



Activity Mounts for Floor Vote on Life at Conception Act in Congress

NPLA Members Recruit Unprecedented Support in Congress

As the end of the legislative session approaches and attention is focused on the upcoming elections, NPLA members continue to build support for the Life at Conception Act.

The legislative staff, led by NPLA Executive Director Mary King, is building congressional support for the Life at Conception Act through an all-out personal lobbying blitz in the Capitol Hill offices of Congressmen and Senators.

At the same time, NPLA members are systematically working in each race for United States House of Representatives and Senate to get each primary and general election candidate on record in the Pro-Life Candidate Survey.

The hard-hitting survey defines the positions of state and federal candidates on ten specific legislative questions regarding the protection of unborn babies.

As a result of these two NPLA projects, the total number of Congressional cosponsors is more than double the number in the last Congress.

Legislation Would Protect Unborn Under 14th Amendment

The Life at Conception Act would, of course, declare the unborn to be "persons" under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, and therefore are entitled to the right to life guaranteed to all persons.

Even *Roe v. Wade*'s advocate and author, Justice Harry Blackmun, admitted that once "personhood is established," *Roe v. Wade* would "collapse."

The bill, by legislatively defining that life begins at the moment of conception,

would effectively overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Instead of allowing a few unelected justices to obstruct the fate of millions of unborn children, the law would constitutionally protect babies from the moment of conception and allow elected representatives in Congress and state legislatures to craft additional protection for the unborn.

Acting on NPLA's member survey which assigned top priority to the Life at Conception Act, Executive Director Mary King organized the month-long personal lobbying campaign which targeted more than 120 congressional offices.

In each visit, NPLA staff challenged Members of Congress and staff to cospon-

sor and take action on this vital piece of legislation.

NPLA Executive Director Calls for Vote on Life at Conception Act Before Elections

Mary King met with members of Congress including leaders like Congressman Henry Hyde (R-IL), Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS), and Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE).

King reported that although the meet-

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NPLA Executive Director Mary King discusses strategy for passing the Life at Conception Act with one of the bill's cosponsors, Congressman Henry Hyde (R-IL).

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ings were most useful for answering questions and focusing attention, it was the tidal wave of support from NPLA members for the legislation that persuaded the record number of new cosponsors to sign on.

But King is not resting.

"We're calling for a vote on the bill this session," said Mary King in her July 21 meeting with Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY).

"If not this session, this legislation will come back next session, and it will keep coming back until it comes to a vote, and the American people can see where their elected representatives truly stand on the pro-life issue."

"That's the kind of passion we like to see," said Enzi.

Furthermore, as pro-life candidate surveys arrive daily, there are constantly more potential cosponsors in Congress.

National Pro-Life Alliance Generates More Than 1.5 Million Petitions

"Now, right before the elections, is the time for NPLA members to redouble their efforts by sending petitions, post cards, and letters, and by calling their representatives," said Mary King.

"Recent pro-life legislation such as the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban and Victims of Unborn Violence Act have highlighted the worst forms of abortion, but no real protection for the unborn child has yet been created.

"However," says King, "the momentum of recent legislation has opened the door for the Life at Conception Act. Yet it will continue to make such dramatic progress only with the grassroots support of NPLA members."

The dedication of NPLA members has fueled the fire for action by generating 1.55 million petitions this year in support of the Life at Conception Act.

This popular outpouring of support for the Life at Conception Act is not surprising, considering the negative view most Americans have of abortion.

Majority of Americans Believe Life Begins at Conception

Polling has revealed that a majority of Americans believe life begins at conception.

Most recently, a Fox News Opinion Dynamics Poll showed that only 30% reject

the idea that life begins at the moment of conception.

"Based on this popular support, now is clearly the time to force each Member of Congress to vote on the Life at Conception Act and reveal their true stances on abortion," said NPLA Executive Director Mary King.

Not only do the American people see the need for a Life at Conception Act, science itself points more and more towards the obvious need for such a measure.

Medical Advances Bolster Arguments for Protecting Life from Conception

An article published in the June 26 issue of *World Magazine* reveals the findings of a 15-year study led by neonatologist Dr. Ron Hoekstra of the Children's Hospital of Minneapolis.

Dr. Hoekstra's extensive study, detailed in his book *Before Their Time* is one of the largest studies of premature babies to date.

It demonstrates how current judicially-invented laws permit the painful murder of perfectly healthy, viable babies. Dr. Hoekstra found that a baby born at 23 weeks has a 65% chance of survival, up from a 40% chance in the late 1980's.

