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Momentum Grows to Legislatively Overturn Roe

Pressure for Action Mushrooms as Members Approach Goal of 100 Cosponsors

For the past four years, National Pro-Life Alliance members have led a massive grass-roots movement to legislatively establish that life begins at the moment of conception and is entitled to legal protection.

Generating more than one and a half million petitions, letters, post cards and phone calls to Congress in support of a Life at Conception Act has produced a steady increase in Congressional support for the measure.

Now, following increased pressure from National Pro-Life Alliance members, H.R. 552 now has grown to an all-time record 92 cosponsors in the House of Representatives.

The recent surge of cosponsors comes as a result of National Pro-Life Alliance's latest mobilization blitz.

The Alliance mobilized members in target Congressional Districts where members of Congress had pledged to cosponsor a Life at Conception Act on the Alliance's Pro-Life Candidate Survey while campaigning for office, but had failed to sign on to H.R. 552.

New Round of Member Lobbying Focuses Squarely on Wavering Politicians

This past three months, NPLA members flooded the offices of pledge-breakers with post cards urging them to make good on their campaign promise and to do every-

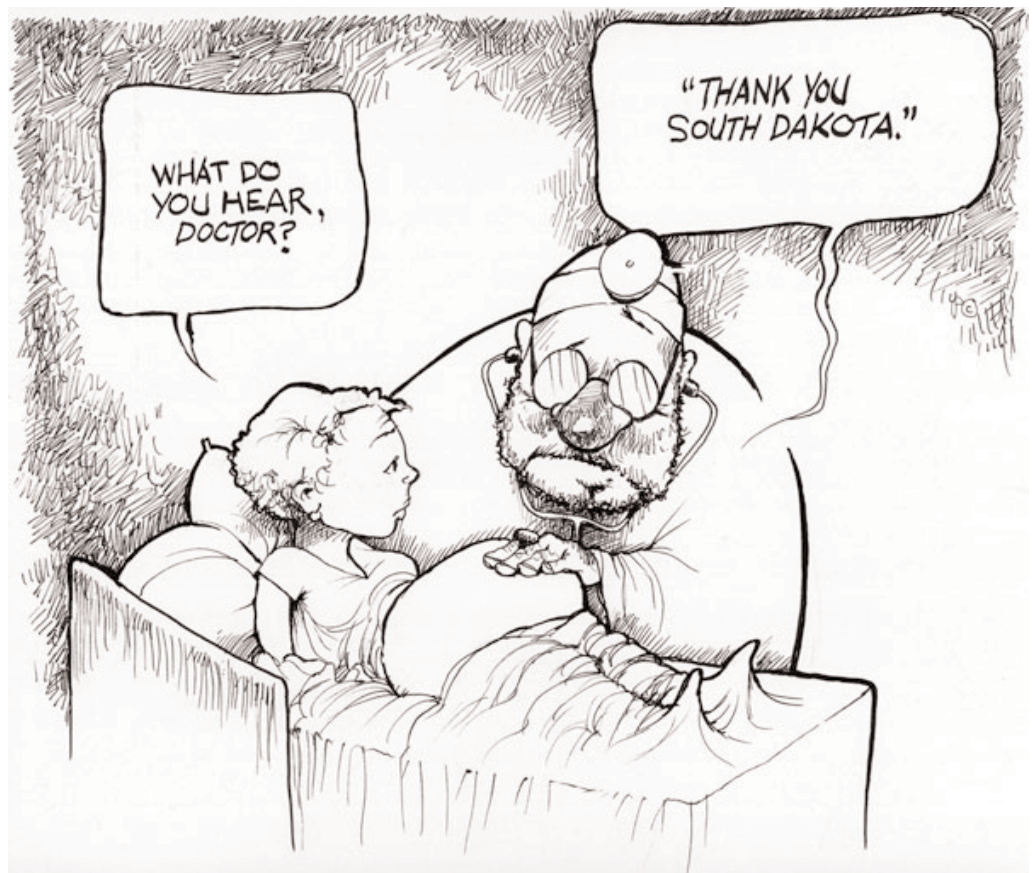
thing in their power to secure a vote on the Life at Conception Act before the 2006 elections.

