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Abortion “Juggernaut” Grinds to a Crawl in Congress *Abortion Lobby Loses Momentum Pushing Radical Abortion Agenda*

Much to the dismay of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, pro-abortion zealots in the White House and the world’s largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, pro-life forces have so far fought the abortion lobby to a standstill in the 111th Congress.

Yet, as this issue of *LifeLine* goes to press, the fate of the so-called reform of the healthcare system is still in doubt, and the prospects for continued assaults by the pro-abortion forces in the 2010 session of Congress are certain.

The fact is, ever since the U.S. Supreme Court “created” the right to abortion, its supporters have been at a loss

in securing other legislation legitimizing the murder of millions of unborn babies a year.

For this reason the abortion lobby has employed insider tracks cajoling those in political leadership positions to help them in acquiring federal funding for abortion, which abortion proponents would otherwise be unable to obtain.

From redefining abortion as a “preventive health procedure” to be included in healthcare coverage, to calling abortifacient drugs necessary for women’s health as if pregnancy was a disease, to requiring grants for hospitals to offer and provide abortive “emergency contraception” drugs and pro-

cedures, there has been no shortage of ways in which the abortion lobby seeks to secure taxpayer dollars to fund abortion.

Harry Reid’s Deceptive Pro-Abortion Legislation Loses Support

And while the abortion lobby attempts to channel and redirect Americans’ tax dollars on various fronts, strong activism by NPLA members and other pro-lifers around the country continue to have a

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NPLA Members Continue Push Toward Ending *Roe v. Wade* *Efforts Pay Off as Number of Life at Conception Act Cosponsors Climbs*

While the Obama Administration, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Democrat Senate Leader Harry Reid are increasing their efforts to channel massive tax dollars to the abortion lobby, National Pro-Life Alliance members have not only fought the abortion lobby to a standstill but have actively gone on the offensive.

Of course, immediately after the 2008 elections, pro-abortion members of the media and others were quick to claim victory.

But as readers of *LifeLine* know full well, the real truth was very different.

The fact is the clear majority of newly elected members of Congress were elected on economic issues and either claimed publicly to be pro-life or danced around the issue.

That’s why, beginning last January, NPLA President Martin Fox, in

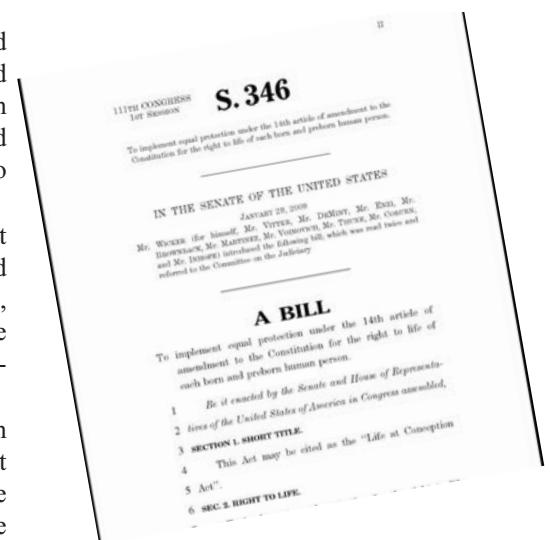
consultation with the NPLA board and staff, embarked on a two-pronged campaign of not only battling pro-abortion initiatives but also continuing to build grass-roots support for legislation to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

The result has been that over the past twelve months, NPLA has generated and delivered hundreds of thousands of letters, post cards and petitions supporting a Life at Conception Act to end abortion-on-demand.

As a result, when Congress recessed in December, the House version of the Life at Conception Act had added twelve additional cosponsors since the last issue of *LifeLine*.

And the bill has already garnered more

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The Life at Conception Act barely fills two pages yet would save millions of unborn babies by using Congress’ power to define “person.”

major effect in helping to curtail the slaughter of innocent unborn lives.

For example, Harry Reid has lost all momentum for his headlining pro-abortion bill, the so-called “Prevention First Act.”

This bill proposes to channel 317.5 million dollars for the Title X family planning program of which Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider, is the main recipient.