Also, babies born at 24, 25, and 26 weeks have an average survival rate of 86%, up from an average of 65% in the late 1980's.

Medical care and technology have not only allowed more premature babies to survive, but four out of five of the survivors live normally with no neurological problems.

As medical advances continue to make the moment of viability earlier and earlier, the number of viable children being murdered by abortion will constantly increase.

These discoveries, along with the huge grass-roots support for the protection of life, have created political fervor so widespread that even Democrat presidential nominee John Kerry felt forced to add his "me too"

WHY ROE V. WADE IS CALLED A "LANDMARK" DECISION...



The Life at Conception Act would end the plague of *Roe v. Wade* that has claimed the lives of more than 45 million unborn Americans.

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on the question of when life begins.

Reacting to popular pressure, Presidential candidate John Kerry (D-MA) claimed in an interview with the Iowa Dubuque Telegraph Herald, "I oppose abortion, personally. I don't like abortion. I believe life does begin at conception."

Of course, considering his 100% pro-abortion record in the Senate, Mr. Kerry doesn't back up his "belief" with his vote.

He voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, against the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, and for a Senate amendment that supported *Roe v. Wade* as a "constitutionally sound" decision.

Kerry excuses his radical abortion-on-demand voting record with his version of the separation of church and state.

"I can't take my Catholic belief . . . and legislate it on a Protestant or a Jew or an atheist," he stated in the same interview.

NPLA Executive Director Mary King strongly disagreed with the presidential hopeful.

"Being pro-life is not Catholic, or Jewish, or Protestant. It is American.

"Protection of the defenseless is a mark of civilized society. Pro-lifers want only to ensure that every human being receives the right to life to which they are entitled under the 14th Amendment.

"That is not a right that any government

should allow to be taken away, in the name of choice, or under any other circumstance."

Ronald Reagan Was an Early Supporter of a Life at Conception Act

John Kerry's stubborn refusal to face the truth about the humanity of the unborn is exposed by the words of a late pro-life hero, former President Ronald Reagan, who said in one of his most famous speeches:

"Abortion-on-demand now takes the lives of up to one and a half million unborn children a year.

"Human life legislation ending this tragedy will someday pass the Congress, and you and I must never rest until it does.

"Unless and until it can be proven that the unborn child is not a living entity, then its right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of



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Thanks to the radical pro-abortion agenda of Senators like John Kerry, there are 45 million less babies for candidates to pose with on the campaign trail.

happiness must be protected."

National Pro-Life Alliance Executive Director Mary King is urging members to write Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and House Speaker Dennis Hastert -- or call their offices at (202) 224-3121 -- and urge them to schedule votes on the Life at Conception Act before the November elections. ♥

2004 Election Update: NPLA-PAC Rallies Behind Winning Pro-Life Candidates

With the 2004 Congressional primary elections coming to a close and the general elections rapidly approaching, National Pro-Life Alliance members are using their Pro-Life Candidate Survey Program and political action committee to build pro-life support in Congress.

By means of the 2004 Pro-Life Candidate Survey, the National Pro-Life Alliance and its 500,000 members nationwide have been pouring the heat on candidates facing primary elections in order to get them on record against abortion-on-demand.

In all fifty states, members and staff of the National Pro-Life Alliance are working systematically to make sure that politicians can't lightly brush off serious pro-life questions in this election year.

As each filing deadline passes, NPLA staff delivers each candidate the ten question Pro-Life Candidate Survey which pointedly puts candidates on record regarding key pro-life issues before Congress, such as the Life at Conception Act and the NPLA-drafted Parental Notification and Intervention Act.

To make sure that candidates get the point that the Candidate Survey is not to be ignored, NPLA has mobilized its members and other pro-life voters in each Congressional District by distributing more than one million post cards insisting each candidate pledge 100% support for the unborn.

As a result of pressure from pro-life members, the National Pro-Life Alliance

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has received a record number of responses to its 2004 Pro-Life Candidate Survey.

NPLA Members Identify Strong Pro-Life Allies, Expose Phonies

Armed with candidates' completed surveys, the National Pro-Life Alliance's political action committee (NPLA-PAC) has so far identified 42 Congressional races nationwide in which pro-life gains can be made.

As part of the Alliance's '04 Campaign for a Pro-Life Congress, NPLA-PAC is going all out in support of pro-life candidates in both House and Senate races.

