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Obama Continues His Pro-Abortion Course

Pro-Lifers Battle Against Pro-Abortion Nominees, Executive Orders, Budget

In a move that surprised few, given the Obama Administration's consistent record of promoting abortion-on-demand, President Obama on May 26th announced the appointment of New York federal appeals Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the U.S. Supreme Court to replace retiring Justice David Souter.

Although Sotomayor's record as a judge on abortion is limited, President Obama has taken pains to assure the abortion lobby that she will follow his abortion-on-demand agenda.

Indeed, the White House publicly stated that Obama was confident that "she

shares a similar interpretation of the Constitution" as Obama – a view that includes the baseless belief that the Constitution contains a "right" protecting abortion-on-demand.

Supreme Court Pick Would Use High Court to "Create Policy" and Protect Abortion

And Senator Dianne Feinstein, the California Senator who is among the most radically pro-abortion in the entire U.S. Senate, held a private meeting with Sotomayor during which they discussed abortion. After the meeting, Feinstein was said to be so impressed with Sotomayor's pro-abortion stance that she wanted Sotomayor's confirmation to be the Democrats' number one priority.

Taken in combination with her statements in support of using the federal courts to "create policy," she would almost certainly support the judicially invented protection of abortion created by the Supreme Court.

Sotomayor would replace Justice David Souter, who also supported the judicial protection of abortion-on-demand created by *Roe v. Wade*.

Earlier, President Obama made clear the mold by which he would choose judges when he nominated as his first pick to the federal appeals courts a staunch pro-abortion judge, David Hamilton, to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Given the Democrat control of Congress, it is unlikely that President Obama will have many problems successfully seating whichever

judges he chooses for vacant judicial positions.

National Pro-Life Alliance Executive Director Mary King is urging National Pro-Life Alliance members and other pro-lifers to mobilize to fight Obama's activist, pro-abortion judicial selections as well as the rest of his pro-abortion agenda.

National Pro-Life Alliance members are already engaged in fighting the onslaught of other pro-abortion initiatives coming from the White House.

National Pro-Life Alliance staff members are still sorting for delivery stacks of petitions and letters that were sent as a protest of the Obama Administration's recent attempts to secure more taxpayer dollars for abortion providers.

King continued, "If we can maintain the same level of grass-roots action as members have displayed to this point, Members of Congress who continue to support abortion-on-demand are sure to feel the heat."

NPLA Members Focus Efforts on Congress

In addition to these judicial nominations, President Obama and the abortion lobby have also sought to enact a wide variety of measures to finance abortion-on-demand with taxpayer dollars.

Their plans to promote abortion-on-demand, at taxpayers' expense, include:

- Expanding Medicaid coverage to include abortions;
- Allowing government-paid lawyers to work on cases promoting abortion and increase direct taxpayer funding for abortion providers;



According to the Obama Administration, Supreme Court nominee Judge Sonia Sotomayor shares Obama's view of the Constitution -- a view that includes a belief in an invented "right" to abortion.

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- Providing abortions on military installations and within federal prisons;
- Repealing a provision in the law that, if eliminated, would allow for taxpayer-funded abortions in the District of Columbia – a policy that could easily be expanded nationwide.

As if that were not enough, pro-abortion politicians are pushing legislation that

would greatly increase the level of federal funding for the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood.

In fact, just last year, Planned Parenthood received \$300 million in federal funding.

But President Obama and the abortion lobby in Congress are not satisfied with the millions of dollars that Planned Parenthood is already receiving on an annual basis, and therefore plan to request \$1.5 BILLION more to fund Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers.

NPLA Members Demand That Congress Stop Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

But President Obama's use of executive power to advance his pro-abortion agenda can be stopped in Congress.

NPLA's Executive Director Mary King plans to "turn up the heat on Members of Congress, who ultimately control the purse strings and determine whether or not abortion providers receive taxpayer dollars.

"Thus pro-lifers will be heard and let the politicians know that using taxpayer dollars to fund the barbaric procedure of abortion is unacceptable and will carry with it political consequences."

Roll Call Votes Will Expose Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

Whether or not President Obama's judicial picks are ultimately confirmed, the confirmation votes will serve to demonstrate which Senators are truly pro-life.

By exposing the "wolves in sheep's clothing" and sending voting records to constituents, many of whom have not yet participated in the pro-life movement, Members of Congress will feel more pressure to yield to Americans' opposition to unlimited abortion-on-demand.