The bill also requires that health insurance programs that cover prescriptions must pay for abortifacient contraceptives.

But for all the initial support the bill gained at its introduction, Reid has added only one cosponsor since July, and at the same time has lost two cosponsors who are no longer in Senate — Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the late Ted Kennedy — while the Life at Conception Act’s support has steadily grown every month since its introduction.

NPLA Members and Others Set Back Abortion Funding in House Version of Healthcare Bill

Seeing President Obama’s plans to force everyone to buy some form of health insurance as an opportunity to require

everyone to pay for abortion coverage, Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid took it upon themselves to take taxpayers’ dollars hostage by insisting on including federal funding of abortion in the healthcare bill.

Little did they realize the firestorm that they would create by going against something that poll after poll shows the majority of Americans don’t want.

Abortion Funding in Healthcare Bill Creates Firestorm of Opposition

Despite an early, bold prediction to quickly pass a pro-abortion healthcare bill, Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid have been fought to a standstill by NPLA members and other pro-lifers even while holding overwhelming majorities in both chambers of Congress.

On the House side, Nancy Pelosi dealt a major blow to her efforts to federally subsidize abortion in the form of the Stupak-Pitts Amendment to the healthcare bill.

Thanks to the flood of petitions, post cards, letters and Actiongram Telegrams sent to Congress by NPLA members and others, Pelosi was forced to drop the language allowing for abortion funding, something she was determined not to do.

The timely tidal wave of disapproval paved the way for the vote and passage of the amendment by Bart Stupak (D-MI) and Joseph Pitts (R-PA) that closes the door on tax dollars being channeled to pay for abortions.

NPLA Members’ Strong Activism Yields Dividends

Of course, nothing in politics moves unless pushed.

That is why, working with Congressman Trent Franks (R-AZ), NPLA members flooded their Congressmen and Senators with literally thousands, and in many cases tens of thousands, of letters, petitions, post cards and Actiongram Telegrams demanding that their representatives in Congress oppose all forms of federal abortion subsidies included in the healthcare bill.

More than two million pro-lifers were mobilized through two NPLA public petition drives.

NPLA conducted four member post card, petition and letter campaigns from March through September, inundating members of Congress with a tidal wave of grass-roots pressure.

This wave of opposition culminated in October and November when NPLA staff requested and received authorization from thousands of additional NPLA members to send Actiongram Telegrams to Congress in their name to oppose the abortion lobby’s grizzly plans.

The result was that Congressmen were flooded with thousands of Actiongrams opposing the abortion lobby’s schemes to fund abortions with taxpayers’ dollars — delivered just before the crucial vote on the Stupak-Pitts Amendment in the House.

And, with the Congressional elections around the corner, NPLA members did not shy away from presenting their Congressmen with the choice to protect the lives of the unborn today, or face defeat at the polls in the upcoming elections.



Planned Parenthood is by far the nation’s largest abortion provider. Yet Senator Harry Reid wants to channel billions of additional tax dollars by claiming it is for “healthcare.”

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Abortion Lobby Threatens Life on Multiple Fronts

Even though pro-lifers have gridlocked Pelosi and Reid in Congress for the time being, the abortion lobby is still trying to find ways to end innocent lives in the name of “choice.”

In addition to the healthcare battle, the abortion lobby is attempting to smuggle in federal funding for abortions abroad under the mask of “foreign aid.”

As one of his first acts in office, President Obama overturned by executive order Ronald Reagan’s Mexico City Policy.

This opened the doors for millions of dollars in subsidy for abortions abroad.

Now the abortion lobby is seeking to legislatively enact the Mexico City Policy repeal in order to make it harder for future presidents to reinstate a ban on abortion funding.

Another pro-abortion appropriation proposed was the plan to include abortion coverage in federal employee health insurance.

But in light of the ardent support in keeping tax funding for abortion out of the healthcare bill in the Senate, and the negative light that sheds on Senators,



Obama’s Healthcare bill was supposed to be quick and easy. But when Reid and Pelosi insisted on using the bill as a vehicle for abortion funding, they soon found their bill’s progress stymied by a firestorm of grass-roots opposition from NPLA and other pro-lifers.

those two proposals were removed from the bill before being voted on.