Thanks to the outpouring of financial support from NPLA members, NPLA-PAC has budgeted more than one-quarter million dollars in direct support for pro-life candidates, which will easily make NPLA-PAC the leading Federal political action committee in the nation in terms of contributions to pro-life candidates.

NPLA-PAC's involvement has proven especially effective in the primary season, where many times it is decided whether or not pro-life voters will have a strong ally to rally behind in the general election that follows.

NPLA-PAC Helps Strong Pro-Life Candidates Defeat Pro-Abortion Primary Opponents

National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox is pleased with the activism and support of NPLA members in the '04 elections thus far and remains confident about the success of the pro-life movement going forward.

"As is the case with everything the Alliance does, the active participation of our members is crucial in pinning down politicians on the sanctity of life," explained Fox.

"Already our members have made it possible for NPLA to send hundreds of thousands of post cards urging political candidates seeking office to stand up for the defenseless unborn.

"Politicians respond to pressure and our

members have certainly provided that element in 2004.

"And thanks to their great generosity, NPLA-PAC is again in a position to rush to the aid of pro-life candidates in tight races and provide them with the support necessary to pick up valuable seats for the pro-life cause, which is vital -- every one counts."

Winning pro-life candidates in numerous races have already received assistance in defeating their pro-abortion opponents from NPLA-PAC.

TEXAS: Planned Parenthood Board Member Exposed & Defeated in Primary

Radical pro-abortion Democrat Congressman, Chet Edwards -- who voted AGAINST the federal ban on partial-birth abortion -- is facing a pro-life opponent in the general election for Texas' 17th Congressional District thanks in large part to help from dedicated NPLA members.

In fact, Arlene Wohlgemuth received maximum support from NPLA-PAC in her successful primary campaign in which she defeated her opponent, Dot Snyder, who served on the board of directors of the local Planned Parenthood affiliate in Texas.

North Carolina: NPLA-PAC Support Helps Pro-Life Candidate Advance to General Election

In North Carolina Congressional District 10, State Representative Patrick McHenry faced David Huffman in a runoff for the Republican nomination.

Rep. McHenry has a history of pro-life leadership in North Carolina's State Legis-



By flooding the campaigns of Congressional candidates with post cards and letters right before elections, NPLA members have recruited a record number of cosponsors for the Life at Conception Act.

lature, and returned the Pro-Life Candidate Survey pledging 100% support for NPLA's pro-life agenda - including a pledge to cosponsor the Life at Conception Act.

David Huffman, who refused to answer his Pro-Life Candidate Survey, was defeated by Rep. McHenry in the just concluded August 17 North Carolina runoff primary.

U.S. Senate Races Heat Up

While every vote in Congress counts in the cause to protect the unborn, pro-life support in the Senate is especially critical.

With the current crisis in getting pro-life judicial nominees through the logjam in the Senate, coupled with the possibility of one or more upcoming vacancies on the Supreme Court, the outcome in the most hotly contested Senate races will determine life or death for 1.5 million babies killed by abortion each year.

With enough seats to shift power up for grabs across the country, both sides of the abortion debate are pulling out all the stops to gain control of the Senate in the 2004 elections.

The current pro-abortion Senate has been the biggest hurdle for the pro-life

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movement to overcome in recent years, and has served as a virtual graveyard for all but the most modest pro-life reforms.

With many of their candidates now on record following the primary round of candidate lobbying, NPLA members are now turning their focus on candidates for the general elections that are now fast approaching.

In its Campaign for a Pro-Life Congress, the National Pro-Life Alliance has identified seven key Senate races that could shift the balance of power to the pro-life side in its quest to pass a Life at Conception Act to end abortion-on-demand.

Oklahoma: Defending a Key Pro-Life Senate Seat



Tom Coburn

When Oklahoma Republican Senator Don Nickles announced he would not seek reelection after this term this seat moved out of the "safe" column.

With maximum financial backing from NPLA-PAC, former Representative Tom Coburn - who has pledged 100% support for the unborn on the Pro-Life Candidate Survey - won the Republican nomination and will face Democrat Brad Carson, who has an extreme pro-abortion voting record and even voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.

With Don Nickles stepping down, this race is up for grabs and Brad Carson has a shot at stealing this seat for the pro-abortion side.

South Dakota: Will John Thune Make Abortion a Key Issue?

Radical supporter of abortion-on-demand, Democrat Minority Leader Tom Daschle, is facing a tough challenge from former Republican Congressman John Thune in South Dakota.

National Pro-Life Alliance members will recall that in his stint as Majority Leader, Daschle blocked the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban by refusing to allow a floor vote in the Senate.

