests, National Pro-Life Alliance ads broadcast in most of the state's major television markets highlighted the incumbent's votes to preserve partial-birth abortion.


The Alliance is producing another series of TV ads to run in up to a dozen states this year, which will put the heat on

more pro-abortion politicians to change course or share their fate.

"Acting on partial-birth abortion this year would reenergize pro-life voters and, pass or fail, would make pro-life forces in Congress stronger," National Pro-Life Alliance Legislative Director Robert Hughes explained.

"This in turn will allow them to pass other life-saving measures and send them to President Bush's desk for his signature in the future.

"With margins this close, and thousands of innocent babies' lives at stake," Hughes declared, "pro-life members of Congress who want to be part of a majority in the next Congress are wise to act on this bill and pass it now.

"If you've not yet done so, please call your Congressman and Senators at (202) 225-3121 and urge them to sponsor the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban." 



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Abortion Stops a Beating Heart

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