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Life at Conception Act Reaches New Milestone

Members Press for Hearings as House Bill Reaches 100 Cosponsors

As National Pro-Life Alliance members have escalated the election season pressure on politicians, the bill championed by NPLA to legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade* and end abortion-on-demand has been steadily building momentum in Congress.

Compared with the 29 cosponsors the bill garnered just two Congresses ago, the Life at Conception Act has reached an all-time record of 100 cosponsors in the House of Representatives.

Such legislation would eliminate abortion-on-demand by overturning the court decision that ushered in the abortion holo-

caust.

Ironically, the legal basis for a Life at Conception Act is found in the very ruling the bill is designed to overturn.

Life at Conception Act Legislatively Defines When Life Begins

Former Supreme Court Justice Harold A. Blackmun wrote these words when he handed down *Roe v. Wade*: "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.

"If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant's case, [i.e. "Roe" who sought an abortion] 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 killing of more than forty-five million unborn children.

Congressmen Jim Nussle (R-IA), Mark Kennedy (R-MN), Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) and Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) are among the latest round of Congressmen to sign on as cosponsors of the bill.

National Pro-Life Alliance members have led the fight for passage of a Life at Conception Act for years and have seen the benefits of their hard work more than ever before in the current Congress.

Following its formula of grass-roots lobbying and political accountability, the National Pro-Life Alliance and its members nationwide have steadily increased Congressional support for legislatively overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

With 100 cosponsors in the House of Representatives -- a nearly three hundred percent



Congressman Steve King (R-IA) records a phone message as part of the National Pro-Life Alliance's campaign to mobilize pro-lifers nationwide in the push to secure a vote on the Life at Conception Act before the November 2006 elections.

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increase from two election cycles ago -- National Pro-Life Alliance members are stepping up their lobbying campaign to secure hearings and a floor vote on the Life at Conception Act.

NPLA Members Turn Focus to Hearings and Vote on Life at Conception Act

In contrast to pro-life legislation that has been considered in Congress in recent years, the Life at Conception Act is unique in that its focus is the complete elimination of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision that led to the legalization of abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy for virtually any reason.

Rather than attack abortion at the margins to secure limited protection to only some unborn babies in some circumstances, the Life at Conception Act takes

on *Roe* head on, challenging the very notion that it is acceptable to kill *any* innocent unborn baby.

And what's more, an increasing number of pro-lifers are being drawn to the campaign to pass a Life at Conception Act because they recognize the political feasibility of its passage.

Life at Conception Act Remains Best Means Available to Overturn *Roe v. Wade*

In the ongoing fight to end abortion-on-demand and secure legal protection to the unborn, there are three courses of action at the disposal of pro-lifers to end the holocaust of abortion -- of which passage of a Life at Conception Act remains by far the most promising.

First, the passage of a Constitutional

Amendment banning abortion would effectively overturn *Roe v. Wade* and grant full legal protection to the unborn.

However, amending the Constitution is a tall order considering that it requires a two-thirds supermajority vote in Congress -- plus ratification by 38 states in order to become enforceable.

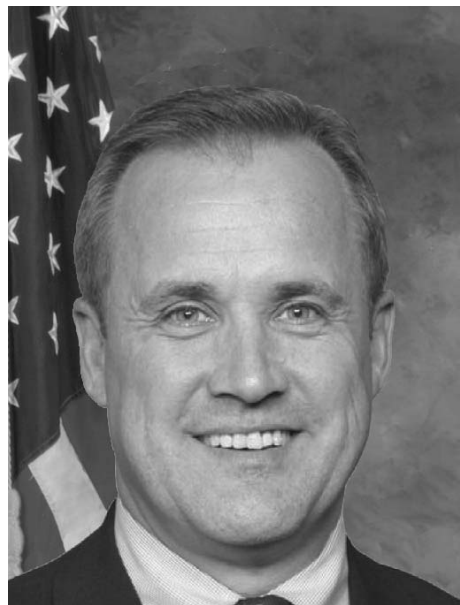
Another scenario would be the United States Supreme Court overruling itself and striking down *Roe v. Wade*.

But since a pro-life, anti-*Roe* majority on the Supreme Court remains out of reach, even if the newly appointed Judges Alito and Roberts would vote to overturn *Roe* as hoped, passage of a Life at Conception Act remains the most feasible means available to immediately act to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

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Hon. Mark Kennedy (R - MN)



Hon. Jim Nussle (R - IA)



Hon. Bob Goodlatte (R - VA)

Congressmen Mark Kennedy, Jim Nussle and Bob Goodlatte are among the latest Members of Congress recruited by National Pro-Life Alliance members in support of the Life at Conception Act, which would legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Vote on Life at Conception Act Would Expose Abortion Apologists

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Since a Life at Conception Act does not require changing the Constitution, but instead strengthens and enforces language already in the Constitution, it needs only a majority vote in Congress and the President's signature in order to become law.