According to King, "Every Senator should realize that pro-lifers are paying attention and they expect their Senators to vote only for those judges who would follow the Constitution and protect life. Even if the confirmation of a pro-abortion justice is considered a foregone conclusion, the truly pro-life Senators should vote against any pro-abortion nominee."

In a letter putting every Member of Congress on notice, King warned, "National Pro-Life Alliance members are angry with ongoing attempts to use their tax dollars for the purpose of ending innocent unborn lives. Votes in favor of radical pro-abortion initiatives will not go unnoticed."



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), while claiming to oppose abortion, has used his power to quietly kill pro-life legislation and channel billions of tax dollars to abortionists.

Life at Conception Act Draws Record Support

Bill to Overturn Roe v. Wade Central to NPLA Offensive

The pro-abortion lobby and national media have been smugly confident of their agenda with the election of one of the most radical pro-abortion Presidents in the nation's history.

Yet despite ongoing attempts by the Obama Administration to use executive power to advance a radical pro-abortion agenda, National Pro-Life Alliance members have ignored the media hype and continue to stay on the offensive.

And perhaps the best example of NPLA members' fierce determination to end the slaughter of the unborn is the support they have recruited in Congress for the Life at Conception Act – legislation that would not merely regulate abortion-on-demand, but would end it, once and for all.

Much to the dismay of the pro-abortion leadership in Congress, National Pro-Life Alliance members recruited an all-time record number of cosponsors for the Life at Conception Act in both the House and Senate in the last session of Congress.

Following the election of Obama and Democrat majorities last year, many political pundits predicted the demise of the pro-life movement.

But the untold story of the 2008 election was that while large numbers of new politicians were swept into office on economic issues, most new Members of Congress either claimed to be pro-life or danced around the issue entirely.

National Pro-Life Alliance members

immediately rose to the challenge of recruiting support and getting the politicians on record.

After the introduction of Life at Conception Acts in the House and Senate, National Pro-Life Alliance members began writing and calling their Senators and Representatives, urging them to cosponsor.

The strong grass-roots activity led to an all-time record number of initial cosponsors – 69 Members of Congress signing on in support of the legislation and ten Senators.

And, as of press time of this issue of *LifeLine*, an additional ten Members of

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Congress have added their names to the bills, with more expected in the coming weeks.

Support for Life at Conception Act Grows in Four Straight Congresses

The increase in support marks the latest growth in support for the Life at Conception Act, which has enjoyed an increase in each Congress since 2001.

Martin Fox, President of the National Pro-Life Alliance, credited NPLA members for their persistence in pushing for such legislation in Congress.

While pro-lifers have plenty of reason to celebrate, Fox warns that pro-life successes necessitate a re-doubling of their efforts.

“Now that most politicians are saying the ‘right things’ in order to win elections, the task at hand for pro-lifers is to hold them accountable or throw them out of office in the next election cycle.”

As National Pro-Life Alliance members are well aware, a Life at Conception Act would overturn *Roe v. Wade* by legislatively declaring that life begins at the moment of conception and is therefore entitled to equal protection under the law.

Ironically, a Life at Conception Act would use *Roe v. Wade*'s own language against itself to protect the unborn from the moment of conception.

The Supreme Court itself admitted in *Roe*: “If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant’s case, of course, collapses, for the fetus’ right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment.”

Life at Conception Act Shows If a Politician Is Truly Pro-Life

A Life at Conception Act would use the protection of life already contained in the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to overturn *Roe*.

To advance the campaign to pass a Life at Conception Act by forcing politicians to take a stand, National Pro-Life Alliance



President Obama's calls to find "common ground" on the abortion issue are really nothing more than a smoke screen for his abortion-on-demand policies. Support for a Life at Conception Act exposes where a politician truly stands on the protection of unborn life.



President Martin Fox recently announced “Operation Pro-Life Voter ID,” an initiative that aims to identify and mobilize at least two million new pro-lifers nationwide.

NPLA Launches Campaign to Mobilize At Least Two Million New Pro-Lifers Nationwide

First, the National Pro-Life Alliance will identify pro-lifers through canvassing of voters in strong pro-life districts who are represented by politicians who are not supporting the Life at Conception Act.

The Pro-Life Alliance will mail and call these identified hard-core pro-life voters letting them know that their Congressman refuses to support an end to abortion-on-demand, thus putting even more pressure on Members of Congress to either cosponsor a Life at Conception Act or pay the political price.

According to Fox, “Operation Pro-Life Voter ID takes advantage of the current surge in popular support for the pro-life protections by turning pro-life sentiment into action.”