Battle Far from Over

While pro-lifers can claim victory in the House with the Stupak-Pitts Amendment, the battle is proving more

difficult in the Senate and will continue throughout this coming year.

Having narrowly voted down a Stupak-like amendment in the Senate, NPLA President Martin Fox warned of political consequences of playing games with voters in a letter to all one hundred Senators.



NPLA Member Activism Garners Record Support for Life at Conception Act . . . continued from page 1

cosponsors than at the same point in the prior 110th Congress.

Following the bill’s introduction, the combination of National Pro-Life Alliance member activism and staff lobbying has resulted in additional cosponsors on a weekly basis with more to come on top of the 101 House and Senate cosponsors of the corresponding versions of the Life at Conception Act.

This increase in cosponsors, thanks to the continued grass-roots pressure by NPLA members, brings the bill closer to the all-time record number of cosponsors set in the last Congress.

National Pro-Life Alliance members have long led the fight in Congress for a Life at Conception Act.

That’s because no other pending legislation would do more to defend the

lives of unborn children than a Life at Conception Act.

Life at Conception Act’s Life-saving Potential Makes It a Top Member Priority

National Pro-Life Alliance members have long pointed out that a Life at Conception Act would overturn *Roe v. Wade* by legislatively establishing that life begins at the moment of conception and therefore is entitled to protection under the law.

In its own *Roe v. Wade* decision, the High Court wrote, “If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant’s case [i.e., “Roe” who sought an abortion], of course, collapses, for the fetus’ right to

life is then guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment.”

A Life at Conception Act — such as Senator Roger Wicker’s S. 346 and Congressman Duncan D. Hunter’s H.R. 881 — does just that.

Life at Conception Act Uses Constitutional Language To End Abortion-on-Demand

It declares the unborn to be “persons” under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, and therefore entitled to the right to life guaranteed therein.

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By Defining “Person,” Life at Conception Act Legislatively Overturns *Roe v. Wade* . . .

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The fact is, the 14th Amendment couldn't be clearer:

“. . . nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law.”

Furthermore, the 14th Amendment says:

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

In the past, Congress has used this power to define who or what is a “person” and the Supreme Court has upheld this notion.

For example, for certain constitutional protections, Congress has defined corporations as persons.

National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox points out that “if a corporation can be deemed worthy of legal protections as a ‘person,’ clearly a human being shortly to be born and possessing its own unique set of human DNA is worthy of protection under the law.”

Better still, as legislation, a Life at Conception Act only requires a simple majority — a considerably lower legislative hurdle than a constitutional amendment.

An amendment to the Constitution requires a two-thirds majority vote in both houses of Congress and ratification by 38 states, a long and nearly impossible process.

Instead of amending the Constitution, a Life at Conception Act uses the Supreme Court's own precedent to establish that unborn babies are human beings.

Life at Conception Act Separates the Truly Pro-Life from the Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

Not only is the Life at Conception Act the best way to stop abortion-on-demand, it also exposes “wolves in sheep's clothing” — those who claim to be pro-life yet refuse to lift a finger in defense of the



Congressman Steve King (R-Iowa) and NPLA Executive Director Mary King examine petitions to Congress in support of a Life at Conception Act prior to delivery. With the Congressman's help, NPLA members have generated nearly one million petitions to the House alone.

unborn.

For example in the 2008 elections, some pro-life champions like Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) experienced problems in the polls when campaign debate over the protection of the unborn was buried by voters' economic and foreign policy concerns.

Supporting Life Proves to Be Morally and Politically Right

Sensing an opportunity, pro-abortion forces lined up behind former Mississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

Although Musgrove danced around the issue, he stubbornly refused to answer the National Pro-Life Alliance Candidate Survey and refused to come out in support of a Life at Conception Act.

Senator Roger Wicker not only responded early that he would support the Life at Conception Act — but became the bill's lead sponsor in the Senate this year.

To highlight the critical difference between the two candidates, the National

Pro-Life Alliance flooded voters in this strong pro-life state with more than 100,000 letters and candidate survey rosters to identified pro-lifers exposing the clear difference in their commitment to the protection of the unborn.

