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NPLA Members Flood Congress with Petitions to End Roe *Members Turn Up Heat to Build Record Support for Life at Conception Act*

In early June National Pro-Life Alliance members flooded Congress in the latest round of grass-roots lobbying in favor of the Life at Conception Act, which would legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Armed with more than 700,000 signed petitions from NPLA members in all fifty states, National Pro-Life Alliance staff visited every Congressional office to urge members of Congress to end abortion-on-demand by passing Representative Duncan Hunter's (R-CA) Life at Conception Act (H.R. 618).

Suffice it to say that National Pro-Life Alliance staff was not met with the warmest of greetings at every office they visited, but the message delivered from NPLA members was particularly relevant to hostile and fence-sitting members of Congress: "Your constituents oppose abortion-on-demand and expect you to end it."

Latest Round of NPLA Lobbying Adds Additional Support in Congress

Many offices, however, were supportive and lobbying efforts have already led to a surge of additional cosponsors since the last issue of *LifeLine*.

National Pro-Life Alliance's Legislative Director Mike Muench expects additional positive results following the latest round of lobbying.

"Despite the new political climate in Washington, our members remain determined to advance the cause of the unborn," explained Muench.

"The strong start in this Congress is encouraging and based on the positive feedback we received from many Congressional offices we expect to build on the record level of support we now have for the Life at Conception Act until Congress simply can't

ignore us."

H.R. 618 was introduced on January 22, the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, and now has 81 total cosponsors.

"Based on the response from many of the offices we visited on Capitol Hill, we should be adding to that number in the coming days," added Muench.

NPLA Members Lead the Charge to End Abortion-on-Demand

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

This effort has led to a steady increase in Congressional support for a Life at Conception Act, which in the last Congress reached an all-time record of 101 cosponsors.

If passed, a Life at Conception Act would end abortion-on-demand by legally defining that human life begins at the moment of conception.

At the heart of a Life at Conception Act, and the entire abortion debate, is the scientifically demonstrated fact that life begins at the moment of conception.

The Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* attempted to single-handedly resolve the entire abortion debate without ever addressing this

issue by arguing:

"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."

The Court then admitted:

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NPLA staff just completed its latest round of grass-roots lobbying, delivering more than 700,000 petitions signed by NPLA members in favor of a Life at Conception Act.

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“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.”

Both Constitution and Supreme Court Precedent Confirm Congress’ Authority to Overturn Roe

By passing a Life at Conception Act declaring that human life begins at conception, Congress can exercise the authority specifically granted to it by the 14th Amendment, which states quite clearly:

“Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.”

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

Life at Conception Act Offers Best Hope of Ending Abortion-on-Demand

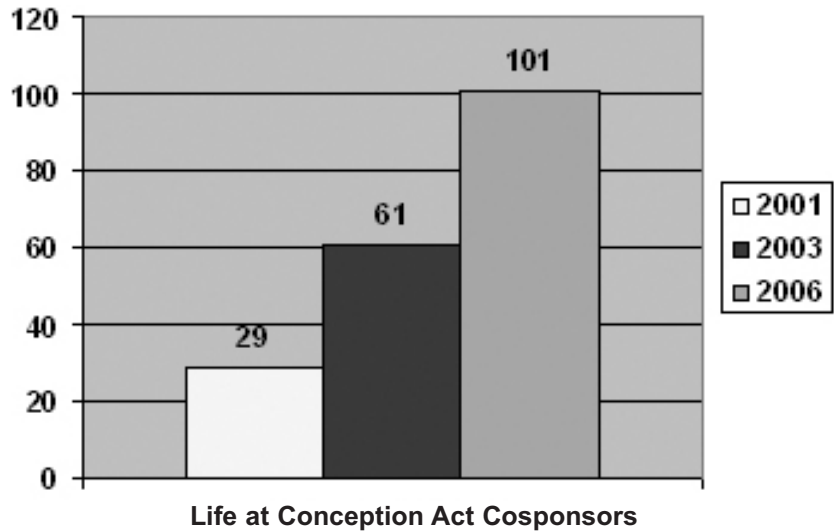
Because a Life at Conception Act enforces the existing 14th Amendment right to life rather than adding a new amendment to the Constitution, it would only require a simple majority vote in both houses.

According to Mike Muench, an absolute top priority of the National Pro-Life Alliance and its members remains the recruitment of cosponsors in Congress and grass-roots pressure by pro-lifers for a vote on the personhood of the unborn.

“Last year’s record number of cosponsors, as well as the record start in the current Congress, are very encouraging signs.