Recent Gallup and Pew Research polls confirmed that more Americans than ever

before oppose legalized abortion.

These studies indicate that there are literally millions of Americans who consider themselves pro-life, but who have not yet gotten involved in the pro-life movement.

Without initiatives to get these people involved and educate them on where their politicians stand, the pro-life opinion polls are just polls.

NPLA Puts Pressure on “Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing”

By involving more pro-lifers than ever before, NPLA members are singling out and putting pressure on politicians like Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid who continually call themselves pro-life while working behind the scenes to oppose efforts to protect the unborn.

Martin Fox warns that “Those politicians who think that they can make pro-life promises while on the campaign trail, then break those promises once they have assumed office, will learn that there is a heavy political price to pay for supporting abortion-on-demand.”



FDA to Make Abortifacient Drugs Available to Teens

Drugs to Be Available Over-the-Counter for First Time Ever

In one of a series of recent attempts by President Obama to advance his radical pro-abortion agenda, Obama's Food and Drug Administration announced that so-called "Plan B" – life-destroying drugs that cause an abortion early in a pregnancy – will now be available over-the-counter to minors.

Decision Will Increase Teen Pregnancy and Abortion Rates

The ruling specifically puts young girls at risk, as widespread availability of such drugs is proven to increase teen sexual activity and, by extension, both pregnancy and abortion rates among teens.

Throughout his campaign and the early days of his presidency, Obama has claimed that he is interested in making abortion "rare."

But this decision, along with others, would do exactly the opposite, allowing abortion-causing drugs to be purchased by teens as easily as Tylenol.

In addition to taking the life of the baby, the drugs are often also fatal to the mother.

The infamous abortion-inducing drug

RU-486 was rushed through its approval process by abortionists.

Subsequent studies and trials showed that the drug causes risks of severe hemorrhaging, bacterial infections and worse.

Indeed, there are at least 12 documented cases of deaths due to taking RU-486, hundreds of cases of life-threatening infections and diseases, and thousands of other instances of hospitalizations and other serious complications.

New Research Reaffirms Dangers of Abortifacient Drugs

Even if one would set aside the fact that the drugs have the objective of killing an innocent unborn baby, the risk they pose to the women taking them is also considerable.

A recent study has indicated that 23% of women who take RU-486 subsequently undergo surgical abortions, thus further putting their health at risk.

Much like RU-486, the so-called "Plan B" abortifacient drugs, which the FDA recently made available to 17-year-olds

over-the-counter, pose health risks to those who use them, in addition to serving the unconscionable purpose of ending an innocent unborn child's life.

And, in fact, abortion providers like Planned Parenthood, by peddling these drugs, also stand to profit long-term from providing the drugs to such young girls.

By convincing teenage girls that a pregnancy can be easily ended by merely popping a pill, abortion providers are impressing upon young minds the belief that abortion is acceptable, in hopes of gaining life-long "customers."

And because the easy-access of such life-ending drugs also makes promiscuity among teenagers more

common, by seeming to remove the consequences, the abortionists' agenda is further advanced.

By changing the status of the abortifacient drugs, so that 17-year-olds may purchase them without a prescription, abortionists seek to further circumvent parents' rights and responsibilities in deciding what is best for their child, particularly in matters that may lead to serious health complications and may ultimately lead to the destruction of an innocent unborn baby.

Pro-Lifers Must Continue Fighting Promotion of Abortifacient Drugs

National Pro-Life Alliance members and other pro-lifers nationwide have long fought against the promotion of abortion-causing drugs. By helping to stall the introduction of RU-486 into the marketplace, through public campaigns opposing the move, members were instrumental in sparing the lives of numerous unborn children and women who might have otherwise died, had the drug been legalized sooner.

Yet abortionists are so dead-set on their radical agenda that distributing abortifacient drugs to 17-year-olds over-the-counter is not enough.

They have created legislation that would go so far as to require taxpayer coverage of abortion-causing drugs, force insurance companies to cover abortifacients like RU-486, and send even more taxpayer dollars to abortion providers like Planned Parenthood.

The National Pro-Life Alliance's Legislative Director, Ben Carnes, is calling on Members of Congress to use congressional oversight to rescind the Food and Drug Administration's politically motivated decision.

He is urging them to oppose further attempts to promote abortion-on-demand through legislation like the so-called "Prevention First Act," (H.R. 819), one of several pieces of legislation promoted by the abortion lobby to secure more taxpayer dollars for their barbaric practices.