In the end, Senator Wicker pulled ahead and ended up winning by a comfortable margin of over 120,000 votes.

This proved to be a nationwide trend, as every single cosponsor of the Life at Conception Act in the United States Senate up for re-election in 2008 was sent back to Congress by voters, a true testament to the success of National Pro-Life Alliance members' lobbying efforts and financial support.

National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox is urging NPLA members to sign petitions, call and write their Senators and Congressmen to keep pressuring them to support the Life at Conception Act and oppose the slaughter of innocent unborn babies.



Pro-Life Candidate Survey to Put the Heat on Politicians

NPLA Members Demand that Candidates Take a Pro-Life Stand

Heeding the results of the recent National Pro-Life Alliance membership ballot, in the upcoming election year NPLA will intensify its focus on building support in Congress for a Life at Conception Act by emphasizing its vital Candidate Survey Program.

In fact, the effort to mobilize pressure on Congressional candidates to either support specific pro-life initiatives or face the consequences is already well underway.

NPLA Conducts Crucial Nationwide Grass-roots Campaign

Starting in a few weeks when the State of Illinois kicks off the primary season, NPLA is putting its election year program into high gear.

For starters, the National Pro-Life Alliance's Candidate Survey Program will highlight candidates' positions on key pro-life legislative initiatives.

Starting with special elections and early primaries, the Alliance will be surveying every candidate for Congress.

NPLA members nationwide will then use these candidate responses to flood their candidates with mail encouraging them to take a 100% pro-life stand on the Pro-Life Candidate Survey at the time when lobbying is always most effective -- while candidates are out looking for support.

In the last election, the National Pro-Life Alliance then mailed the candidates' survey responses to more than three-quarters of a million NPLA members and other identified pro-lifers in targeted contests in the days leading up to the elections.

The 2008 effort also included hundreds of TV spots that ran in states with hotly contested races, and two million informative phone calls to pro-lifers nationally.

And Fox's goal is to at least quadruple those numbers in 2010.

In addition to the Candidate Survey Program, the National Pro-Life Alliance Political Action Committee (NPLA-PAC)

helps pro-life champions with critical direct financial support as well as independent expenditure campaigns in their Congressional bids.

Top-Ranked NPLA-PAC Outperforms Highly-Funded Pro-Abortion PACs

In 2008, NPLA-PAC provided direct financial support to 112 pro-life candidates for Congress, contributing nearly a quarter of a million dollars to pro-life candidates and PACs.

In the end, NPLA-PAC's win percentage was higher than that of both EMILY's List and NARAL.

As a result, in the last election most Democrat candidates avoided the issue entirely and some Democrats tried to position themselves as more pro-life than their opponents.

"Of course, while hostile pro-abortion leadership in Congress presents pro-lifers with challenges in advancing pro-life legislation, it's more important than ever to continue the fight for the unborn," says Fox.

"Incoming politicians from both

parties who claim to be pro-life must live up to their campaign promises and enact meaningful pro-life legislation.

"With votes on judicial nominees as well as likely votes on taxpayer-funded abortion in the days ahead, NPLA members must send a clear message to these politicians that there is a heavy political price to pay if they fail to protect the unborn."