“With the level of support our members are generating in Congress, the pro-abortion leadership is sure to pay a heavy political price if they ignore us,” explained Muench.

“Even if we don’t have the votes to pass the Life at Conception Act now, by continuing to bring maximum pressure on Con-



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gress and exposing politicians who claim to be ‘pro-life’ but are unwilling to take action to end abortion-on-demand — we’re still accomplishing an important objective in the fight to defend the unborn.”

Public Debate on Personhood Advances Cause for Defending the Unborn

By pushing the Life at Conception Act, NPLA members smoke out stealth abortion apologists who must answer to voters in order to be re-elected.

In the past, many politicians have claimed to be pro-life by supporting minor regulations on abortion in extreme cases.

But by bringing the personhood of the unborn to the forefront, NPLA members have upended the pro-life debate in Congress.

Muench noted that “only true pro-lifers can support a bill to protect all human life from the moment of conception.”

As stealth pro-abortion candidates are identified and converted or defeated, fresh pro-life heroes are sent to Congress to replace them.

The result has been a steady increase in support for a Life at Conception Act in Congress.

By Holding Politicians Accountable on Personhood, NPLA Invigorates Pro-Life Strength in Congress

Building on the record level of support for the bill in the last Congress, National Pro-Life Alliance members are increasing pressure for a vote on the measure which would ratchet up the public debate over abortion-on-demand and shine a spotlight on abortion apologists in Congress.

Lawmakers — especially the newly elected members from both parties — would be forced to either vote for the Life at Conception Act or face the voters after having their true positions exposed.

National Pro-Life Alliance members should call their Congressmen today at (202) 224-3121 and insist they do all in their power to bring a Life at Conception Act (H.R. 618) to a full vote in the House of Representatives.



NPLA Members Target Pro-Abortion Judicial Activism

New Legislation Would Remove Court Jurisdiction Over Abortion

In conjunction with the ongoing effort to legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade* and end abortion-on-demand by passing a Life at Conception Act, National Pro-Life Alliance members are forging grass-roots support for a new legislative effort to deal with the wider problem of pro-abortion judicial activism.

This new front in the attack on *Roe v. Wade* would remove jurisdiction over abortion-related cases from both the Supreme Court and lower federal courts.

In response to the efforts of National Pro-Life Alliance staff, the bill — called the Sanctity of Life Act (H.R. 2597) — has already been introduced by Representative Ron Paul (R-TX) along with Representatives Rodney Alexander (R-LA) and Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD).

Bill Would Restore Legislative Power to Regulate and Ban Abortion

At its core, H.R. 2597 effectively overturns *Roe v. Wade* by removing all authority from the Supreme Court and the lower federal courts to strike down any laws — state or federal — that prohibit abortion, regulate abortion, or stop taxpayer funding of abortion.

In short, the Sanctity of Life Act would remove the judicial roadblock that currently halts all meaningful pro-life legislation.

“It’s no secret that the Supreme Court and the lower federal courts are the biggest obstacles to sweeping pro-life reforms all across the country,” explained National Pro-Life Alliance Executive Director Mary King.

“Currently, even the most modest measures to protect the unborn are repeatedly struck down by the courts. But most Americans don’t realize that Congress has the Constitutional authority to bring an end to this pro-abortion judicial tyranny.”

Article III, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution states: “The Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, *with such exceptions, and under such regulations as the Congress shall make.*” (Emphasis added)

So Congress clearly has the Constitutional authority to limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court as it sees fit.

And where the lower federal courts are concerned, the Constitution explicitly grants Congress full authority over them. Article I, Section 8 states that “The Congress shall have power . . . to constitute tribunals inferior to the Supreme Court.”

In other words, the lower federal courts owe their very existence to Congress. Thus any authority that the lower federal courts may have first had to be given to them by Congress.

Article III, Section 1 further states “The judicial power of the United States, shall be vested in one Supreme Court, and in such inferior courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish.”

Abortion Lobby Can’t Maintain Abortion-on-Demand Legislatively, Only Through Judicial Edict

“Currently in the United States, with the courts routinely legislating from the bench and striking down legitimate laws passed by Congress and state legislatures, it’s hard to reconcile the fact that the founding fathers intended for the judicial branch to be the *weakest* branch of the government,” said King.

Activist judges have used the court-created precedent of *Roe v. Wade* to block enforcement of scores of pro-life protections passed by popularly elected legislators.

