

February 28, 2011

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Majority Leader Eric Cantor
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Dear,

On behalf of the groups below, we want to thank you for your leadership regarding the vote for Rep. Mike Pence's Amendment No. 11 to the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (H.R. 1) to prevent government funding for the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood. Without your support and leadership, this amendment surely would not have seen the large margin of victory that it did. We applaud you for holding to your principles.

Planned Parenthood, a scandal-plagued abortion company, no longer deserves hundreds of millions in federal dollars each year while it continues to abuse innocent young victims. The Government Accounting Office reported recently that Planned Parenthood received a total of \$342 million in Title X family planning funds from 2002 to 2009, while it also received a total of \$657 million in total federal funds during the same period. This occurred despite evidence that Planned Parenthood clinics have repeatedly failed to comply with state statutory rape reporting laws and often ignore parental consent laws. Most recently, a few Planned Parenthood clinics refused to report instances of sex trafficking of minors.

Funding Planned Parenthood and its affiliates does not decrease abortion. Rather, it increases the incidence of abortion, while it also encourages irresponsible and sometimes illegal activities that harm young women. In addition, Planned Parenthood's abortion machine massively outpaces its adoption referrals. In 2008 a woman entering a Planned Parenthood clinic was 134 times more likely to have an abortion than be referred for adoption.

As debate over the Continuing Resolution continues, you and your colleagues will undoubtedly receive pressure from Planned Parenthood and its allies. Spending must be reduced, and taxpayers do not need to be, and do not want to be, funding the abortion empire. Defunding Planned Parenthood is a non-negotiable for this budget.

We hope you will continue to champion the Pence provision to ensure that it is not removed during the legislative process.

Thank you again for standing up for women and the unborn.

Sincerely,

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