And as each primary election approaches, NPLA members are flooding their candidates for the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate urging them to return the Pro-Life Candidate Survey pledging support for a Life at

Conception Act.

Rather than waiting for the Supreme Court to give states permission to pass legislation protecting unborn children in their states, more and more pro-lifers are endorsing the tactic of legislatively attacking abor-

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South Dakota lawmakers took a firm stand against *Roe v. Wade*, defying the court-invented "right" to kill unborn babies by passing legislation banning nearly all abortion in their state.

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tion-on-demand at its very foundation and waging a full frontal assault on *Roe* itself.

For this reason, the National Pro-Life Alliance has seen its ranks swell with new members eager to join the fight to end abortion-on-demand and protect the unborn from the moment of conception rather than tiptoe around the issue with marginal legislation to simply regulate abortion.

Life at Conception Act Would Effectively Overturn *Roe v. Wade*

Since a federal Life at Conception Act such as Representative Duncan Hunter's (R-CA) H.R. 552 simply enforces existing language in the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution, it requires a simple majority vote in Congress to pass -- rather than the two-thirds supermajority required to amend the Constitution to protect the unborn.

The fact is, passage of a Life at Conception Act -- by the Supreme Court's own admission -- would effectively overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

The Supreme Court itself, when authoring the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that struck down laws in all fifty states and legalized abortion for virtually any reason throughout all nine months of pregnancy, 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 as to the answer."

While the Supreme Court claimed it could not in 1973 determine when life begins, it did admit rather candidly:

"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 then guaranteed by the [14th] Amendment."

The effort to protect the unborn from conception is picking up massive momentum at the state level as well, with state after state moving to enact bans on all or virtually all forms of abortion within their borders.

State Legislatures Move to End Abortion at State Level

South Dakota recently passed such legislation, and the bill was signed into law by Governor Mike Rounds on March 6.

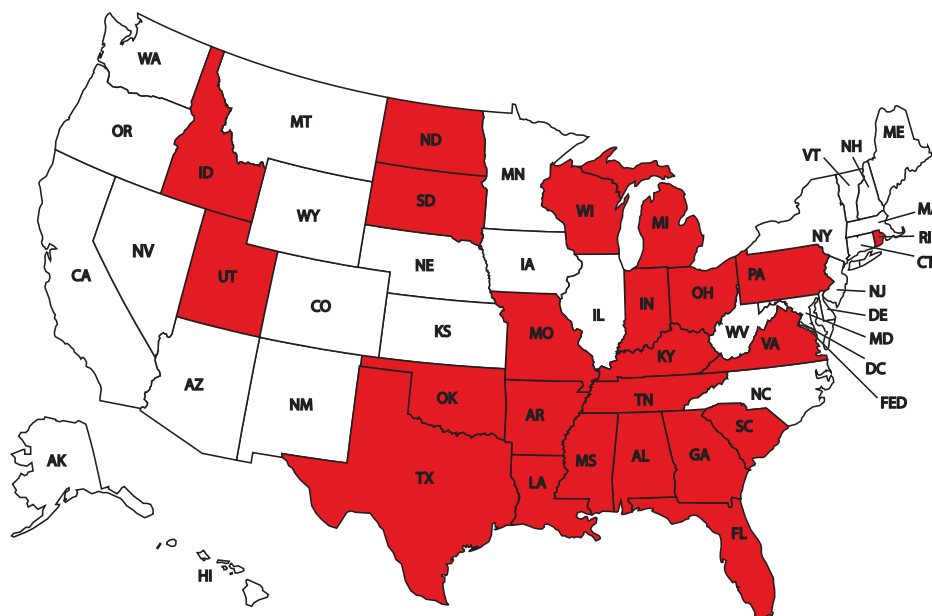
Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia are considering or did consider statewide abortion bans of their own during this legislative session.