Even the so-called “National Abortion Rights Action League” (NARAL) had to admit that after their lobbying and campaign efforts had failed, they had to rely on judicial edicts to block at least nine state parental notification laws, twenty-six late term abortion restrictions, seven women’s right-to-know laws and fifteen other abortion bans.

“The abortion issue is the greatest social, moral and legal question the country has ever faced in its entire history,”

explained King.

“If the courts think that they can put such a monumental debate to rest by denying the public any say in the matter and simply declaring murder to be a constitutional ‘right’ they are sadly mistaken.

By Legislating From the Bench, Courts Seek to Silence Public Debate on Abortion

“The abortion lobby has never taken its case to the American people and popularly elected representatives in order to pass legislation to legalize abortion-on-demand. They know they could never win that public debate.

“Instead, they relied on a handful of activist pro-abortion Supreme Court Justices to dictate abortion policy to the entire nation by inventing a ‘right to privacy’ that exists nowhere in the Constitution,” continued King.

“And it’s more clear than ever that without the courts to do their bidding, on the battleground of ideas they would lose today hands down.”

King points to the federal courts striking down state laws banning partial-birth abortion as an example of out-of-control judicial tyranny.

With Activist Pro-Abortion Judges Calling the Shots, No Limit on Abortion, However Small, Is Safe

It took years to reverse the damage after activist federal judges struck down state laws against partial-birth abortion — a procedure in which late-term, viable babies are partially delivered and then killed by an abortionist who removes their brains with a suction device stabbed into the base of their skull.

“In order for pro-lifers to make any substantial headway in the fight to defend

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Members Urge Presidential Candidates to Support Life

NPLA Candidate Survey Puts Presidential Hopefuls On Record

With the run-up to the 2008 Presidential Election kicking into high gear, the National Pro-Life Alliance has recently sent candidates from both parties copies of its 2008 Pro-Life Presidential Survey, seeking to put them on record by asking pointed questions on ten specific pro-life bills and executive actions.

Among other issues, the Pro-Life Survey asks the candidates if they would push for and sign a Life at Conception Act legislatively ending abortion-on-demand. And it inquires if the candidates will commit to nominate only federal judges who will uphold the Constitutional protection of life — and refuse to invent abortion “rights.”

While it is still very early in the process, the responses so far are coming in according to form.

As perhaps might be expected, not one of the Democrats in the current field responded one way or another.

But all Democrats have responded to the so-called “National Abortion Rights Action League’s” (NARAL) presidential survey expressing support for abortion-on-demand.

Meanwhile, the crowded field of Republican candidates has no shortage of politicians trying to convince voters that they are pro-life.

Reps. Hunter and Tancredo and Sen. Sam Brownback Respond 100% Pro-Life

Of the 12 Republicans recently surveyed, the first responses received as of press time include three candidates — Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-CA), Congressman Tom Tancredo (R-CO) and Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) — all pledging 100% pro-life support.

On the House side, Duncan Hunter is the lead House sponsor of a Life at Conception Act. Tom Tancredo has also cosponsored the legislation.

On the Senate side, no bill has yet been introduced in this session of Congress.

According to NPLA President Martin Fox, “one would think it should be clear to Senator Brownback that if he would introduce the Senate version of the Life at Con-



Two hopefuls in the race for the 2008 Republican Presidential nomination, Rep. Duncan Hunter (CA) and Sen. Sam Brownback (KS), have responded 100% pro-life on the Pro-Life Candidate Survey. Hunter has led the charge to overturn Roe by sponsoring the Life at Conception Act in the House. NPLA members are urging Sen. Brownback to do the same in the Senate.

ception Act, he could greatly improve his bona fides with the pro-life community.”

Fox is encouraging NPLA members to urge Brownback to take the lead on the Life at Conception Act in this session of the Senate.

All three Pro-Life Survey respondents, along with Senator John McCain (R-AZ) and Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX), have solid pro-life voting records in the United States Congress.

The remaining Republican Presidential hopefuls have so far failed to respond. But the positions and public records of the two presumed Republican frontrunners are cause for concern.

Giuliani Takes Unabashed Pro-Abortion Position

As *LifeLine* goes to press, the current leader in the polls is former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who has a troubling history of support for abortion-on-demand.

To appease pro-life worries, Giuliani has promised not to appoint activist judges. But he has a record of support for abortion-on-demand and taxpayer funding of abortion.

He has even opposed banning the grue-

some partial-birth abortion procedure.

As of press time, former U.S. Senator Fred Thompson had formed a presidential exploratory committee and was expected to formally announce his candidacy by the mail date for *LifeLine*.