The fact is, the United States Constitution already contains the language needed to enforce a Life at Conception Act and protect each and every unborn baby in America.

Now, with more support in Congress than ever before for legislatively overturning *Roe v. Wade*, National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox is urging members to step up pressure and demand action on the Life at Conception Act.

"With 100 cosponsors in the House of Representatives, the House Leadership simply cannot afford to ignore us," says

Fox.

"We now have the momentum to demand hearings and a floor vote on the Life at Conception Act and we must make it clear that we will accept nothing less.

Fox Urges Members to Step Up Pressure on House Leadership for Action on Life at Conception Act

"A vote on this bill -- on the ultimate question of when life begins -- will either end abortion-on-demand or expose abortion apologists in Congress right before the election. Either way, it is a win/win situation for unborn babies.

"There's a reason the pro-abortion movement chose to use the courts to create a so-called 'right' to abortion," explains

Fox.

"A vote for abortion-on-demand is indefensible.

"Those Congressmen who would cast their vote with the murderous abortionists and condemn millions of innocent unborn babies to painful deaths will pay the ultimate political price when they face voters," declares Fox.

Fox is urging all National Pro-Life Alliance members to contact the House Leadership and press for the prompt scheduling of Congressional hearings on the merits of the Life at Conception Act, followed by a full vote on the bill in the House of Representatives.

Members should call House Speaker Dennis Hastert and House Majority Leader John Boehner at (202) 224-3121 today.



NPLA Members Lobby for Leadership in Senate ***With Record Support for Ending Roe in House, Senators remain AWOL***

In the wake of record advances for the Life at Conception Act in the House of Representatives, National Pro-Life Alliance Legislative Director Michael Muench has announced a major member offensive to get action in the United States Senate on this legislation to end abortion-on-demand.

Massive grass-roots lobbying by National Pro-Life Alliance members has resulted in a steady increase in Congressional support for a Life at Conception Act in the past two election cycles.

And in the House of Representatives, a new record of one hundred Members of Congress have signed up to cosponsor a Life at Conception Act to legislatively end abortion-on-demand.

Yet many politicians would prefer to simply say "I'm personally opposed to abortion" and leave it at that.

And never has this reality been more

apparent than in the United States Senate.

Ten sitting Senators have pledged to cosponsor a Life at Conception Act, which would legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade* and end abortion-on-demand.

Yet not one Senator has stepped forward in this session to introduce the bill for consideration.

Senate Inaction Wasting Valuable Time as Congress Nears Elections

With the surge in support for the Life at Conception Act on the House side, the Senate's inaction is all the more glaring.

While the Senate has correctly acted on legislation to regulate or limit some abortions in particularly outrageous cases, Muench points out that, unlike the U.S. House, the Senate has not even left the starting gate in the race to pass legislation to save the unborn by overturning -- not

just regulating -- *Roe v. Wade*.

"It is truly disheartening that not a single United States Senator has stepped forward to lead the fight to defend the sanctity of life," laments National Pro-Life Alliance Legislative Director Mike Muench.

"And with the elections approaching, time is rapidly running out to introduce this legislation that would not only save millions of lives, but also force Senators running for re-election to prove with deeds their commitment to end *Roe v. Wade*'s judicial protection of abortion-on-demand.

"As leader of the Senate Republican majority, Senator Bill Frist (R-TN) has not only failed to make a Life at Conception Act a priority in the Senate, the self-proclaimed 'pro-life' Senator recently

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betrayed pro-lifers by abandoning his opposition to taxpayer funding of destructive human embryo experiments (see story on page 6.)

Frequent Pro-Life Standard-Bearers Brownback and Santorum Absent from Fight to Overturn Roe v. Wade

Senators Sam Brownback (R-KS) and Rick Santorum (R-PA) have spearheaded many pro-life efforts in the Senate.

Brownback has even pledged to cosponsor a Life at Conception Act on the National Pro-Life Alliance's Candidate Survey.

"But without a Senator to introduce the bill," explains Muench, "there's no bill to cosponsor.

"It's inexplicable that neither Senator Brownback nor Senator Santorum has answered the pro-life call and taken the lead on this.

"A Life at Conception Act is the most feasible way to end abortion-on-demand, yet the two Senators that pro-lifers look to for leadership have so far failed to get any of their colleagues to initiate a Senate version of the bill," continues Muench.

