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NPLA Goes All Out to Take Back Supreme Court *Members Leave Nothing to Chance in Securing Alito Nomination*

In what became one of the most contentious Senate Supreme Court confirmation processes in recent memory, National Pro-Life Alliance members were in the forefront of the battle to secure the Supreme Court nomination of Judge Samuel A. Alito, Jr.

As expected, radical pro-abortion Senators led by Ted Kennedy (D-MA) and John Kerry (D-MA) attempted a last minute filibuster to stop the nomination.

But when the dust finally settled, the Senate voted to kill the filibuster and end debate by a vote of 72-25 and finally to confirm Judge Alito in a 58-42 vote.

National Pro-Life Alliance members mounted an unprecedented grass-roots effort behind Judge Alito's nomination including actiongrams, petitions, post cards and an all-out media blitz composed of hard-hitting television and newspaper ads.

NPLA Targeted Pro-Abortion Senators Using Their Opposition to Partial-Birth Abortion Ban

National Pro-Life Alliance members flooded their Senators with more than 165,000 actiongrams, petitions and post

cards in favor of Judge Alito's nomination.

NPLA members also funded a national campaign of hard-hitting ads that began running in seven states on the first day of Senate hearings.

On just the first day of hearings alone, NPLA members pitched in to purchase an opening salvo of 751 ads in the seven target states.

The ads took thirteen pro-abortion Senators to task for their support for partial-birth abortion and demanded an end to the pro-abortion litmus test against Judge Alito.

NPLA Ads Increased Heat on Pro-Abortion Senators as Alito Hearings Got Underway

The ads, unveiled by NPLA Executive Director Mary King at a January 5 press conference at the U.S. Capitol, singled out Senators from seven states that were deemed likely to oppose Judge Alito's nomination because of their radical support for abortion.

While ads were produced for eight states, most of the ads that aired targeted five states where one of the Senators faces reelection this November.

All of the Senators targeted have been so extreme in their support for abortion-on-demand that they opposed the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban in Congress.

The ads highlighted their radical opposition to the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban and warned them not to use a pro-abortion litmus test to block Judge Alito's confirmation to the United States Supreme Court.

The Alliance also ran newspaper ads in



NPLA Executive Director Mary King unveils hard-hitting TV ads at a January 5 press conference at the U.S. Capitol. The ads warned pro-abortion Senators against using a litmus test to block the Supreme Court nomination of Judge Samuel A. Alito, Jr.

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target states further highlighting Senators' radical support for partial-birth abortion and demanding an end to the pro-abortion litmus test.

In addition, National Pro-Life Alliance staff briefed reporters from such diverse publications as the *Los Angeles Times* to Maine's *Bangor Daily News* and gave more than 60 interviews on the media campaign to further highlight the importance of the Alito nomination to the fight to end the pro-abortion Supreme Court monopoly.

NPLA Member Pressure and Media Blitz Play Vital Role in Alito Nomination

As part of its massive grass-roots campaign for the nomination of Judge Alito, the National Pro-Life Alliance also carried out an extensive petition campaign, cranked up phone banks alerting pro-lifers of the crucial battle in the Senate, and generated more than 165,000 post cards, petitions and actiongrams to Senators urging Alito's confirmation.

National Pro-Life Alliance staff also assisted in coordinating enthusiastic young supporters of Judge Alito who gathered outside the committee hearings to show their support for Judge Alito.

In the contentious hearings, pro-abortion Senators seized on pro-life statements made by Judge Alito and mobilized opposition to his nomination because they feared their 33-year death grip on the Supreme Court may finally be loosening.

Radical pro-abortion interest groups demanded their pro-abortion allies in the Senate do whatever it takes to defeat Judge Alito's nomination, including a filibuster to block a fair vote for Alito on the Senate floor.

The abortion lobby, still furious over their inability to stop the nomination of Chief Justice John Roberts in late September, was determined to defeat Alito at all costs.