Congressman John Thune, however, in his years in the House of Representatives,

compiled a 100% pro-life voting record.

Facing such a rabid pro-abortion candidate such as Daschle, Thune's campaign would receive a serious boost from pro-lifers if he clearly positioned himself as the pro-life candidate.

Unfortunately, as of press time, Mr. Thune has failed to respond to the NPLA Pro-Life Candidate Survey. South Dakota members are urged to contact John Thune and urge him to come out 100% pro-life.

North Carolina: Pro-Life Challenge to Former Clinton Administration Chief of Staff

In North Carolina, Republican Congressman Richard Burr, who has a strong pro-life voting record in Congress, faces pro-abortion Democrat Erskine Bowles for the Senate seat currently held by Vice Presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards (D), who is also pro-abortion.

This race should be close, but insiders feel that this seat can be added to the pro-life side in November if Burr manages his advantage on the pro-life issue well.

South Carolina: NPLA-Backed Primary Winner Gains Momentum



Jim DeMint

This race for retiring Democrat Senator Fritz Hollings' vacant seat in South Carolina is a tossup.

Republican Congressman Jim DeMint, who received the maximum financial support allowed by law from NPLA-PAC in his primary, will face Democrat Inez Tenenbaum.

Tenenbaum is a radical pro-abortionist with a history of lobbying for legal abortion.

Jim DeMint is a cosponsor of the Life at Conception Act and has been a strong pro-life leader in the House of Representatives.

Louisiana: Pro-Lifers Seek to Secure Open Seat

Incumbent Senator John Breaux (D), who has generally voted pro-life, is not seeking reelection.

One of the two Louisiana Republican candidates, Congressman David Vitter, has

a much more solidly pro-life record than Breaux.

Vitter is the early favorite for the Republican nomination against radical pro-abortion Republican Buddy Roemer.

Nevada: Vulnerable Pro-Abortion Incumbent on Defensive

In Nevada, incumbent Harry Reid, who serves as the Democrats' second in command in the Senate, has worked to block pro-life judicial nominees, helping orchestrate the disgraceful filibuster against the President's well-qualified appointees in the Senate.

Reid is facing a challenge from Republican Richard Ziser, who has a much stronger platform on the pro-life issue.

Having won by a razor thin margin in his previous Senate campaign, Reid is vulnerable and could be beaten if Ziser runs a strong campaign.

Colorado: Pro-Abortion Attorney General Seeks Senate Seat

Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO) is retiring, leaving another open Senate seat up for grabs.

Republican candidate Pete Coors has been running on a pro-life platform, but has so far failed to return the Pro-Life Candidate Survey to the National Pro-Life Alliance stating where he stands on issues most important to pro-life voters.

Pete Coors' position on the sanctity of life, if clarified to pro-lifers, could prove to be a key asset going into the November 2 General Election.

Coors will face pro-abortion Democrat Attorney General Ken Salazar.

National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox has personally written and is encouraging members and pro-life activists in these states to keep continual pressure on the candidates to come out 100% pro-life on the NPLA Pro-Life Candidate Survey.

According to Fox, "focusing on the specific measures in the Pro-Life Candidate Survey will frustrate pro-abortion radicals' attempts to soften their image by highlighting symbolic votes and avoiding debate on real lifesaving proposals."



Partial-Birth Abortion Battle Comes to a Head

NPLA Readies Supreme Court Brief in Favor of the Federal Ban

When a massive grass-roots movement of NPLA members and other pro-lifers passed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban this spring, the national abortion lobby unleashed their most effective weapon against popular opinion - the unelected federal courts.

On March 29, as a preliminary to a virtually certain Supreme Court showdown, three federal courts began hearing testimony in lawsuits filed by pro-abortion groups to block enforcement of the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.

The ban enjoys overwhelming support among nearly eighty percent of Americans and passed both houses of Congress by a 2-1 margin.

Despite the abortion industry's hype, the new law would prohibit only one type of particularly barbaric abortion, in which an abortionist induces labor and delivers a late-term baby almost completely – only to puncture the baby's skull and suction out its brains.

Abortionists and groups that profit from abortion have put forward the patently ridiculous and unsupported claim that the procedure is necessary to save the life of expectant mothers.

Yet, when the Bush Justice Department issued subpoenas for the medical records of these abortionists that would either validate or disprove their claim, the abortion-

ists stonewalled the court, refusing to hand over any information.