New Round of Member Lobbying Focuses on Pro-Life Senate Leader

"That's why we are urging all NPLA members to contact their two Senators, as well as Senator Brownback, urging them to show true pro-life leadership by introducing a Life at Conception Act in the United States Senate.

"Delaying action on a Life at Conception Act does nothing but help the abortion lobby and its skills in Congress," adds Muench.

"We have a crucial window of opportunity.

"Recent opinion polls demonstrate that more than two and a half times as many people believe that life begins at concep-



Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS), pictured above with National Pro-Life Alliance Executive Director Mary King, has been a Senate point man for pro-life legislation. King is encouraging members to write Senator Brownback and other pro-life Senators urging them to introduce a Senate version of the Life at Conception Act.

tion than those who don't."

Yet Muench points out that not one single vote in this session of the Senate addresses that question.

"The failure to press for a Life at Conception Act simply allows abortion apologists to skirt the real issue at the heart of the abortion debate: 'that life begins at the moment of conception.'

"With the record gains NPLA members have made in the House, we can't afford to let Senate inaction wipe out our momentum."

Life at Conception Act Debate Would Shine Spotlight on Pro-Abortion Senators as Elections Approach

So NPLA Legislative Director Mike Muench is strongly encouraging members to sign the post cards enclosed with this edition of *LifeLine* and to mail them to

their two U.S. Senators.

"Adding to the urgency," says Muench, "is the fact that many of these Senators are facing re-election and now -- while their ears are open to their constituents -- is the best time to convince them to act and hold them accountable if they fail to do so."

The member post cards enclosed with this issue of *LifeLine* urge Brownback and supposed pro-life leaders in the Senate to step up to the plate and lead the fight to end abortion-on-demand by introducing a Senate version of the Life at Conception Act.



Senate Passes Limited Pro-Life Measure

King Urges Passage of Tougher Parental Notification and Intervention Act

Fifty-one Senate Republicans, joined by fourteen Democrats -- successfully passed the Child Custody Protection Act in the United States Senate on July 25.

By a vote of 65-34, the Senate voted for passage of S. 403, which amends Title 18 of United States Code "to prohibit taking minors across state lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions."

NPLA Calls on Pro-Life Leaders for More Substantial Legislation

NPLA Executive Director Mary King called the measure a good first step toward parental involvement and called pro-life Senators to now address broader legislation to stop abortionists from preying on pregnant and vulnerable teenage girls.

"While any and all legislation that curbs the killing of the unborn should be applauded, pro-lifers must make it clear to their leaders in the Senate that, while this bill is a good step forward, more needs to be done," said King.

Since this bill fails to address the problem of activist judges effectively invalidat-

ing parental involvement laws, it allows the will of parents to be subverted by that of judges who routinely issue rulings "bypassing" the parental reporting requirements.

And while the bill seeks to address the problem of adults taking minors across state lines in order to skirt her state's laws requiring parental involvement before an abortion, it does nothing to address the fact that -- in many states -- parents still have no power under the law to stop an abortion from being performed on their minor daughter.

So for states without such laws already on the books, S. 403 provides no protection.

In contrast, the NPLA-drafted Parental Notification and Intervention Act would give parents in all fifty states not only the legal right to be notified of but also to stop an abortion from being performed on their minor daughter.

NPLA-Drafted Bill Would Go Farther to Protect Unborn and Teens from Abortionists

In addition, the NPLA bill would reign in activist pro-abortion judges by requiring that parents be notified of and given the power to stop the abortion without giving judges undefined power to bypass abortions for any or no reason.

Since this bill would give parents in all fifty states the legal right to stop teen abortions, legislation such as the Child Custody Protection Act would not be necessary.

By pushing the Child Custody Protection Act, lawmakers sought to capitalize on the enormous public support that exists for parental in-

volvement legislation.

Numerous polls have demonstrated that nearly 80% of Americans support such legislation. In the two most recent sessions of Congress, 86 Congressmen have cosponsored the Parental Notification and Intervention Act.

But by only focusing on the Child Custody Protection Act rather than the tougher Parental Notification and Intervention Act, King is concerned that Congress is not making the most of this pro-life mandate, while at the same time giving cover to abortion apologists.

Since the Parental Notification and Intervention Act would undoubtedly stop many more abortions than the Child Custody Protection Act, a floor vote on it would expose more pro-abortion politicians than the recent Senate vote.

Congress Should Make the Most of Massive Public Support for Parental Intervention

"If pro-life leaders in Congress choose to hold votes only on the weakest and 'least controversial' legislation out there, they are actually providing cover to supporters of abortion," states King.