Senator Thompson was also included in the 2008 Pro-Life Presidential Survey but has not yet responded.

Thompson was already in a virtual statistical tie with Giuliani for first place in some polls even before officially entering the race.

Fred Thompson Says He Would Leave Abortion to Individual Conscience

While some Thompson supporters have lauded him as a new Ronald Reagan, there is considerable pro-life concern centering around Thompson’s past responses to candidate surveys from both pro-life and pro-abortion groups.

In those surveys, Thompson did support “reasonable” regulation of abortion and opposed public funding of it.

But he opposed banning abortion saying

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that the “federal government should not interfere with individual convictions and actions in this area.”

Due to genuine worries about several candidates’ pro-abortion positions, National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox is urging members to put heat on the candidates who have not yet responded to the Pro-Life Presidential Candidate Survey.

According to Fox “candidates for public office pay a lot more attention to pro-lifers before being elected or nominated than later when they are safely in office.”

National Pro-Life Alliance urges pro-lifers not to relent in demanding that each candidate for president be an unapologetic supporter of the unborn.

Fox specifically suggests that members thank Duncan Hunter for taking the leadership to sponsor the Life at Conception Act in the House of Representatives.

Members Urge Senator Brownback to Introduce Senate Life at Conception Act

In the case of Senator Sam Brownback, Fox is urging members to thank him for his support on the survey while urging him to show pro-life leadership by actually introducing the Life at Conception Act to accompany the House version in this new session of Congress.

“The Pro-Life Alliance staff has already

explained the opportunity both to Senator Brownback and his staff. Now NPLA members have the burden to encourage the Senator to put his declared support for the Life at Conception Act into action.

“While it’s good that candidates realize that the pro-life vote is a political advantage in a national election, pro-lifers must demand true commitment and pro-life action from their candidates.”

NPLA members should contact all of the remaining Presidential candidates that have not yet responded to the 2008 Pro-Life Presidential Survey and insist that they do so, pledging unconditional support for the unborn.



Members Build Surge of Support for Parental Intervention

NPLA Bill Would Give Parents Veto Power Over Teen Abortions

While in the thick of their battle to legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade*, National Pro-Life Alliance members are also leading efforts to give parents in all fifty states the legal right to intervene to stop any abortion on their minor daughter.

In response to a challenge from NPLA President Martin E. Fox, members around the country are flooding Congress with petitions urging their representatives in Congress to support the Parental Notification and Intervention Act (H.R. 1295).

H.R. 1295 — Toughest Parental Involvement Legislation Ever Considered by Congress

Recently reintroduced in the 110th Session of Congress, the sponsor of H.R. 1295 — Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO) — takes pride in supporting what has been called the “toughest, most comprehensive parental involvement legislation ever drafted.”

In the midst of this growing pressure by Pro-Life Alliance members, six new cosponsors have been added in the first week alone.

The urgent need for the federal parental intervention legislation was recently highlighted by a series of scandals involving

abortion clinics actively concealing abortions on minors not just from parents, but also from authorities in clear violation of the law.

In a recent issue of *LifeLine*, NPLA members read of a nationwide sting of Planned Parenthood clinics where callers sought advice by posing as an underage girl impregnated by an older man.

More than 90% of the clinics offered to help her get an abortion while “getting around” reporting her actual age.

Particularly damning, not one single clinic complied with reporting requirements that could have resulted in charges of statutory rape against the “predator.”

Even following stinging national criticism, Planned Parenthood hasn’t learned from that experience — nor have they changed their policies.

Racked by Criticism for Teen Abortions, Planned Parenthood Hardens Position

Their true agenda and total disregard of parental rights was recently highlighted again by pro-life student Lila Rose who went undercover at a Santa Monica Planned Parenthood clinic.

Posing as a 15-year-old girl impregnated by her 23-year-old boyfriend, Rose inquired about the difficulty of her being underage: What would happen to her 23-year-old boyfriend?

Ignoring the California statute, the Planned Parenthood counselor advised her to “figure out a birth date that works. And I don’t know anything.”

Rose secretly taped the conversation and posted it on the internet, pulling the cover on Planned Parenthood’s true agenda.

Rather than taking steps to correct their prohibited practice, Planned Parenthood threatened to sue Rose.

Their lawyers demanded that she immediately remove her videos from the internet.

NPLA-Drafted Bill Would Protect the Unborn and Teens from Abortion

NPLA Executive Director Mary King points out that a national waiting period of four days in which either parent can stop

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an abortion is essential in light of the utter disdain that abortionists show for parental participation and safeguards.