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The Food and Drug Administration succumbed to pressure to allow minors to purchase abortifacient drugs over-the-counter. As a result, the dangerous drugs will be as easy to purchase as a bottle of aspirin.



Congressman Boozman Introduces Parental Intervention Act

NPLA Members Lead Fight for Parental Control

National Pro-Life Alliance members are continuing their efforts to give parents in all fifty states the right to stop an abortion on their minor daughter.

On April 23 of this year, Congressman John Boozman introduced the Parental Notification and Intervention Act (H.R. 2061).

Boozman, a Republican Congressman representing Arkansas' Third Congressional District, is an original cosponsor of the Life at Conception Act and has been a pro-life leader in Congress since his election in 2001.

His bill, drafted by the National Pro-Life Alliance, has been called "the toughest, most comprehensive pro-life parental rights legislation ever drawn up."

Following the bill's introduction, NPLA Executive Director Mary King pledged the support of National Pro-Life Alliance members and staff in recruiting cosponsors and pushing for a vote.

In the last session of Congress, support for the Parental Notification and Intervention Act grew by 52 cosponsors.

NPLA Members Pour on the Heat to Save Unborn Lives By Protecting Parental Involvement

King attributed the surge of Congressional support to diligent activism by National Pro-Life Alliance members.

"With opinion polls showing that Americans support parental intervention by more than a 3 to 1 majority, politicians know they better listen when pro-life Americans speak up in defense of parental rights and unborn children's lives."

King predicted that members' efforts will pay off again this year.

National Pro-Life Alliance members recently generated a new wave of petitions for the Parental Notification and Intervention Act to the 111th Congress.

NPLA staff members are now processing petitions and directly speaking with staffers on Capitol Hill.

Those efforts have already added 19 new cosponsors since the introduction of

the bill and more than 40 additional Members have pledged to cosponsor shortly.

NPLA members are making it clear to Congress: support common sense laws favoring parents' rights and the safety of vulnerable, pregnant teens and their babies, or face the consequences.

In 2008, Virginia's overall abortion rate dropped 20% in the first five months after passage of a parental notification law. Texas saw a 30% decline after enacting similar legislation.

Parental Involvement Decreases Teen Abortion Rates

In addition, numerous studies reveal that parental advice and involvement helps decrease teen promiscuity and abortions.

One study, conducted by Dr. Michael New in 2007, demonstrated that parental intervention laws produced a 30.5% decline in minors' abortions.

Since the Parental Notification and Intervention Act would be a national law with stricter provisions, results are expected to be even better once it is enacted.

Of course, nationwide parental intervention is a scenario the abortion lobby dreads.

Knowing the effect of parental involvement, abortionists try to undermine the parent-child relationship by getting to adolescents first.

For example, the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, recently launched a new program to get a jump on parental involvement by giving adolescents advice via "texting," a popular teen communication medium via cell phone text mes-



Congressman John Boozman (R-AR) discusses the Parental Notification and Intervention Act with National Pro-Life Alliance staff members. His bill would give parents in all 50 states the right to stop an abortion from being performed on their minor daughter.

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Abortionists Rush to Get to Teens Before Parents Can

Hiding behind the benign sounding names like "Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign," faceless, unnamed strangers connected with abortion providers send teens all matter of information related to sex and abortion anonymously.

Obviously, the objective is to convince teens to make the one choice that the abortion lobby deems most acceptable – abortion.

Absent legal protection of parental involvement, these devious tactics would fast-track teens into abortion clinics.

With passage of the Parental Notification and Intervention Act, parents would have to be informed when their children are considering abortion.

More importantly, parents would have the right to stop an abortion from being performed on their minor daughter.

While 34 states have parental notification laws, many have been partially or totally invalidated by activist judges.

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Parental Intervention Act Would Be Giant Advance in Protecting Life-Saving Parental Involvement

Moreover, state parental notification laws can reduce abortions within their respective states, but the protection ends at the state line.

Under the Parental Notification and Intervention Act, there would be no wiggle room for abusers and abortionists who would otherwise take advantage of the lack of parental notification laws in neighboring states.

To give the law teeth, consequences are steep.

Violations by abortionists could land them a \$1 million fine, 10 years in prison, or both.

Perhaps it should come as no surprise that the nation's principal opponent of parental involvement legislation is also the nation's largest abortion provider – Planned Parenthood.

But Planned Parenthood's hands are far from clean.

Sting Operation Reveals Nationwide Abuses and Need for Federal Law with Teeth

A telephone sting of 800 Planned Parenthood and National Abortion Federation clinics nationwide revealed that clinic workers almost universally covered up statutory rape.