Activist Pro-Abortion San Francisco Judge Rules Ban "Unconstitutional"

As the National Pro-Life Alliance readies for the ultimate assault in the Supreme Court, one of the three state challenges to the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban has been decided in San Francisco.

Clinton-appointed U.S. District Judge Phyllis Hamilton worked overtime to become the first judge to strike down the ban, ruling it "unconstitutional."

She claimed it infringes on the so-called "right" to abortion invented by the Supreme Court in the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision.

Meanwhile, in New York, closing arguments were concluded on July 22 before Judge Richard Casey.

A decision by Judge Casey is expected later this summer and in Nebraska a ruling is expected by pro-abortion Judge Richard Kopf in a matter of weeks.

With closing arguments wrapped up in the two remaining state court challenges, the media has simply refused to cover the damaging evidence that has surfaced in the various cases.

In New York, abortionist Amos

Grunebaum admitted while testifying under oath that when a baby is killed during a partial-birth abortion, "It is the same as any baby dying."

Grunebaum was claiming that the procedure should remain legal because "People want to hold the fetus" as part of the mourning process.

Media Shows Other Violent Images While Squelching the Violence of Abortion

No major news outlets covered the shocking admission, nor did they cover testimony about the intense pain aborted babies feel during an abortion.

In a letter to the Presidents of all three major networks and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), NPLA President Martin Fox blasted the media blackout, saying:

"The collective silence by the major networks regarding the testimony in the court challenges to the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban is deeply troubling.

"If, in fact, abortion kills an unborn child, it is -- *by definition* -- murder. The Supreme Court admitted as much when it handed down *Roe v. Wade*.

"Here we have witnesses for the abortion industry making the case for the humanity of the unborn while testifying under oath, and we get absolute silence from the major networks."

Fox added, "The media has always gone to great lengths to avoid reporting on partial-birth abortion. When it has been forced to do so, it has misled and outright lied to the public about what this procedure actually entails.

"First, the media propagated the pro-abortion lie that this procedure is extremely rare and that it is only performed in emergencies to save the mother's life.

"We know that this procedure is performed with great frequency on healthy mothers with healthy babies that could survive on their own outside of the mother's body," explains Fox.

"To this day many in the media insist



The ultimate fate of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban lies in the Supreme Court. NPLA staff is readying an Amicus Brief and its members are working hard to elect a Senate that will ratify pro-life federal judges.

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on referring to the procedure as “so-called ‘partial-birth abortion’” as if the label is inaccurate.

“And while the national media provides viewers with a virtual daily barrage of gruesome footage from the war in Iraq, it simply refuses to utter a single word about the violence taking place in the war being waged in the womb against our children right here at home,” says Fox.

NPLA Members Shore Up for Supreme Court Battle

Since its inception a decade ago, members of the National Pro-Life Alliance have been on the front lines in the fight to pass

legislation banning partial-birth abortion.

Members of the Alliance generated more than 1.2 million petitions to Congress in favor of the ban on partial-birth abortion, playing a crucial role in breaking the threatened filibuster by Senators Kennedy and Clinton.

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

The legal brief will send 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.

Ban is First Step to Ending Abortion-on-Demand

Martin Fox calls the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban “an important pro-life political victory.”

But he also warns: “Only when Congress has passed and the President has signed a Life at Conception Act protecting ALL unborn babies from the moment of conception can pro-lifers claim ultimate victory in our struggle.”



Recent Legislative Victories Demonstrate Popular Pro-Life Support

NPLA Seeks to Capitalize with Life at Conception Act Vote

As *LifeLine* readers know, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, which poll after poll has shown that roughly 80% of Americans support, passed both houses of Congress by a two-to-one majority and was signed into law by President Bush.

But in addition to the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, several additional pieces of pro-life legislation have been introduced in this session of Congress and been received with strong support from lawmakers, a testament to the increasingly pro-life sentiment among Americans and Congress.

Passage of the Unborn Victims of Violence Act and the strong support for the Child Custody Protection Act in Congress are great momentum builders for pro-lifers.

Yet National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox is stressing that the pro-life movement must capitalize on this pro-life shift among both Congress and the general public by pressing for bold new reforms that will truly translate into life-saving laws.

In April, the President signed into law the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, which passed by a margin of 254-163 in the House and 61-38 in the Senate.

The recent coverage of the murder of

Laci Peterson and her eight-month-old unborn son, Conner, helped shine a light on the humanity of the unborn.