The four-day window would at the very least allow for earnest reflection by the pregnant teenager and avoid a pressured decision to abort.

The notification requirement would ensure that her parents are aware of her situation and allow either parent to help their daughter by stopping the abortion during this critical time.

NPLA Bill Would Save Lives by Closing Loopholes in State Parental Involvement Laws

Most important, once notified, either parent would have the legal right to intervene and stop the abortion from taking place.

Numerous polls have demonstrated that upwards of 80% of Americans support such legislation.

While state parental involvement laws have had a positive impact, many state laws are rarely enforced because pro-abortion judges rubber stamp judicial bypasses and waive the parental notification requirements.

Yet state laws without some sort of “judicial bypass” have been struck down by activist federal court judges.

“So, in essence, the courts have established an environment in which no state laws are allowed to stand unless they contain a provision that allows judges to render the bill itself completely irrelevant,” explained King.

The Parental Notification and Intervention Act avoids this problem by providing a clearly defined criteria and very limited judicial bypass.

Bill Addresses Judicial Bypass Loophole Which Often Prevents State Laws from Being Enforced

Judges could only permit a bypass in limited cases where there is “clear and convincing evidence of physical abuse of the minor by the parent.”

Furthermore, since the Parental Notification and Intervention Act is federal legislation that applies to all fifty states, the act would stop sexual predators who skirt the law by impregnating teenage girls and then secret their underage victims to a state with no such protection.

In the last election, although leadership

of Congress changed hands with the turnover of many seats, the media has completely ignored the fact that a record number of newly elected Democrats campaigned on pro-life platforms.

King Urges Pro-Life Alliance Members to Double Down on Wavering Politicians

That’s why Mary King is encouraging NPLA members to double their pressure on their representatives to support measures like the Parental Notification and Intervention Act that will end unrestricted abortion-on-demand and save tens of thousands of innocent lives.

According to King, if NPLA members will continue to dog their elected Members of Congress on H.R. 1295, pro-lifers will get either action, or their Representatives will be forced to drop all pretense of being even moderately pro-life — and suffer the consequences in the next election.

Members should call their Representative in Congress at (202) 224-3121 and urge him or her to support and cosponsor the Parental Notification and Intervention Act (H.R. 1295).



Pro-Abortion Forces Again Attempt to Raid Tax Dollars

Appropriations Bill Language Would End Ban on International Funding

In the last issue of *LifeLine* it was reported that pro-abortion forces in Congress were seeking to raid massive amounts of tax dollars to fund groups like Planned Parenthood by introducing the so-called “Prevention First Act.”

Now, as this issue goes to press, a battle is looming in the U.S. House of Representatives over language added to an appropriations bill by pro-abortion Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY) that would overturn President Bush’s Mexico City Policy prohibiting U.S. tax dollars from funding abortion or groups performing abortions abroad.

To counter this latest attempt to funnel millions of U.S. tax dollars to fund the killing of the unborn, President Bush has sent a letter to leaders in the House of Representatives threatening to veto any spending bill that includes international abortion funding.

House Faces Upcoming Vote to Maintain Prohibition of International Abortion Funding

In addition, pro-life forces in the

House of Representatives have introduced an amendment to the State-Foreign Operations appropriations bill that would strip the abortion funding language.

A vote on the pro-life amendment could come before the House of Representatives any day.

Even though pro-lifers in Congress have passed legislation prohibiting tax dollars from being used directly for abor-

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tion, groups like Planned Parenthood skirt the law by using “family planning” grants to pay for their overhead.

Of course, said National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox, despite the fact that pro-abortion groups in the United States already receive hundreds of millions of taxpayers’ dollars per year, they constantly demand more.

“Planned Parenthood, the United States’ leading abortion provider, received an astounding \$305 million in hard earned tax dollars last year,” pointed out Fox.

“Not only is Planned Parenthood part of a sick industry that rakes in money for providing a ‘service’ that amounts to nothing more than paid assassinations on the most innocent and defenseless citizens among us — but they actually feel that they deserve to be handed over my money and yours as a sort of welfare entitlement for these crimes against humanity.

“Because most Americans see this killing lobby for what it is, pro-abortion groups’ donations from the public are down.

“So the abortion lobby is using its skills in Congress to compel you and me to fund organizations like Planned Parenthood, an organization that kills more than 5,000 babies in abortion mills across the country each and every week.”