But despite the cries of radical pro-abortion interest groups and venomous personal attacks on Judge Alito's character by Ted Kennedy and other Senators, Alito



Judge Samuel Alito meets with grass-roots supporters organized with the help of NPLA staff outside of the contentious Senate committee hearings on his confirmation to the U.S. Supreme Court.

was ultimately confirmed on essentially a party line vote in both the Judiciary Committee and in the full Senate amid an all-out grass-roots blitz.

Pro-Abortion Senators Vote for Alito Following NPLA Ad Campaign

Several of the pro-abortion Senators targeted by NPLA's ad campaign ultimately voted to confirm Judge Alito.

Despite comments to the press that her vote would not be effected by NPLA's ads, Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME) ultimately voted both for the cloture motion to break the pro-abortion filibuster and for the confirmation of Judge Alito in the final vote.

Snowe was joined by fellow Maine Senator Susan Collins (R) casting both votes for Alito, while targeted Senators Thomas Carper (D-DE), Lincoln Chafee (R-RI), Max Baucus (D-MT), Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and Herb Kohl (D-WI) - while ultimately voting against Alito's confirmation -- dared not vote for a pro-

abortion filibuster to block a full Senate vote on the confirmation.

"The targeted Senators who voted against Judge Alito's confirmation did so at their own peril and will surely pay the price this year at election time," promised NPLA President Martin Fox.

The stakes were much higher in the confirmation battle over Judge Alito than they were for Chief Justice John Roberts since Alito now replaces the retired pro-abortion Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

In her years on the Supreme Court, O'Connor was a key pro-abortion vote on abortion-related cases decided by the court and cast the deciding vote to strike down Nebraska's ban on partial-birth abortion.

Since pro-abortion radicals in the Senate feared that the confirmation of Judge Alito would likely produce future rulings by the Court upholding state and federal regulations on abortion -- as well as put *Roe* itself in possible jeopardy -- they bitterly opposed Judge Alito's confirmation in the Senate.

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As was the case in the days leading up to the confirmation hearings for Chief Justice John Roberts, a number of radical pro-abortion Senators held their cards close to their chests, making public statements meant to make them appear “reasonable” and “open-minded” regarding Alito’s confirmation.

But all civility quickly evaporated as Senate hearings got underway. Senators Kennedy, Biden and their pro-abortion colleagues went into full attack mode against Alito on the Senate floor.

The two Democrat Massachusetts Senators, Kennedy and Kerry, tried des-

perately to build steam behind a filibuster against Judge Alito, but ultimately, amid the no-holds barred grass-roots and media mobilization behind Judge Alito’s nomination, the Senate filibuster failed.

The Kerry/Kennedy filibuster to block a fair up or down vote before the full Senate on Alito’s confirmation forced the majority Republicans to muster 60 votes rather than 51 to confirm the President’s nominee.

Such a tactic has never before been successfully used to block a full Senate vote on a Supreme Court nominee, but a filibuster is exactly what extremist pro-

abortion groups and their minions in the Senate were calling for to stop the Alito nomination.

National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox is thankful to members for the outpouring of support that made NPLA’s grass-roots mobilization possible.

“The massive grass-roots effort by NPLA members in the battle over the nomination of both Roberts and now Alito sent a clear message to the Senate: Blind pro-abortion opposition to Supreme Court nominees will not be tolerated.”



NPLA Members Garner New Record of House Cosponsors for Life at Conception Act

Ratchet Up Push for Action on Bill to End Abortion-On-Demand

While National Pro-Life Alliance members have, with other pro-lifers, been deeply involved in the ongoing battle to seize control of the Supreme Court from pro-abortion forces, members are leading the fight to legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade* through passage of a Life at Conception Act in Congress.

Their grass-roots effort has achieved increased success and has now raised the number of cosponsors in the House of Representatives to 75 -- an all-time record.

