

April 13, 2011

Member of Congress
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of FRCAction, the legislative affiliate of Family Research Council, and the thousands of families we represent, I want to encourage you to vote for the enrollment correction (H.Con.Res. 36) offered by Rep. Diane Black (R-Tenn.) and Rep. Martha Roby (R-Ala.) to the Continuing Resolution FY2011 (H.R. 1473, "CR") in order to defund Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the United States. I also encourage you to vote for the enrollment correction (H.Con.Res. 35) offered by Rep. Rodney Alexander (R-La.) to HR 1473 to prevent funding under the CR to implement the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (P.L. 111-148) which contains provisions to fund abortion and provisions that could be used to ration health care. FRCAction will score the vote on each resolution in our scorecard for the 112th Congress.

H.Con.Res. 36 would prevent Federal funds from continuing to pay Planned Parenthood, which has over the years received millions of dollars in government aid despite being a non-profit organization that is the largest abortion provider in the United States.

H.Con.Res. 36 would not eliminate family planning funding under the Title X program, nor would it eliminate any of the over \$1 billion in family planning or other women's health services provided by Medicaid. Instead, it would stop the massive subsidies for an abortion business that has failed to comply with state statutory rape reporting laws, often ignored parental consent laws and, most recently, has been reported to be complicit in instances of sex trafficking of minors.

From 2008-2009, Planned Parenthood received \$363 million, a third of their \$1 billion income, in government grants and contracts from the Federal and state governments. The Government Accounting Office reported last year 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 Federal funds in the same seven year period.

The fact is that Planned Parenthood clinics performed 332,278 abortions in 2009 according to its own statistics, more than one-quarter of the approximately 1.2 million abortions performed nationwide. Each fiscal year since 2000-2001, the government has increased its funding of Planned Parenthood an average \$22.2 million per year while the number of abortions they performed steadily increased. This has occurred while the overall abortion rate in the U.S. declined until 2008.

Indeed, Planned Parenthood's abortion machine massively outpaces its adoption referrals and is a significant part of their services for pregnant women. In 2008 a woman entering a Planned Parenthood clinic was 134 times more likely to have an abortion than be

referred for adoption. Further, despite claims by Planned Parenthood that abortion accounts for only three percent of its services, their own reports show that 97.6 percent of their services for pregnant women involved abortion, while only 2.4 percent involve prenatal care or adoption referrals. Funding Planned Parenthood and its affiliates does not decrease abortion; it increases it.

In addition, we urge you to vote for H.Con.Res. 35 offered by Rep. Rodney Alexander (R-La.), which would prevent funding under the CR from being used to implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Instead of including the Stupak amendment to prevent funding for abortion or funding for health plans that include abortion coverage, PPACA as enacted contains provisions to subsidize abortion in multiple ways. PPACA will pay directly for abortion by funding community health centers, since such funds are directly appropriated rather than funded through the LHHS appropriations bill containing the Hyde amendment. Other provisions violate the principle of the Hyde amendment by subsidizing health care plans that include abortion. We have written about the abortion funding provisions here: <http://downloads.frcaction.org/EF/EF10C08.pdf>.

H.Con.Res. 35 will also prevent PPACA from being used to ration health care and to stop the Administration from funding end-of-life counseling that could promote euthanasia in states where it is legal. While a provision directly encouraging such funding in the House passed health bill, e.g., Sec. 1233 of H.R. 3200, was not included in the final health care law, the Administration nonetheless included “advance care planning” as part of the new Medicare regulations under “annual wellness visits” published November 29, 2010. Reimbursing doctors to counsel on end-of-life planning could be used to promote euthanasia or physician assisted suicide in pro-euthanasia states. The Administration reversed course after the rule had been implemented. However, concerns remain over the health care rationing based on quality and cost-savings measures. H.Con.Res. 35 would prevent funding for carrying out PPACA and would prevent the rationing of health care and payments that could promote unethical end-of-life care.

FRCAction takes no position on the overall CR, though we strongly support the inclusion of Section 1572 to restore the prohibition on taxpayer funding for abortion in the District of Columbia. The District has been using taxpayer dollars to fund abortion since 2010 when the provision was gutted. Including this section in the CR restores the status quo on abortion funding in the District.

FRCAction strongly supports the enrollment corrections H.Con.Res. 36 and H.Con.Res. 35 and will score votes in favor of these resolutions in our scorecard for the First Session of the 112th Congress.

Sincerely,



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