The fact is, if *Roe v. Wade* were to be overturned, many states' pre-*Roe* statutes -- or subsequently passed "trigger laws" -- would immediately go into effect banning abortion-on-demand and saving countless unborn babies.

Pro-lifers would immediately be able to go on the offensive in the remaining states where abortion was still "legal" and could freely advance the cause for equal protection under the law for ALL unborn children.

The recent surge by states to enact bold new legislation protecting the unborn in all or nearly all circumstances shows the growing disdain for *Roe v. Wade* and a desire for real lifesaving reforms.

"NPLA members have been in the forefront of the fight for control of the Supreme Court and for the past four years they have led



For more than three decades, the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision has been used to strike down even the most modest pro-life state legislation. Planned Parenthood's research arm is terrified that if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, the red states on the map above would immediately move to enact all-out bans or further restrictions on abortion.

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the fight to legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade* by passing a Life at Conception Act in Congress,” points out NPLA Executive Director Mary King.

“Congress should take this message to heart,” continued King.

“As the old adage goes: ‘Lead, follow, or get out of the way.’ As election time draws near and Americans get to decide if

they should keep their jobs, Members of Congress would be well advised to heed those words.

“Those members of Congress who profess to be ‘pro-life’ in election years, but whose knees tremble at the first sign of a challenge to abortion-on-demand, will have to face pro-life voters very soon.

“And the true measure of a pro-life

member of Congress is support for a Life at Conception Act, which would legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade* by declaring the scientific fact that life begins at the moment of conception and is entitled to full legal protection under the Constitution,” concluded King.



NPLA Candidate Survey Program in Full Swing

Alliance Members Put Candidates on Record Nationwide

Massive national action by National Pro-Life Alliance members and other pro-life activists across the country has resulted in a steady increase in solid pro-life lawmakers in the past few election cycles.

An unprecedented number of lawmakers in Congress have pledged to legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade* by advancing a Life at Conception Act.

Yet many politicians would prefer to simply say “I’m personally opposed to abortion” and leave it at that.

But in state after state, members and staff of the National Pro-Life Alliance are working diligently to make sure that the politicians can’t lightly brush off serious pro-life questions.

NPLA’s Pro-Life Candidate Survey Puts Politicians on Record – Primary by Primary

Between now and the November elections the National Pro-Life Alliance is putting every candidate for Congress across the nation on the record on ten specific pro-life proposals, such as the Life at Conception Act, the Parental Notification and Intervention Act, taxpayer funding for abortion providers and more.

Immediately following each state’s filing deadline, National Pro-Life Alliance staff mails the Pro-Life Congressional Can-

didate Survey to every candidate for Congress.

National Pro-Life Alliance members also receive a complete list of Congressional candidates in their state, along with post cards for them to fill out and send to their candidates insisting they return their candidate survey and pledge 100% support for the unborn.

The goal of the survey program is to pin down which candidates solidly support specific legislation to protect innocent unborn babies and which do not.

Many waffling candidates would prefer to remain silent and keep their options open on the Life at Conception Act and other pro-life bills.

Members Work Towards Goal of a True Pro-Life Majority in Congress

But when they are overwhelmed by post cards from members, politicians are faced with a stark choice: stop the dodging and come out solidly against abortion-on-demand -- or pay the political consequences.

Tens of thousands of National Pro-Life Alliance members and

other pro-lifers nationwide have already received candidate information and post cards to mail to their candidates as primary elections approach.

In the midst of primary elections now

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NPLA’s Candidate Survey Program identifies true pro-life champions like Rep. Steve King (R-IA), who has helped the Alliance mobilize a massive nationwide grass-roots campaign in support of a Life at Conception Act.