NPLA Members in Thick of Fight Against Abortion Lobby Welfare Bill

Meanwhile, the abortion lobby welfare legislation reported in the last issue of *Life-Line* has been quietly building steam among pro-abortion members of Congress.

The so-called “Prevention First Act” now has 150 cosponsors in the House of Representatives and 31 cosponsors in the



Skirting laws that prohibit tax dollars from being used for abortion, America’s largest abortion provider — Planned Parenthood — raked in a whopping 305 million taxpayer dollars last year alone. Yet pro-abortion politicians are again attempting to raid the tax dollars of hard working Americans in order to fund the abortion lobby both at home and abroad.

Senate.

Both of the two leading candidates for the Democrat Presidential nomination — Senators Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and Barack Obama (D-IL) — have signed on as cosponsors.

“The abortion lobby is not content to just kill the unborn for hire, they repeatedly demand that you and I pay for it,” said Fox.

NPLA President Urges Members to Act Now to End ALL Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

“Even before pro-abortion forces gained control of leadership in Congress, pro-lifers were faced with repeated attempts to claim millions upon millions of taxpayer dollars to bankroll groups like Planned Parenthood.”

“That’s why pro-lifers must always remain on the lookout for all attempts by the abortion lobby to snatch up taxpayer

dollars to fund their deadly trade.

“National Pro-Life Alliance members have helped successfully beat back repeated attempts to fund abortion with tax dollars and I’m confident they’ll continue to fight to end all taxpayer funding of abortion — both at home and abroad,” concluded Fox.

The National Pro-Life Alliance is encouraging its members to flood Congress with phone calls and letters opposing ALL forms of taxpayer-funded abortion.

Specifically, says Fox, “Members should call their Congressman and Senators and urge them to oppose the grossly misnamed ‘Prevention First Act’ and also encourage your Congressman to vote for the amendment to the State-Foreign Operations appropriations bill that would maintain the President’s Mexico City Policy prohibiting the use of tax dollars to fund abortion and groups that perform or promote abortion.”



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NPLA Executive Director Mary King discusses the Sanctity of Life Act with the bill's sponsor, Representative Ron Paul (R-TX).

In fact, Congress has repeatedly withdrawn jurisdiction from federal courts when it became dissatisfied with their performance and the Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld Congress' power to do so.

In 2002, former pro-abortion Senator Tom Daschle (D-SD) successfully passed an amendment prohibiting all federal courts, including the Supreme Court, from hearing cases relating to brush clearing in his home state.

Responding to Judicial Attack on Constitution Is the Congress' Duty

"In *Roe v. Wade* the Supreme Court turned the Constitution on its head and usurped the power of state legislatures and Congress to make laws when it struck down laws protecting the unborn in all fifty states," said King.

"In response, Congress did nothing.

"Since then, federal courts have made it their mission to strike down all attempts to regulate abortion in even the most minor ways.

"The fact is, the courts are acting with impunity because Congress has never once stepped in to assert its rightful authority and check the powers which the judicial branch has thieved.

"War was declared on the Constitution and the legislative branch by the courts long ago. It's high time that Congress answer the courts' declaration and enforce the Constitution," declared King.

NPLA-Drafted Sanctity of Life Act Would End Pro-Abortion Judicial Roadblock for Pro-Life Legislation

"That's why, in conjunction with our members' continued efforts to pass a Life at Conception Act to legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the National Pro-Life Alliance drafted and had the Sanctity of Life Act introduced to strip the courts of jurisdiction over abortion," declared King.

"Members from across the country are mobilizing a grass-roots army of pro-lifers who are fed up with activist pro-abortion judges dictating the country's abortion policy to bring maximum pressure to bear on Congress to assert its Constitutional authority to rein in the courts once and for all."

NPLA Executive Director Challenges Presidential Hopefuls to Put Action Behind Words

"The Sanctity of Life Act also has implications on the 2008 Presidential Election," according to King.

"With many Presidential candidates claiming to be pro-life and that they believe *Roe* was a bad decision that should be overturned, the Sanctity of Life Act provides the perfect opportunity for them to demonstrate their sincerity."


Members are encouraged to call their leaders in Congress at (202) 224-3121 and urge them to cosponsor H.R. 2597, Representative Ron Paul's Sanctity of Life Act.



the unborn, we must force Congress to finally confront judicial tyranny and act on its authority to end this outrage," continued King.

Congress Has Limited Court Jurisdiction in the Past

If the Sanctity of Life Act passes Congress, it would not be the first time that Congress has exercised its authority to limit the jurisdiction of the courts over an issue.



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