A shocking 91 percent of clinic employees contacted by a researcher posing as a minor impregnated by her adult boyfriend agreed to sweep the crime under the rug, contrary to state reporting laws.

This pattern of abuse and cover-up continues to be documented by numerous cases, most recently by a 20-year-old UCLA student named Lila Rose.

Ms. Rose's stings are undercover infiltrations where she presents herself to clinic employees as a 13- to 15-year-old girl impregnated by her 20 to 30-something boyfriend, all the while wearing a hidden camera.

For example, the UCLA student entered a Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles clinic, posing as a pregnant 15-year-old with a 23-year-old boyfriend.

California law requires abortion clinics to report cases of statutory rape like this one.

Instead, a clinic employee tried to cover it up by telling Rose to lie about her boyfriend's age to avoid involving the police.

Far from attempting to clean up their act, Planned Parenthood responded by threatening legal action against Ms. Rose.

Act Closes Gaping Judicial Bypass Loophole

Of course, another reason current state parental involvement legislation has frequently fallen short of its goal is activist, pro-abortion judges who exploit ambiguous judicial bypass loopholes in various state parental notification laws.

The Supreme Court currently requires some sort of judicial bypass to avoid parental notification.

Yet most existing laws allow judges to bypass the parental notification by ruling that they believe the pregnant minor has sufficient "maturity," or some such vague reason, to make the life-and-death decision on abortion without their parents' knowledge.

Naturally, it is well known among abortionists which judges routinely grant such bypasses.

In contrast, the Parental Notification and Intervention Act requires "clear and convincing danger of physical abuse of the minor by the parent" for the notification requirement to be waived.

This requirement is both clear cut and represents a substantial tightening of the judicial bypass provisions.

In light of large change in the composition of Congress in the last elections, NPLA Executive Director Mary King is calling on NPLA members to continue their grassroots pressure on their elected representatives to cosponsor the Parental Notification and Intervention Act.



UCLA student Lila Rose posed as a pregnant 15-year-old girl seeking an abortion. Upon finding out that her boyfriend was 23, which would constitute statutory rape, most Planned Parenthood clinics actively covered up the crime.

King Calls for Pro-Life Alliance Members to Bear Down on Wavering Politicians

By building support for this bill, pro-lifers will be taking an important first step toward our ultimate objective – a Life at Conception Act to eliminate all abortion-on-demand.

"When we turn up the heat on Congress on this important legislation, the politicians will be forced to choose between supporting common-sense pro-life, pro-parent laws, or suffer the consequences in the next election," King continued.

Members should call their Representatives in Congress at (202) 224-3121 and urge him or her to support and cosponsor the Parental Notification and Intervention Act (H.R. 2061).



Ron Paul Bill Would Target Pro-Abortion Judicial Tyranny

Legislation Would Limit Court Jurisdiction Over Abortion

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

Now, to strengthen those efforts Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) has introduced an additional, complementary attack on *Roe v. Wade* that would remove jurisdiction over abortion-related cases from the Supreme Court and the lower federal courts.

Beginning with *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, the abortion lobby has received the aid and cover of federal judges who invent “rights” to protect the abortionists’ grisly trade.

Pro-abortion judicial activism continues to be a major obstacle to the success of many pro-life initiatives.

Recognizing the importance of ending this abuse of power, Congressman Paul introduced the Sanctity of Life Act (H.R. 2533) on May 20 of this year.

Sanctity of Life Act Asserts States’ Right to Ban All Abortion

The bill establishes that “each state has the authority to protect lives of unborn chil-

dren residing in the jurisdiction of that State.”

H.R. 2533 would exercise this authority by prohibiting any judicial review by the Supreme Court or lower federal courts of cases involving the regulation or prohibition of abortion, abortion providers, or taxpayer funding of abortion.

According to National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox, “unelected federal judges have struck down scores of popular state attempts to protect unborn life for over 30 years.”

H.R. 2533: Congress’ Constitutional Check on Pro-Abortion Judicial Activism

“Congress has always had the Constitutional authority to halt pro-abortion judicial activism, and the time to act is now,” states Fox.

The Sanctity of Life Act would remove the judicial roadblock to meaningful pro-life legislation.

“For years pro-lifers have been frustrated by the courts striking down even the most modest measures to protect the unborn.