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) had a perfect score with the National Abortion Rights Action League in the last session, yet he voted for the Child Custody Protection Act -- scoring a 'pro-life' vote just before the elections -- even as Reid and his party employ procedural tactics to delay the bill from being sent to the President's desk for his signature.

King is stressing to members that there is still time in this session to convince Congress to act on the Parental Notification and Intervention Act (H.R. 2971).

Members should call their Congressmen at (202) 224-3121 and urge them to support the Parental Notification and Intervention Act and do everything in their power to bring it to a floor vote in the House of Representatives.



Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO), pictured on left above with NPLA Executive Director Mary King, has introduced legislation that would go further in giving real power to parents to protect their children and unborn grandchildren from abortionists.



FDA Appears Poised to Approve Over-the-Counter Abortion Drug

NPLA Urges Immediate Action to Stop Dangerous Chemical Slaughter

NPLA President Martin Fox urged NPLA members to contact President Bush immediately asking him to intervene and stop plans to make abortive drugs available without a prescription.

The Bush Administration has come under intense pressure from the abortion industry because the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has been slow to approve the so-called "Morning After Pill" for over-the-counter use.

The drug, otherwise known as "Plan B," frequently causes a chemical abortion on the unborn at the earliest stage of life by preventing implantation in the uterus following conception.

Barr Laboratories, the manufacturer of the drug, applied several years ago for the FDA to make the abortive drug as freely available as bubble gum to women and young girls alike.

The FDA rejected their request citing Barr's failure to demonstrate that the drug is safe for adolescent women.

Barr then filed a revised proposal to make the drug available to women 16 years and older without a prescription.

The FDA has until now postponed a

final decision as NPLA members and other pro-lifers have lobbied the administration to block the drug's approval.

The abortion lobby has been crying foul ever since. Pro-abortion Senators Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and Maria Cantwell (D-WA) have blocked the President's nomination of Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach as permanent FDA Commissioner pending approval of the "Plan B" chemical abortion drug.

FDA May Fold to Pressure From Abortion Lobby ... Again

Now pro-lifers fear that the abortion lobby may finally get its way.

On July 31 -- just 24 hours before a scheduled hearing on Dr. von Eschenbach's nomination -- the FDA signaled that it is considering approving the "Morning After" abortion drug for over-the-counter distribution to women 18 and older.

The FDA indicated that it hoped to wrap the process up "in a matter of

weeks."

National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox points out that if the FDA does approve the chemical abortion drug for both prescription and over-the-counter use it will be an unprecedented move.

"Once again it appears that the abortion lobby is having its way with the FDA. Just as political pressure led to the rushed approval of the RU-486 Abortion Pill during the Clinton Administration, now they are bullying the current FDA to make it as easy and convenient to kill an unborn baby as it is to pick up milk and eggs on the way home.

"Furthermore, the FDA has no legal enforcement authority to ensure that store clerks are verifying the age of teenagers before disbursing the deadly drug."

Fox is asking NPLA members to contact President Bush and urge him in the strongest possible terms to do everything in his power to prevent the further spread of chemical abortion drugs during his administration. The number for the White House is (202) 456-1111.



Taxpayer-Funded, Human-Destroying Experiments Approved by Senate, Vetoed by President

NPLA Redoubles Push for Life at Conception Act to Protect ALL Unborn

Effectively declaring that a genetically complete human being at the embryonic stage is not truly a person, the U.S. Senate approved a 2005 House of Representatives measure that would have expanded the use of federal taxpayer dollars for embryonic stem cell experimentation -- work that literally destroys life in order to extract human cells that some wish to harvest for experiments.

Despite this research failing to bring promised benefits, and ethical alternatives that have produced results, the Senate approved millions of dollars in new public spending to fund it.

However, President Bush used the first veto of his presidency to swiftly axe the

bill, thereby halting the use of millions of taxpayers' money for what White House press secretary Tony Snow characterized as "murder."

Ethical Alternatives Ignored By Media, Produces Results

Although even extreme pro-abortion Senators like John Kerry (D-MA) concede that life begins at conception, they attempt to justify their support for destructive human research by claiming that the purported help this deadly research could bring is worth forcing taxpayers to fund it.

"Of course, medical research can be done on stem cells without running into a

moral crisis," says NPLA President Martin Fox.

Stem cell lines from other sources, such as adults or umbilical cord samples, have yielded better results with no conflict of morality; no human life is destroyed in the gathering of these cells.

In fact, new medical frontiers are being forged all the time from the research of adult and umbilical stem cells.