Cosponsors are an important measure of a bill’s chances for success in Congress.

The more cosponsors a piece of legislation has, the better its chances are of making it out of committee and receiving a vote.

Members are now stepping up efforts to bring Congressional support for the Life at Conception Act to a critical mass and force a vote on the bill in the House of Representatives.

Life at Conception Act Remains Most Promising Way to Defeat Roe

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 pro-

tection 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 [i.e. “Roe” who sought the abortion], of course, collapses, for the fetus’ right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment.”

Since a Life at Conception Act uses the 14th Amendment right to life already in the Constitution to overturn *Roe* and requires a mere majority vote in Congress rather than the two-thirds vote plus state ratification required to amend the Constitution, it remains the best weapon available to pro-lifers to immediately end abortion-on-demand.

And since a pro-life, anti-*Roe* majority on the Supreme Court remains out of reach even if Judge 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*.

The National Pro-Life Alliance’s campaign to pass a Life at Conception Act has

been a calculated process involving massive grass-roots activism from members and pro-lifers nationwide to alter the political landscape in Congress and finally bring an end to the court-ordered slaughter of the unborn.

NPLA Members Sustain Increasingly Successful Effort to End Abortion-On-Demand

The program works in cycles and the activism of members plays a vital role every step of the way:

First, the Alliance mobilizes hundreds of thousands of members and other pro-lifers to put the heat on their elected leaders in Congress, urging them to cosponsor and seek a vote on the bill.

Since 2006 is an election year, pro-lifers have an increased opportunity to recruit support for the Life at Conception Act in Congress by demanding action from their elected officials in the time when they are listening most closely to the voters.

Also while politicians are out looking for votes, NPLA members pool their resources to directly support strong pro-

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life candidates and incumbents who have cosponsored the Life at Conception Act through the Alliance's political action committee (NPLA-PAC).

Election Year Provides Unique Opportunity to Build Support for Life at Conception Act

Simultaneously, NPLA's mailings and phone campaign mobilize its members nationwide to flood wavering politicians with letters and post cards urging them to return the Pro-Life Candidate Survey pledging to support the Life at Conception Act.

In the last election, the National Pro-Life Alliance surveyed 1,994 candidates for state and federal office, generated more than 2 ½ million post cards urging candidates to pledge support for the Sanctity of Life, and made 30,000 calls to pro-lifers. NPLA-PAC donated over \$200,000 directly to the campaigns of pro-life champions.

As survey results come in, NPLA mails the results to identified pro-lifers across the nation exposing the politicians' voting records, informing them where their candidates stand and putting heat on pro-abortion and wavering politicians to support pro-life bills.

Candidates who ignored the outcry from their pro-life constituents have paid a heavy price on Election Day.

Pro-life champions such as David Vitter (R-LA), Richard Burr (R-NC), and Jim DeMint (R-SC) -- all Life at Conception Act cosponsors -- received the maximum financial support allowed by law in their successful campaigns against pro-abortion challengers.

Finally, following the elections, NPLA staff aggressively lobbies members of Congress, surveys in hand, holding them to their pledge to cosponsor the Life at Conception Act as members again flood their leaders with petitions, post cards, letters and phone calls in support of the bill.

The result? In the last two Congresses

National Pro-Life Alliance members gained record support for the Life at Conception Act.

And in the third straight election, voters rejected pro-abortion radicals, replacing them with strong pro-life leaders who have pledged support for the Life at Conception Act.

Since the first version of the Life at Conception Act was introduced in 1995, this strategy has led to a more than 250 percent increase in Congressional support for the measure.

National Pro-Life Alliance Executive Director Mary King is now calling on members to bring maximum pressure to bear on the House of Representatives to force the bill out of the Judiciary Committee and secure a House vote on the Life at Conception Act.