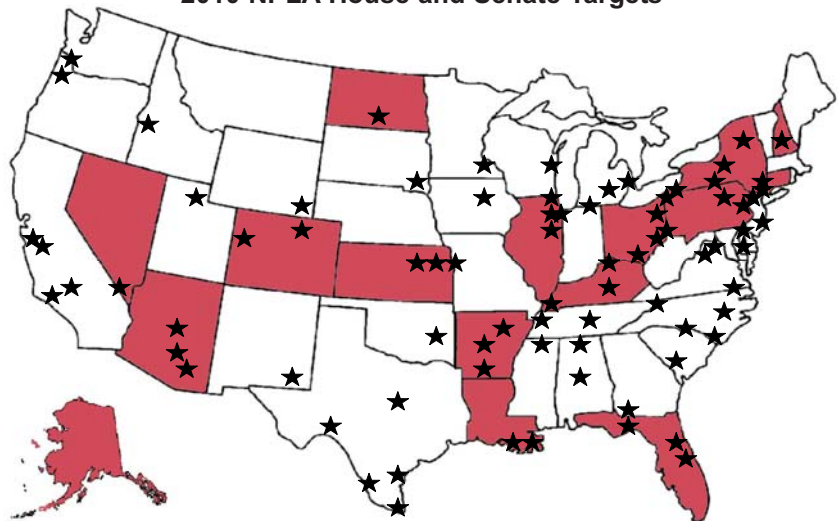
NPLA Members Vital to Pro-Life Momentum

Martin Fox thanked members for their assistance in lobbying politicians and for making NPLA-PAC the largest pro-life PAC in the nation in terms of direct support to pro-life candidates.

"Of special importance has been the election year outpouring of post cards and letters from members demanding that candidates answer the Pro-Life Candidate Survey and take a position on specific lifesaving legislation like a Life at Conception Act. Members must double this pressure in 2010.

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2010 NPLA House and Senate Targets



It is no surprise that candidates are most likely to support pro-life protections when looking for votes. That's why the NPLA board recently approved an aggressive \$5 million targeted campaign for the 2010 election season.

“The sacrifices of time and money by NPLA members to increase pressure on the candidates right at the moment when they are out looking for votes are the major reason why the Life at Conception Act has gone from 20 in Congressional supporters to more than 100 today,” continued Fox.


“Members have continued to gain ground in every single session of Congress

since the National Pro-Life Alliance became involved.”

NPLA Members Key to Keeping Abortion a Top Campaign Issue

While it is unclear which party will prevail in 2010, it is critical that pro-lifers

continue to both fight against pro-abortion initiatives while continuing to build support in Congress for the ultimate repeal of *Roe v. Wade*.

That’s why Martin Fox has made NPLA’s Pro-Life Candidate Survey Program and the Alliance’s Political Action Committee top priorities in this year’s high-stakes election. 

Obama Appointees Seek to Change Policy and Secure Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

Obama Administration Boasts a Plethora of Pro-Abortion Activists

Failing over the years to make progress on pro-abortion legislation in Congress, the abortion lobby is ecstatic that the Obama Administration has assembled a team of committed pro-abortion appointees seeking to use their executive powers to promote taxpayer funding of abortion-on-demand.

Kathleen Sebelius, the Secretary of Health and Human Services

Kathleen Sebelius has a long and radical pro-abortion-on-demand history. While serving as Governor of Kansas, Sebelius vetoed even the most minor pro-life reforms.

She was also deeply connected with the notorious partial-birth abortionist George Tiller. Tiller contributed more than \$100,000 to her campaign, a favor which was reciprocated by Sebelius hosting a reception for him and his staff at the Governor’s mansion.

Now, as Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Sebelius has far-reaching executive powers over the nation’s abortion policies.

The Department of Health and Human Services distributes hundreds of billions of dollars in welfare money. Since the Hyde Amendment by law prohibits any of that money to be spent for abortions, Sebelius is in the forefront of the fight to use tax

dollars for abortions paid by welfare.

And unless Congress acts to block her in the final version of the Democrat’s health plan, she would have the authority to make abortion coverage mandatory in the healthcare plans that everyone will be forced to buy.

As HHS Secretary, Sebelius has also proposed to provide taxpayer-paid coverage of abortion for government employees, and supported tax-funded abortions in the District of Columbia.

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John P. Holdren, appointed Science “Czar”, who believes in compulsory abortion as a means of population control; Health “Czar” Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas’ radical pro-abortion former Governor; and Regina Benjamin as Surgeon General would force all doctors to learn abortion procedures.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is a consistent pro-abortion advocate who cosponsored legislation to codify *Roe v. Wade* and, as a candidate for president, was in an ongoing battle with then-Senator Obama to see who could be the most pro-abortion.

Now, as Secretary of State, Mrs. Clinton is again working to promote abortion, this time overseas.

In her role as Secretary of State, Clinton oversees the multi-billion foreign aid budget, giving her multiple ways in which she can use her authority to aid pro-abortion groups.