As embryonic research results in dead ends left and right, adult stem cell research

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Destructive Embryonic Experimentation: Deadly False Hope

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In a strongly worded letter to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox expressed grave concern over the Senator's about-face on taxpayer funded destructive embryonic experimentation.

is coming ever closer to commercialization -- and real usage in treatments.

In 2005, a group of Korean scientists used umbilical stem cells to regenerate limited sensation and movement to a woman who had suffered from paraplegia for nearly two decades. In Australia, scientists discovered that olfactory (nasal gland) stem cells could be manipulated to turn into almost any other kind of cell -- heart, brain, nerve, and more.

Due to these developments, more and more private sector money is being funneled into adult stem cell research.

NPLA to Congress: Don't Force Taxpayers to Pay for Unpromising, Destructive Experiments

In contrast, Fox notes, private funding has been slow in coming for unproven experimentation on embryonic human

cells. This discrepancy indicates that the hope of future breakthroughs of embryonic stem cell research is dim in comparison with the likely advances brought about from adult stem cell research.

So far, though, these breakthroughs have been suppressed by the mainstream media and ignored by pro-abortion politicians, both of whom continue to push for the use of American taxes to fund destructive research on genetically complete human beings.

Fox Faults Frist and Other Supposedly Pro-Life Senators Who Voted for Human Experimentation

In spite of numerous medical miracles resulting from adult and umbilical stem cell research, the enormous costs and low results from embryonic stem cell research, and the clear conflict over the destruction

of developed, genetically complete human life in pursuit of embryonic stem cell research, the abortionists in the media and the political arena continue to push destructive research.

In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and other supposedly pro-life Senators, Fox challenged their contradictory stand on the issue.

"On one hand you say you recognize that life begins at conception -- but now you find embryonic human beings more valuable as raw material for 'science,'" Fox wrote.

"Worse still, you have cast your lot with the abortion industry that isn't content to destroy tiny human beings -- they demand that everyone be forced to pay for it with their tax dollars."

Families invited to the White House for the veto of the embryo-death subsidy bill vividly demonstrated the cost of destroying embryonic human beings.

The 18 families who joined the President had all adopted "snowflake babies" -- children who were rescued from cryogenic limbo, after they were conceived in fertility laboratories, yet abandoned. They gave a human face to the so-called "surplus" lives Kerry, Frist and others view merely as raw material for experiments.

Abortion Lobby Demands More Death; "Snowflake Families" Support Life

The families of these rescued children have spoken out in recent weeks. Steve Johnson, a paraplegic, is the father of a snowflake baby, Zara. "I do pray for a cure for paralysis," he said. "But not if that comes at the destruction of an embryo."

He then outlined the argument in blunt terms. "Would I kill my daughter so I could walk again?" he asked.

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The list of treatments from stem cells ethically obtained from adults is at seventy-two and growing. Destructive embryonic stem cell research is yet to produce a single medically advantageous application, yet its proponents demand taxpayer funding for the destruction of human embryos with no evidence of its usefulness.

This conflict is at the heart of the issue. NPLA President Martin Fox charged that the abortion lobby is playing political games with the life of the unborn.

“Here’s the shocking thing: why does the abortion lobby demand the death of these embryonic human beings?”

“It’s because they have to deny the humanity of every unborn child, without exception, in order to justify their immoral

position.

“Abortionists have no hesitation to destroy one human life that can’t vote for the sake of another that can. If anyone is playing politics with human life, it’s them.

Crisis Averted, But Fight Far From Over

“For the unborn, though, it is not all

bad news,” says Fox.

“Although their efforts to spend taxpayer money on medical murder are frightening and disheartening, there is cause for hope.”

In addition to vetoing taxpayer-funded embryo destruction, Fox points out that President Bush also signed into law a bill banning fetal farming.

This repugnant practice would seek to produce human embryos for the sole purpose of research and destruction, which has been identified by many as a means of “playing God.”

And, because of the ardent efforts of National Pro-Life Alliance members,

the number of cosponsors in Congress for the Life at Conception Act continues to swell, recently reaching an all-time record of one hundred.

Members Continue Fight to Defend ALL Unborn

Pro-life advocates are finding many reasons to be optimistic and encouraged, but their fight is far from won.


Friends of the abortion lobby, such as Senator Kerry, continue their attempts to ignore the rights of the unborn.

“We pro-lifers must be more vigilant than ever before,” said Fox.

“We must not be satisfied with half-measures and false promises.

“And we must not allow the abortion lobby’s control of the media to discourage us, nor can we let our elected leaders turn a blind eye to ethical medical research that could save the countless lives of both adults and unborn children,” says Fox.





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