NPLA Members Demand More Than Election Year Lip Service From Elected Officials

"Member pressure has been crucial in bringing us record support in the House. Pro-lifers must step up pressure and demand true pro-life leadership," declared King.

"It's time for all of the members of the House of Representatives who pledged to support a Life at Conception Act on the National Pro-Life Alliance Candidate Survey to step up to the plate and show their commitment to the unborn.

"Pro-lifers elected these leaders because they ran on strong pro-life platforms. Pro-lifers entrusted them to lead the country out of the shadow of abortion-on-demand," continued King.

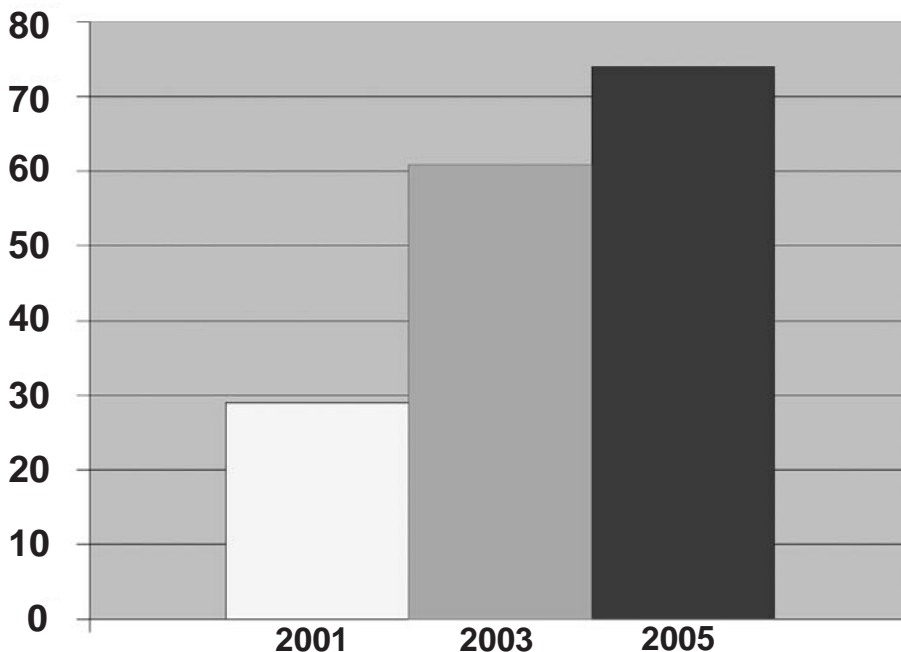
"With the '06 elections approaching, the time has come for politicians to put up or shut up.

"Our leaders must know that mere lip service will not be accepted as babies continue to be slaughtered by the millions right here in our own back yards," said King.

Members should call their Representatives at (202) 224-3121 and demand action on the Life at Conception Act (H.R. 552).



NPLA Member Action Balloons Life at Conception Act Cosponsors



In the past two election cycles, the National Pro-Life Alliance's campaign to pass a Life at Conception Act has helped raise the level of support for the bill in Congress by more than 250 percent.

NPLA Members Help Stall Over-the-Counter Abortion Drug Approval

Abortion Lobby Seeks Nationwide Acceptance of Chemical Abortion

In an undisguised effort to force their ultimate agenda on all Americans, pro-abortion extremists are again out championing the “right” to abortion and seeking to restrict the rights of those who oppose it.

Despite their seemingly innocuous rhetoric, many abortion proponents are so intent on forcing every American to embrace abortion that they are determined to establish abortion as a “super-right.”

Abortion-on-Demand Not Enough for Pro-Abortion Radicals

The fact is, abortion-on-demand is easily available in every state of the union, for every woman, at any age, at every stage of pregnancy.

Still, this is not enough for pro-abortion radicals.

Abortion extremists who claim to support “choice” are out in full force decrying the fact that professionals with moral opposition to abortion are, in some states, allowed to opt out of participating in abortions.