For example, she is now promoting a bill to legislatively impose Obama's reversal of the Mexico City Policy. The effect of this legislation would be to obligate future presidents to distribute foreign aid money to groups that lobby for and provide abortions.

If such a bill is ultimately approved, Clinton would be in charge of this distribution in which the major beneficiaries will be international abortion providers like Planned Parenthood.

Melanne Verveer, Office of Global Women's Issues

The White House has recently announced the formation of a new foreign policy position dealing with women's health.

Long a pro-abortion advocate, Melanne Verveer served as Chief of Staff to former First Lady Hillary Clinton. Now in her new position as head of a new foreign policy group dealing with so-called women's health issues, her primary role is expected to be to provide abortions and overturn pro-life statutes around the world.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton endorsed Verveer when she was sworn in stating "Who better to fulfill the position, a new position, of Ambassador for Global Women's Issues than, the one and only, Melanne Verveer."



As a U.S. Senator, Hillary Clinton was a "go-to" contact for the abortion lobby. Now, as Secretary of State, she has been a radical advocate of channeling foreign aid funds to the abortion lobby.

John Holdren, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

Mr. Holdren has a long history of radical support for the pro-abortion agenda. In fact, in 1977, he co-authored a book in which he said that the government should implement compulsory sterilizations.

Now, as Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, he serves as Co-Chairman of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology with the potential of channeling millions of research money and government contracts to pro-abortion special interests.

Regina Benjamin, Surgeon General

Before assuming her new position Benjamin served on the American Medical Association board and spoke in favor of a vote by the AMA to "urge medical schools to expand their curriculum [to teach] about abortion."

In an interview with the Associated Press, Benjamin again expressed her support of mandatory training of doctors

on abortion.

Now as Surgeon General, she is the leading spokesperson on matters of public health in the federal government. She is pushing to train all physicians how to perform abortions, even if they are pro-life.

Nancy-Ann DeParle, White House Office of Health Reform

Ms. DeParle, a former Clinton administration official, has a record of extreme pro-abortion views.

While administrator of the federal Health Care Financing Administration under President Clinton, DeParle rejected Virginia Governor James Gilmore's child health insurance plan because it would only cover abortions when the mother's life was in danger.

Now, as one of the chief White House "czars," DeParle will be working alongside Kathleen Sebelius to direct budget issues affecting Obama's healthcare plan.



March for Life 2010 Gives NPLA Members Opportunity to Take Action

National Pro-Life Alliance Staff and Members to Circulate Petitions for Life at Conception Act

Are you planning to attend the 2010 March for Life?

In efforts to increase support for the Life at Conception Act and to support the pro-life efforts of the March for Life taking place on Friday, January 22, 2010 the National Pro-Life Alliance invites you to join its staff and other NPLA members on the mall who will be collecting signatures for a Life at Conception Act to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Whether you plan on coming individually or with a group, the opportunity to build more support for a Life at Conception Act is open to all.

Simply contact NPLA's Director of Legislation, Daniel Leiva, via email at DLeiva@Prolifealliance.com or by phone at 703-321-8380 Extension 3# for more information on when and where to meet and how you can take action during the rally prior to the march.



The March for Life uses the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision to remind the nation of the deadly results of judicial activism. This year, NPLA members and staff plan to use the event to collect and deliver thousands of petitions for the Life at Conception Act to Congress.

Roe v. Wade Anniversary Serves as Rallying Point for Pro-Lifers

Every year on the 22nd of January hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers gather

on the lawn of the Mall in Washington, DC to peacefully protest, on the day of its anniversary, the infamous *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion-on-demand in the United States.

Concerned that the upcoming anniversary of the most gruesome Supreme Court ruling would pass by unnoticed, pro-life grass root leaders decided in 1974 to annually meet on the lawn of the Mall in front of the U.S. Capitol building.



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Participation Reaches in the Hundreds of Thousands

In a show of solidarity and unity, a modest 20,000 pro-lifers made the maiden march that year to demand that Congress overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Since that initial march, the number of supporters and participants has grown steadily in spite of the frigid January weather, culminating in the attendance of over 250,000 pro-lifers in 2009. 