NPLA Members' Pressure Key to Winning Pro-Life Majority

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taking place across the country, National Pro-Life Alliance members have stepped up efforts to build support in Congress to pass a Life at Conception Act which would overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

NPLA Members Put Heat on Candidates as Elections Approach

Pro-lifers have responded to the National Pro-Life Alliance's call by flooding their candidates with post cards urging them to take a no-compromise stand in defense of the unborn on their Pro-Life Candidate Surveys.

After enduring "over thirty years of the legalized murder of unborn babies for profit," National Pro-Life Alliance President, Martin Fox, is stressing that "it is vital for pro-life Americans to know how their candidates intend to vote on legislation that would end -- not just regulate -- abortion-on-demand."

Fox is pleased with the outpouring of support and hopes to see an even larger increase in support in Congress for the Life at Conception Act as more elections approach.

"There is no better time for politicians to hear from pro-lifers than now while they're out there seeking support for their election bids," explains Fox.

With Congress now closer than ever to taking action on a Life at Conception Act, it is important for pro-lifers to put heat on the next round of Congressmen and Senators to commit to defending the Sanctity of Life.

It's also vital that incumbents courting pro-life voters hear from their constituents that they wholeheartedly support the Life at Conception Act and expect their elected officials to cosponsor this legislation.

If pro-abortionists manage to pick up a mere handful of seats in the Senate, the chances of advancing the pro-life agenda will be drastically diminished.

If the abortion lobby is successful in picking up key seats in both the House of

Representatives and in the Senate, they could very well have the votes they need to freely advance their radical agenda and raid tax dollars to fund the killing of unborn babies.

National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox stressed the potential closeness of the elections to pro-lifers:

"Twenty votes. That could quite possibly be the difference between legal abortion and equal protection for the unborn."

NPLA-PAC Goes All-Out for a Pro-Life Congress

Meanwhile, the National Pro-Life Alliance's affiliated Political Action Committee (NPLA-PAC) is gearing up to provide direct financial support to identified pro-life champions running for Congress.

NPLA-PAC, which is the nation's largest pro-life PAC in terms of direct financial assistance to pro-life candidates, helped secure twenty new pro-life seats in the last election.

The National Pro-Life Alliance Political Action Committee will again go all out to capitalize on pro-abortion seats and fill them with up-and-coming pro-life champions.

NPLA-PAC has already provided much needed financial support to the campaigns of several rising pro-life stars in their bids for Congress.

Colorado

Colorado's 5th Congressional seat is up for grabs as Representative Joel Hefley (R) is resigning.

State Senator Doug Lamborn, who opposes all abortion and has answered the NPLA Pro-Life Candidate Survey 100% in support of the unborn, faces a crowded field of Republicans vying for the nomination.

His longstanding pro-life leadership in the Colorado State Legislature and early pledge of support for a Life at Conception

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Contact These Congressmen and Insist They Make Good on Their Pledge to Cosponsor the Life at Conception Act:

Rep. Mike Bilirakis (FL-9)

Rep. Marsha Blackburn (TN-7)

Rep. John Boehner (OH-8)

Rep. Jo Bonner (AL-1)

Rep. Henry Brown (SC-1)

Rep. John Carter (TX-31)

Rep. Tom Cole (OK-4)

Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (FL-21)

Rep. Phil English (PA-3)

Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (NE-1)

Rep. Dennis Hastert (IL-14)

Rep. Ernest Istook (OK-5)

Rep. Mark Kennedy (MN-6)

Rep. Joe Knollenberg (MI-9)

Rep. Frank Lucas (OK-3)

Rep. Jim Nussle (IA-1)

Rep. Ted Poe (TX-2)

Rep. Adam Putnam (FL-12)

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (CA-46)

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (FL-18)

Rep. Jim Saxton (NJ-3)

Each of these members of Congress pledged to cosponsor a Life at Conception Act on NPLA's Candidate Survey but have so far failed to do so. If you see your Representative above, call him or her and insist your Representative make good on that pledge.