These same extremists are vying to place the so-called “right” to abortion, and abortifacient drugs such as RU-486 and Plan B, above the clearly enumerated rights in the U.S. Constitution.

Abortion Industry Deceit Seeks to Veil True Deadly Nature of Chemical Abortifacients

Touted as “emergency contraception,” Plan B is a drug that can abort a baby by preventing a newly fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus.

Plan B contains high doses of the drug levonorgestrel and is currently sold as a prescription-only drug.

The pro-life community, however, is locked in a battle to hopefully ban the drug, or at the very least prevent the drug from being approved for over-the-counter sale.

Last fall, National Pro-Life Alliance members stepped up that fight.

After flooding President Bush’s office with petitions, pro-life Americans collectively breathed a sigh of relief when the Food and Drug Administration withheld over-the-counter approval for the moment.

Public outcry aside, the FDA has every reason to carefully consider the long-term ramifications of making this drug available over-the-counter.

After several deaths following the rushed approval of the abortifacient drug RU-486, the FDA must carefully consider the long-term health, safety, and social consequences of its decision.

Chemical Abortion Controversy Brings Flurry of Legislation

Meanwhile, Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) and Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) have introduced legislation to revoke the FDA’s approval of RU-486.

Legislation (H.R. 3553) has also been introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Phil Gingrey (R-GA) to deal with deadly drugs that cause chemical abortions.

The bill would amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to “prohibit the approval of any drug that infringes upon the right to life.”

But pressure from the abortion lobby has also prompted the introduction of legislation in Congress to try to force the hand of the FDA to secure over-the-counter status for abortive drugs such as Plan B.

Still more legislation seeks to force all medical centers on military bases to make abortive drugs available and to take \$10 million from taxpayers to fund “emergency contraception education.”

As these battles play out in Congress, the abortion lobby is also focusing its efforts on rooting “emergency contraception” in society through blatant coercion that exposes the glaring hypocrisy of their laughable claims as exalted proponents of “choice.”

Pro-Life Pharmacists and Hospitals Under Attack by Abortion Extremists

Despite objections from morally opposed professionals, pro-abortion extremists across the country are now aiming to force all pharmacists, regardless of their religious, moral, or ethical objections, to dispense the abortifacient drug, Plan B.

Most disturbing is a new rule handed down by pro-abortion Governor Rod Blagojevich of Illinois.

Last year, Governor Blagojevich launched a full-scale attack on pro-life pharmacists by promulgating an administrative “emergency rule” requiring pharmacies to “accept and fill prescriptions for contraceptives without delay.”

At its core, this rule requires all pharmacists and pharmacies, no matter what moral or religious objections they have, to dispense every type of “contraceptive” drug, including abortifacient drugs like Plan B.

Pro-life pharmacists in Illinois are now faced with a painful choice: they must either comply with the rule and violate their religious and moral beliefs, or they face losing their jobs. In November of 2005, four pro-life pharmacists in Illinois were essentially fired from Walgreens for refusing to comply with this new Draconian rule.

NPLA Mobilizes Against Chemical Abortion at Both Federal and State Levels

In a strongly worded letter to every member of Congress, National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox urged the prompt passage of H.R. 1079 and S. 511 to revoke the FDA’s approval of RU-486 -- and H.R. 3553 to prevent future FDA approval of other deadly abortive drugs.

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And in a separate letter to Illinois Governor Blagojevich, Fox challenged the Illinois rule saying, "It is patently unjust, as well as unwise, to single out 'emergency contraceptive' drugs for forced distribution.

"What kind of ominous message is being sent to the citizens of Illinois by specifically compelling the distribution of life-destroying drugs?"

Fox continued his criticism saying, "The ability of a woman to gain immediate access to any prescription drug does not supersede the Constitutional right of a pharmacist, like every other American, to freely exercise his or her religion."