Americans Recognize Two Victims in Murder of Pregnant California Woman

The ensuing controversy over whether or not the accused killer, Laci’s husband Scott Peterson, should be charged with a double homicide – revealed that most Americans believe that there were, in fact, two murder victims.

As previously reported in *LifeLine*, the extremism of the abortion lobby was exposed during the controversy as it stood alone on the side of a murderer in order to avoid admitting that baby Conner was a person.

According to Martin Fox, while this legislation is certainly well intentioned, “it highlights the need for a better, achievable solution for protecting the unborn from violence.

“This law is written in such a way that it is extremely limited in scope and does not offer the unborn protection from abortion.”

Another pro-life bill that has been introduced and received considerable traction in Congress is the Child Custody Protection Act.

The bill is intended to prevent a minor from being driven across state lines from a state with parental involvement laws in place, to a neighboring state with no such safeguards.

Attempts to Avoid Parental Involvement Spark Pro-Life Activism

The Child Custody Protection Act has over 130 cosponsors in Congress and has had hearings held in both houses.

While certainly an improvement over current law, the bill would not provide parental safeguards in states that currently lack them, and fails to address the huge “judicial bypass” loophole present in many state parental involvement laws.

The NPLA-drafted Parental Notification and Intervention Act (H.R. 1489), how-

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ever, would provide sweeping reforms that would save countless unborn.

The Parental Notification and Intervention Act, which was introduced in March of last year by Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO), also enjoys broad congressional support. The bill has more than eighty cosponsors in the House of Representatives.

The Parental Notification and Intervention Act (H.R. 1489) would not only deal with the problem of minors being secreted off to abortion clinics without their parents' knowledge, it also provides strict guidelines to curtail the abuse of pro-abortion judges who seek to nullify state laws by rubber-stamping minors' requests to bypass the laws.

In addition, the Parental Notification and Intervention Act would strengthen existing state laws that only require that parents be notified of their minor daughter's abortion by giving them the legal right to act on the information and stop the abortion from taking place.

“Don't Sell the Unborn Short” Warns NPLA President Martin Fox

Recent expert testimony in the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban court battle in New York District Court demonstrated the excruciating pain felt by babies being aborted.

In response, a bill called the Fetal Pain Awareness Act is gaining increasing sup-

port in Congress.

If passed, the bill would require abortionists to provide women considering abortions with the knowledge that their unborn child can sense pain.

“This legislation is all being advanced with the best of intentions and any pro-life legislation is certainly worth while,” explained Fox.

“But in order to really capitalize and put the politicians on record right before the election, we need to rally behind real and meaningful pro-life reforms that will translate into saved lives.

Ingredients in Place for Real Pro-Life Reform

“Congress is correct in concluding that the time is right for putting forward pro-life measures, but we need to be extremely careful not to sell the unborn short by compromising our pro-life principles for the sake of claiming victory,” warned Fox.

“Right now — while we have a President who is willing to sign pro-life legislation into law, we must seize this opportunity to advance substantive legislation to save the lives of the unborn.

“The Parental Notification and Intervention Act would save countless unborn babies from the horror of abortion and the Life at Conception Act,” said Fox.

According to Fox, such an approach in an election year serves to benefit strong pro-life candidates and translates into pro-

life gains in Congress.

Serious Issue Discussion Near Elections Results in Pro-Life Gains in Congress

No one knows this better than former Senators Jean Carnahan (D-MO), Max Cleland (D-GA), and Chuck Robb (D-VA) -- all of whom lost their seats to pro-life opponents following a barrage of NPLA television ads outlining their support for the ghastly partial-birth abortion procedure.

“The pro-life advances that resulted from the public debate over the proposed ban on partial-birth abortion took down some of the most radical supporters of abortion-on-demand,” said Fox.

“But it also gave cover to some lawmakers and candidates who, while opposing this one gruesome procedure, support other, equally horrific forms of abortion.


“What we now must do is press Congress to hold votes on substantive pro-life legislation to expose the wolves in sheep's clothing that are hiding among the herd in Congress.”

Life at Conception Act Vote Would Give Politicians Nowhere to Hide

“Politicians will say and do almost anything to get elected if they know they'll never be called on to back up their talk with action once they are safely in office.”

Martin Fox is urging members to contact Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and urge him to put a floor vote on the Life at Conception Act (S. 2190) at the top of the Senate's agenda.

Members should also contact House Speaker Dennis Hastert and urge him to do everything in his power to bring the Life at Conception Act (H.R. 3069) to a vote in the House of Representatives.

Both can be reached by dialing the capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121. 



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