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Act has earned him NPLA-PAC's maximum support.

NPLA-PAC has contributed the maximum amount of financial assistance permitted by law to Lamborn's primary campaign.

Idaho

In another crowded primary, Idaho State Rep. Bill Sali (R) has received support from NPLA-PAC in his bid for the state's 1st Congressional District seat.

Sali pledged 100% support for the unborn on his 2006 Pro-Life Candidate Survey, including support for a Life at Conception Act to legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Ohio

Congressman Mike Oxley's (R) retirement leaves Ohio's 4th Congressional seat open.

Jim Jordan is a vocal supporter of the unborn and has pledged to cosponsor a Life

at Conception Act in Congress. With NPLA-PAC support, he won his hard-fought Republican primary on May 2.

While NPLA-PAC is doing everything in its power to pick up new pro-life seats in Congress, many of the battles in the 2006 elections will be defensive ones for pro-lifers.

NPLA-PAC has identified the following races in which incumbent cosponsors of the Life at Conception Act face tough reelection fights due to district demographics and the unpopularity of the current administration. These races are likely to come right down to the wire:

Arizona

Arizona's 5th Congressional District features Life at Conception Act cosponsor J.D. Hayworth (R).

Hayworth is seeking his 7th term against pro-abortion Democrat Harry Mitchell.

Illinois

The retirement of pro-life champion and Life at Conception Act cosponsor Henry Hyde (R) has put the Sixth Congressional District seat in jeopardy.

Pro-abortion forces have targeted this district and are pouring in money to defeat pro-life Peter Roskam (R), who faces pro-abortion Democrat Tammy Duckworth.

Pennsylvania

Democrats have recruited Iraq War veteran Patrick Murphy (D), who supports abortion-on-demand, to try to unseat Life at Conception Act cosponsor Michael Fitzpatrick (R) in the 8th Congressional District.

In addition to the federal survey, the National Pro-Life Alliance is carrying out its Candidate Survey Program at the state level in many places across the country and reporting candidate responses to pro-lifers

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Doug Lamborn (R - CO)



Jim Jordan (R - OH)



Bill Sali (R - ID)

The National Pro-Life Alliance's affiliated political action committee (NPLA-PAC) has already contributed much-needed campaign cash to these solid pro-life Congressional hopefuls. NPLA-PAC has earned the number one ranking as the nation's largest pro-life PAC in terms of financial contributions to pro-life candidates.

Pro-Life Election Victories a Must for Success of Life at Conception Act

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as primary elections approach.

Given the recent momentum in the states to enact bans on abortion, National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox is stressing the importance of continuing the fight to enact a Life at Conception Act in Congress.

NPLA President Stresses Importance of Attacking Roe at the Federal Level

“It is important that pro-lifers send a clear message to the Supreme Court that we will no longer tolerate the brutal and systematic destruction of the most vulnerable Americans still in the womb.”

Fox stresses that “the passage of a federal Life at Conception Act remains the top priority of National Pro-Life Alliance members.

“A Life at Conception Act, passed by a majority vote in Congress, immediately ends the specter of *Roe* that keeps individual states from enacting legislation to protect the unborn.

“If pro-lifers can build on the success we had in the last elections, passing the Life at Conception Act and ending abortion-on-demand could become a political reality.

“If we fail, we will be forced to watch as the abortion industry continues its assault on the unborn while insisting that you and I fund their deadly agenda with our hard-

earned tax dollars,” warns Fox.

Martin Fox is encouraging National Pro-Life Alliance members to stay involved and keep pressure on their candidates to take a principled pro-life stand.

“Members should be on the lookout for their candidate rosters and post cards following their state’s filing deadline.

“National Pro-Life Alliance members are being alerted to send their post cards to their candidates and let them know that they must answer their pro-life candidate survey 100% to merit pro-life support at the polls,” urged Fox.