In many states, such as in neighboring Missouri, pharmacists do still retain the right to refuse, on religious or moral grounds, to fill prescriptions for abortifacient drugs. Across the nation, however, this right is under attack.

The California legislature has now passed an Illinois-style law, and a similar law has been introduced in Pennsylvania.

In Massachusetts, the legislature overrode the Governor's veto and passed a law requiring all hospitals, even those with religious opposition, to dispense the Plan B abortifacient drug.

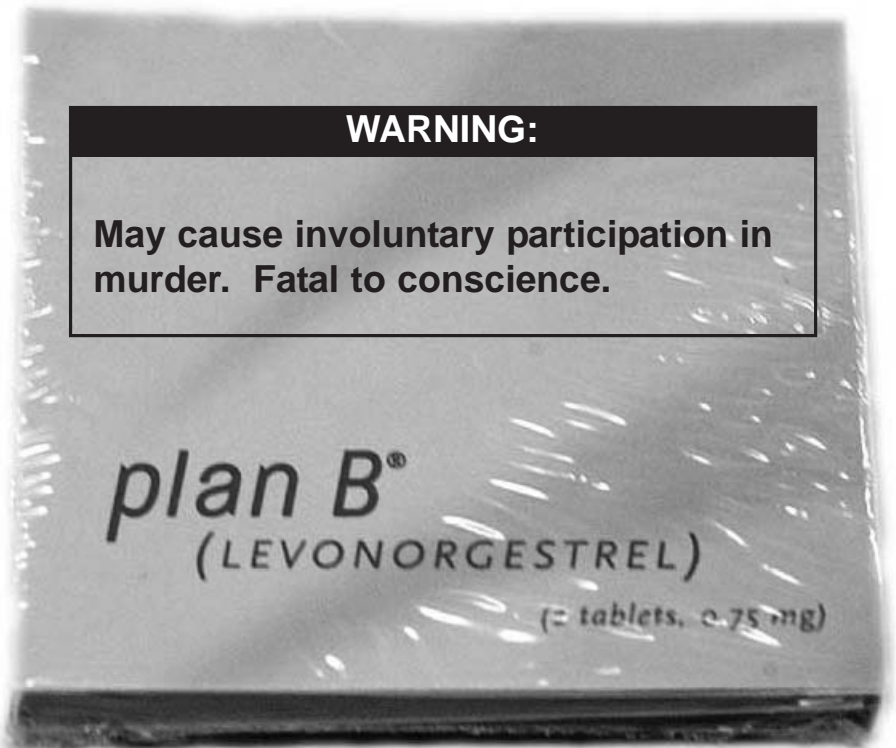
In Nevada, abortion proponents led the fight to keep the Nevada Board of Pharmacy from passing a rule to protect pharmacists in that state.

First Amendment Rights: Second-Class Rights

Across the United States, abortion militants and pro-abortion politicians are trampling the religious rights of pro-life pharmacists and their employers by forcing them to dispense these drugs. Like every other American, pharmacists have the right to freely exercise their own religion.

It is morally wrong and contrary to our American values to force people into the position of having to choose between their religious beliefs or their jobs.

Abortion proponents, essentially, are claiming that the "right" to abortion, and to abortifacient drugs, supersedes the right



Self-styled "champions of choice" across the country are seeking to coerce pro-life pharmacists into participating in chemical abortion.

to freely exercise one's own religion.

This pro-abortion vision for America should be a call to action for every person in the pro-life community.

According to Martin Fox, "It is evident that abortion activists will continue pushing their ultimate agenda. This agenda will only be stopped if NPLA members, along with other pro-life citizens from across the country, push back.

State & Federal Action Encouraged to Protect Babies From Chemical Abortion

"As we move into this next election season," Fox continued, "it is imperative that pro-life voters remember how absolutely essential it is to put in office politicians who will protect the unborn and protect pro-life citizens from having their

rights eroded by abortion extremists."

