



October 21, 2015

Dear Representative:

On behalf of Americans United for Life Action (AUL Action), the legislative arm of Americans United for Life, the legal architects of the prolife movement, I urge you to support continued efforts in the House to defund abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, by voting for H.R. 3762, the “Restoring Americans’ Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act.” AULA is grateful to House leadership for taking concrete actions to investigate Planned Parenthood in three Committees and now in the Select Committee. Including defunding abortion providers in H.R. 3762 is further evidence of House leadership’s commitment to Life, which we urge you to support.

AUL Action has long called on Congress to disentangle the American taxpayer from the Abortion Industry. The video footage recently released by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) capturing Planned Parenthood’s top doctors and other personnel discussing its practice of harvesting the body parts of aborted babies in exchange for money has shocked the conscience of the nation. Planned Parenthood’s abhorrent and potentially illegal practice uncovered by the CMP is further proof that subsidizing Planned Parenthood is an inappropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

Planned Parenthood’s Senior Medical Director, Dr. Deborah Nucatola, discussed in one of the videos how she strategically “crushes” the babies she aborts in order to best harvest their hearts, lungs and livers. These videos shed light for the American people to see Planned Parenthood for what it truly is, the abortion industry that puts profits ahead of anything else.

The recorded conversations also raise serious concern that Planned Parenthood may be violating federal fetal tissue trafficking laws, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban—a law that Planned Parenthood’s Dr. Nucatola flippantly describes as “open to interpretation”—and the federal Born Alive Infant Protection Act. As Americans United for Life has documented, Planned Parenthood’s harvesting of baby body parts is one of a growing list of scandals that should make Planned Parenthood ineligible for the tremendous amount of taxpayer dollars it takes in annually.

In FY 2014, Planned Parenthood reported that 40% of its nearly \$1.3 billion in revenue came at the taxpayers’ expense. A report issued by the Government Accountability Office in March 2015 documented that Planned Parenthood receives half a billion dollars annually from federal and joint federal-state programs. The federal government has a responsibility to the American people to ensure the integrity of these programs.

Relying on a heavy stream of funding from the government, Planned Parenthood operates the largest abortion business in the nation. Planned Parenthood clinics perform nearly 900 abortions every single day—327,653 abortions in 2013. According to Planned Parenthood’s most recent annual report, abortions were 94% of its pregnancy related services.

Taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize Planned Parenthood's abortion business. AULA thanks the House for passing important pieces of legislation including H.R. 3435, the *Women's Public Health and Safety Act*, sponsored by Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI). This bill would explicitly permit a state to exclude abortion providers and facilities where abortions are performed from its Medicaid program. AUL Action scored in favor of this important piece of legislation and urges the Senate to take up the companion piece of legislation, S. 2159, sponsored by Sen. David Vitter (R-LA).

I hope you will support continued efforts in the House to disentangle the taxpayer from the scandal ridden abortion industry by voting for passage of H.R. 3762, the "Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charmaine Yoest". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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