Two More Deaths Linked to RU-486 “Abortion Pill”

NPLA Members Intensify Effort to Ban Deadly Drug

Since its politically-driven approval by the Clinton Administration in 2000, the RU-486 “Abortion Pill” has caused the documented deaths of at least seven women in America and caused serious and, in many

cases, life-threatening side effects in more than 600 other women.

Two additional RU-486 related deaths in March have prompted a renewed outcry from pro-lifers for the deadly abortion drug to be pulled from the market.

The deadly effects of the drug have forced the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to send letters to doctors warning of the dangers of the drug, and also to add new warnings to its label.

Abortionists’ Off-Label Use of Ulcer Drug Disavowed by Drug’s Manufacturer

Searle, the maker of the second drug administered as part of the RU-486 regimen, has even disavowed the drug’s “off-label” use to induce abortions.

Searle has expressed to the media in no uncertain terms that the drug is intended as a treatment for ulcers and should not be administered to pregnant women. Despite these warnings, however, the Clinton Administration gave the pro-abortion lobby what they demanded in 2000, giving the deadly drug “Accelerated Approval of New



NPLA Executive Director Mary King discusses pro-life legislative strategy with Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD). Bartlett has introduced legislation in the House of Representatives that would ban the deadly RU-486 “Abortion Pill.”

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That Jagged Little Pill: National Pro-Life Alliance members continue the drive to remove the deadly RU-486 “Abortion Pill” from U.S. markets and prevent further access to other chemical abortion drugs.

Drugs for Serious or Life-Threatening Illnesses” from the FDA.

“It is tragic that, in the name of ‘women’s rights,’ a drug that is causing such harm to women is being held to a different standard than any other drug for purely political reasons,” explains NPLA Executive Director Mary King.

“The FDA has certainly banned other drugs from the market that have caused far less harm than RU-486, but because the abortion lobby would scream bloody murder if RU-486 was banned, they continue to let the body count rise.

“The fact of the matter is, according to Planned Parenthood’s own statistics, at least 560,000 deaths have been caused by this drug,” says King.

“Even without the deaths and serious side effects this drug has caused women, the National Pro-Life Alliance will continue to fight to ban this deadly drug because its sole purpose is to cause the death of unborn babies.

“Each and every time the drug is ‘suc-

cessfully used’ in a chemical abortion -- someone dies a horrible death,” points out King.

The recent death of Holly Patterson, who was given the lethal drug by Planned Parenthood just weeks after her 18th birthday, prompted legislation in Congress calling for a ban on RU-486.

NPLA Members Renew Call for Congress to Ban Deadly Abortion Drug

Current legislation in both the House of Representatives and the United States Senate would ban the deadly drug from the market.

Representative Roscoe G. Bartlett’s (R-MD) H.R. 1079 currently has 83 cosponsors and is awaiting a hearing in the House Subcommittee on Health.

In the Senate, S. 511 has 12 cosponsors and is also tied up in committee.

In addition to legislative attempts to ban RU-486, a government watchdog group has

filed a lawsuit to obtain more than 4,000 documents pertaining to the approval process for RU-486 that the FDA continues to withhold from the public.

But what *is* known is that in the final days of the Clinton presidency, the FDA hurriedly approved the drug using a fast-track process reserved for the speedy approval of medication to treat life-threatening illnesses.

Even as the fight continues to ban the deadly RU-486 drug, pro-abortion forces are pushing for even more access to chemical abortion.

The abortion lobby is pushing harder than ever for the FDA to approve the so-called “Plan B” chemical abortion drug for over-the-counter use, making chemical abortion as freely available as bubble gum to teenage girls with no prescription required and absolutely no parental involvement.

What’s more, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY) have introduced legislation in Congress (S.20) to force private insurance companies to pay for so-called “contraception” that causes chemical abortions.

This mandated coverage would drive up the cost of insurance and, at the same time, force citizens to pay for drugs that cause chemical abortions.