NPLA members are strongly encouraged to immediately contact their Congressmen and Senators and urge them to support legislation such as H.R. 3553, H.R. 1079, and S. 511.

Members are also strongly encouraged to contact their state legislators and urge them to pass legislation protecting the religious and moral freedom of pharmacists, and all other professional workers, who believe that life should be protected from the moment of conception.

Additionally, those members who reside in Illinois are urged to directly contact the office of Governor Rod Blagojevich at (217) 782-0244 and demand that he reverse his offensive administrative rule forcing Illinois pharmacists to participate in the taking of innocent human life.



NPLA Members Making Life at Conception Act a Winning Issue in Upcoming Elections

Drive for Pro-Life Congress Targets Vote on Life at Conception Act

Pro-life activism will be crucial to saving literally millions of unborn lives in the upcoming election year of 2006.

To win battles ranging from confirming pro-life judges to ultimately passing a Life at Conception Act, National Pro-Life Alliance's more than 525,000 members and staff are gearing up for the fight.

NPLA is mobilizing concerted action by its members to pour on the heat on incumbents and challengers running for U.S. Congress and state legislatures right before their primary and general elections in all 50 states.

This flurry of activity has one aim -- getting candidates to firmly pledge to defend the unborn.

In prior elections, Pro-Life Alliance members have repeatedly seen the effectiveness of using the National Pro-Life Alliance's candidate survey results to put pressure on politicians to pledge support for a Life at Conception Act right while candidates are out looking for votes.

As the late U.S. Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois said, "When I feel the heat, I see the light."

And National Pro-Life Alliance staff will be working overtime giving its members the information they need to counter the smear tactics against pro-life champions by the so-called "National Abortion Rights Action League," Planned Parenthood, and the pro-abortion national media.

In addition to grass-roots lobbying, NPLA members' pooled resources will again make a major difference in direct support of pro-life champions.

NPLA-PAC Only Supports Life at Conception Act Heroes

As the largest pro-life Political Action Committee in the United States, NPLA-PAC gave \$214,000 directly to pro-life candidates in the 2004 election, double that of any other pro-life PAC.

Supported solely by the grass-roots contributions of NPLA members, the National

Pro-Life Alliance Political Action Committee (NPLA-PAC) targets only solid, pro-life champions committed to protecting the life of the unborn by leading the fight for a Life at Conception Act.

NPLA-PAC multiplies the punch of the National Pro-Life Alliance's candidate survey program, supporting only candidates who have made a solid public pledge of support for the Life at Conception Act, and incumbents who have backed up that stand with their votes and leadership in Congress.

NPLA-PAC Involvement Crucial to Success of Pro-Life Champions in Primaries

Because NPLA-PAC is able to support pro-life candidates directly, it is an effective means of helping incumbents and challengers with strong pro-life positions beat off NARAL's and other abortion groups' attacks.

And since NPLA-PAC is completely independent of any political party, it can and does freely get involved in the primaries.

NPLA-PAC gave the maximum legal support in Senator Tom Coburn's (R-OK) hotly contested primary and general election campaigns, despite establishment claims that he was "too pro-life."

In 2002, NPLA members pooled their resources to give maximum primary and general election support to Marilyn Musgrave (CO-4), a candidate with a long pro-life leadership record in the Colorado state legislature.

By bucking a wealthy establishment candidate, pro-lifers gained a Congressional champion for both a Life at Conception Act and the Parental Notification and Intervention Act.

NPLA members returned with maximum legal support in 2004 when pro-abortion and social radicals pulled out all the stops and poured more than four million dollars into a dirty attack campaign against Congresswoman Musgrave.

Thanks to the generosity of NPLA

members, NPLA-PAC supported 50 successful pro-life champions in the 2004 election cycle.

NPLA-PAC gave the maximum donation legally permitted to Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL) who narrowly defeated pro-abortion poster child Betty Castor in a hotly contested race by a 49.4% - 48.9% margin.