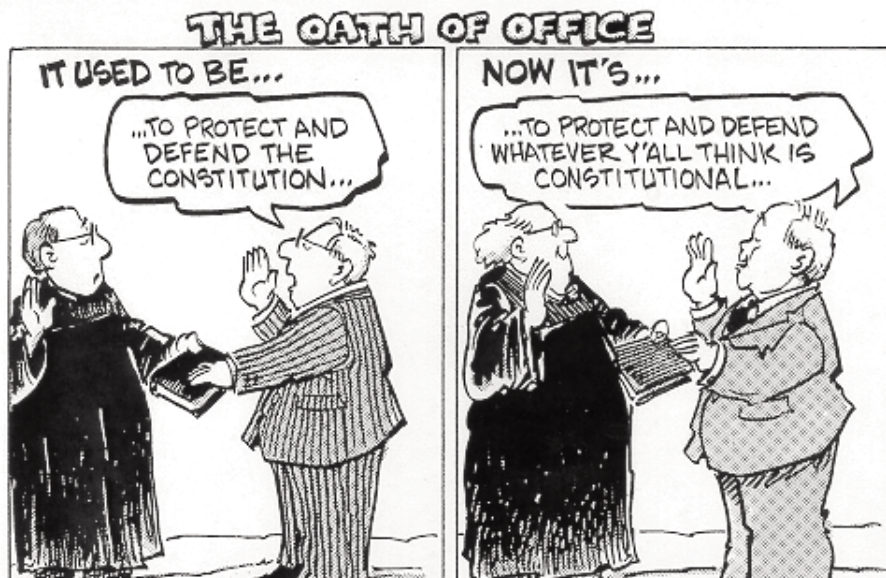
“But most Americans don’t realize that Congress has the Constitutional authority not only to define when life begins, which is the basis of the Life at Conception Act, but also to limit the authority of the courts in order to bring an end to this pro-abortion tyranny,” explained Fox.

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.”

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 have was first 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.”



Although the role of judges is simply to interpret the Constitution, many activist judges have adopted the view that the courts should make law, rather than interpret it. Most infamously, the Supreme Court created a Constitutional right to abortion when it decided *Roe v. Wade* in 1973.

Losing in Legislatures, Abortionists Rely on Judicial Edicts to Maintain Abortion-on-Demand

Ironically, the Founding Fathers wrote that they had designed the judiciary to be the weakest branch of government. They certainly did not intend for the current state of affairs, where judges routinely legislate from the bench and effectively make policy as they see fit.

Yet 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

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Rights Action League” had to admit that after their lobbying efforts had failed to win passage of any significant pro-abortion legislation, 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 fact is the abortion lobby never made its case to the American people and succeeded in passing legislation to legalize abortion. “Instead, they relied on activist pro-abortion Supreme Court Justices to dictate abortion policy to the entire nation by inventing a ‘right to privacy’ from thin air,” said Fox.

“The abortion lobby’s reliance on the courts continues to this day, some 36 years after *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion, with courts striking down nearly every attempt to protect the unborn,” Fox continued.

“Their decisions are out of step with the will of the American people, the majority of whom are pro-life. Congress has a duty to represent pro-life Americans and end the judicial rule-by-whim.”

Maximum Pro-Life Pressure Needed to Defeat Judicial Activism

Some federal judges are so radically pro-abortion that they routinely ignore judicial precedent to protect abortion-on-demand.

Even after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Federal Partial-Birth Abortion

Ban, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia ignored the decision and struck down a state law banning 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. The decision is pending appeal.

“Clearly, all too many un-elected federal judges cannot be trusted to interpret the Constitution in these life-or-death cases,” said NPLA President Martin Fox.

Precedent Exists for Congress Limiting Court Jurisdiction

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.

In fact, Congress has repeatedly withdrawn jurisdiction from federal courts when



The 1973 Supreme Court infamously invented a Constitutional “right” to abortion. Though such a right never appears in the Constitution, countless federal judges have enforced the decision with a vengeance, striking down scores of laws restricting abortions.

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.

“A showdown between the courts and Congress has been brewing for a long time and it’s high time that Congress asserted itself. That’s why, in conjunction with our continued efforts to pass a Life at Conception Act to legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade* by defining constitutionally protected life, the National Pro-Life Alliance will actively support a grass-roots effort to strip the courts of jurisdiction over abortion by passing a Sanctity of Life Act,” declared Fox.

“It is important that pro-lifers from coast to coast who are fed up with activist pro-abortion judges dictating the country’s abortion policy bring maximum pressure to bear on Congress to assert its Constitutional authority not only to pass a Life at Conception Act but also to rein in the courts once and for all.”



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