NPLA Members Dedicated to Ending All Forms of Chemical Abortion

Alliance members remain committed to not only remove RU-486 from the market, but ending all forms of chemical abortion.

National Pro-Life Alliance members are encouraged to call their Congressmen and Senators and urge them to support this legislation and to do everything in their power to bring it to a full vote in both Houses of Congress.

Members of Congress may be reached at (202) 224-3121.



NPLA Supreme Court Amicus Brief Filed in Support of Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Passed by Congress

After nearly three years of lower court roadblocks, the Supreme Court will soon hear arguments in the case over the Federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.

In anticipation of the upcoming Supreme Court challenge on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, thousands of National Pro-Life Alliance members signed on to the National Pro-Life Alliance's Friend of the Court Brief to the Supreme Court in defense of the ban.

The legal brief sends a powerful message to the Court: pro-lifers are watching and will not allow the will of 80% of the public and a two-to-one majority in Congress to be overridden by a handful of unelected, activist pro-abortion judges.

NPLA Members Intervene in Court Fight to Ban Gruesome Abortion Procedure

The ban was passed overwhelmingly by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in 2003.

The abortion industry immediately challenged the law in court and three federal judges struck down the law.

The National Pro-Life Alliance is preparing for the upcoming Supreme Court battle over the ban and has prepared a Friend of the Court Brief to the Supreme Court in favor of the ban.

National Pro-Life Alliance members played a crucial role in passing the ban by delivering more than one million petitions to Congress, helping break the threatened

filibuster by Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA).

The petitions urged Congress to ban the gruesome procedure in which healthy late-term babies are delivered almost completely before an abortionist punctures the baby's skull and removes the contents with a suction device.

The Supreme Court appeal comes after three federal courts blocked enforcement of the ban.

Following Two Successful Supreme Court Nomination Battles, Pro-Lifers Optimistic Ban Will Be Upheld

The last time the Supreme Court considered a similar state ban on partial-birth abortion, it struck down Nebraska's law by one vote.

With the retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor -- who cast the deciding vote to strike down the Nebraska ban -- pro-lifers are hopeful that the federal ban will be upheld.

Pro-lifers have reason to be optimistic that the law will be upheld since O'Connor was replaced by Judge Samuel Alito, who most believe will rule in favor of the ban.

National Pro-Life Alliance members played a crucial role in securing the nomination of both Justice Alito and Chief Justice John Roberts, who replaced former pro-life Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

Roberts is also expected to vote to

uphold the ban on partial-birth abortion.

The Supreme Court battle over the fate of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban will conclude a battle that National Pro-Life Alliance members and other pro-lifers have waged for more than ten years.

A ban on partial-birth abortion was passed twice by Congress in previous years only to be vetoed by President Clinton.

But pro-lifers persisted and proved to the world what the pro-life movement is capable of by succeeding in the passage of the ban in 2003.

According to National Pro-Life Alliance Legislative Director Mike Muench, the battle over partial-birth abortion is not just about one single abortion procedure.

NPLA Ad Campaign Exposes Radical Pro-Abortion Politicians

"Radical pro-abortion politicians who dared to vote against the ban paid a heavy political price for their extreme pro-abortion votes.


"The battle over partial-birth abortion has changed the landscape of the abortion debate and has highlighted the cold brutality of abortion," continued Muench.

Following each vote in Congress on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, NPLA members funded massive grass-roots TV advertisements and lobbying campaigns.

Facing massive voter outrage, members of Congress like Sen. Chuck Robb of Virginia, Sen. Jean Carnahan of Missouri and Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia ultimately lost their reelection bids.

"When people hear groups like NARAL and Planned Parenthood defending a procedure that involves a near full delivery of a late-term baby, and then the crushing of her skull as ninety percent of her tiny body dangles helplessly from her mother's birth canal -- they are hit with the stark reality of who these people are and what lies beneath their sinister political rhetoric about 'choice' and 'women's rights.'





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