NPLA-PAC also donated the maximum amount to Life at Conception Act cosponsor, Phil Gingrey (GA-11).

The Honorable Steve King (IA-5), an active, outspoken cosponsor of the Life at Conception Act, also received support in his bid for reelection.

Based on his cosponsorship of the Life at Conception Act in the House, Richard Burr (R-NC) received the maximum legal contribution from NPLA-PAC in his successful bid to pick up the Senate seat vacated by pro-abortion Senator John Edwards, defeating President Clinton's Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles.

NPLA Executive Director Mary King firmly predicts that "similar activism by members in this year's election cycle will result in a new record number of cosponsors for the Life at Conception Act in the House and Senate and ultimately, a successful vote for passage for the bill to legislatively repeal *Roe v. Wade*."

Battle for a Pro-Life Majority Has Just Begun

The importance of pushing forward to end abortion-on-demand in this Congress is underscored by the long list of new races where abortion is surely to be a top issue.

Radical pro-abortion groups, such as NARAL, NOW, EMILY'S List, and their cronies in the national media are gearing up the 2006 elections, beginning with the California special election in early April.

But that's just the beginning:

Smarting from their narrow defeat, the pro-abortion lobby is determined to oust

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Battle for Control Over Congress Underway as Elections Approach

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pro-life champion Marilyn Musgrave (CO-4), making all their past efforts seem like a drop in the bucket.

House Life at Conception Act cosponsor Bob Beauprez (CO-7) is retiring to run for Governor of Colorado. NPLA members are determined not to lose this seat, but instead support another strong cosponsor for the Life at Conception Act.

Once again, pro-life Congressman John Hostettler (IN-8) is facing a hard race.

His Life at Conception Act cosponsor-

ship will be a motivation to NPLA members to come out strongly in his support.

Life at Conception Act cosponsor, Steve Pearce (NM-2) is also up against stiff opposition from radical left wing groups and needs the support of NPLA members.

Retiring Life at Conception Act cosponsor John Doolittle (CA-4) leaves an open seat, which pro-life forces cannot allow to fall to pro-abortion forces.

While pro-lifers will have to work night and day to hold onto these crucial

seats, the good news is that upcoming races feature several vulnerable pro-abortion politicians:

Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) is paying the price for her radical left wing agenda with an all time low reelection rating of 32%.

Stabenow voted against confirming strict constructionist Judges John Roberts and Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court. She also voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.

Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) voted to allow the barbaric procedure of Partial-Birth Abortion and supported taxpayer-funded abortions overseas.

NPLA members will remember how Baucus ignored post cards, letters and TV ads warning him against using a shameful pro-abortion litmus test to stop the nomination of Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court.

Both Lincoln Chafee (R-RI) and Bill Nelson (D-FL) voted three times to kill the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban as well as to extend taxpayer funding to pay for abortions overseas.

Their outrageous pro-abortion votes can be a deciding factor in the upcoming elections as both Senators face challenges from strong pro-life candidates.

NPLA-PAC Eyes Vulnerable Pro-Abortion Seats in 2006 Elections

Each and every pro-life seat brings pro-lifers closer to passing the Life at Conception Act, defining human life as beginning at the moment of conception.

With the combined efforts of NPLA members and NPLA-PAC, pro-life seats will not only be defended, but several pro-abortion seats overtaken in the 2006 elections.

As NPLA Executive Director Mary King points out, "In the last election, thanks to NPLA members, only one of the Life at Conception Act's 59 cosponsors was defeated for reelection while 9 new cosponsors were elected. That's an important lesson for politicians to remember and one we must repeat."



Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO) and NPLA Executive Director Mary King map strategy for passing a Life at Conception Act and the Parental Notification and Intervention Act. Musgrave was elected and reelected with maximum support from NPLA members.



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Abortion Stops a Beating Heart

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