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## Life at Conception Act Supporters Make Headway in U.S. Senate After Mid-Term Elections

### *Mid-Terms Lay Groundwork for a Record Number of Cosponsors*

As National Pro-Life Alliance members know, the Life at Conception Act is the one bill that would legislatively overturn Roe v. Wade and put an end to the Supreme Court's invented policy of abortion-on-demand.

That's why the Life at Conception Act was the focal point of National Pro-Life Alliance member lobbying in the 2018 mid-term elections.

In the end, even while Republicans lost control of the House of Representatives, National Pro-Life Alliance members successfully laid the groundwork for the Life at Conception Act to gain even more cosponsors in the new 116th Congress.

"As we again saw in these mid-term

elections, support for the two major political parties may wax and wane, but candidates who support the Life at Conception Act overwhelmingly come out on top," explained National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox.

### **Life at Conception Act Set for Record Support with Grass-Roots Pressure**

In fact, the National Pro-Life Alliance and its associated Political Action Committee won 149 out of their 172 targeted races this year.

Thanks to a flood of postcards, e-mails

and phone calls from NPLA members, twenty-six freshmen were elected to Congress after pledging to cosponsor the Life at Conception Act.

And much to the dismay of the pro-abortion media, pro-lifers sent radical pro-abortion Senators down to defeat, replacing them with candidates who pledged to support the Life at Conception Act on their Pro-Life Candidate Surveys.

National Pro-Life Alliance's President Fox is optimistic for the upcoming year.

"Following the success of NPLA's

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Working with National Pro-Life Alliance staff, Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) will introduce the bill in the Senate while Congressman Alex X. Mooney (R-WV) has prioritized introduction of the Life at Conception Act in the House of Representatives.

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**Abortionists have never had popular support among voters, but rely on unelected judges to enforce their life-ending agenda.**

## Support for Life at Conception Act Continues to Swell . . . *continued from page 1*

election lobbying efforts, it's up to NPLA members to keep up the pressure so that the Members of Congress who have pledged support keep their word and past cosponsors sign up again.

"In doing so, the Life at Conception Act will break its record number of cosponsors in the new Congress," says Fox.

The number of cosponsors a bill has is of top importance when Congressional leadership sets its agenda because it demonstrates the relative support of each bill.

### **Life at Conception Act Uses Roe v. Wade's Own Language to Protect the Unborn**

The Life at Conception Act is popular among pro-lifers because it uses the Supreme Court's own language to overturn Roe v. Wade by legislatively establishing unborn children as "persons" as defined by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, therefore entitling them to

legal protection.

This is the one thing the Supreme Court admitted would cause Roe's case for legal abortion to "collapse."

### **Supreme Court's Own Language Gives Congress Power to Protect Life**

When the Supreme Court handed down its now-infamous Roe v. Wade decision, it did so by inventing a new, previously undefined "right of privacy" which it "discovered" in so-called "emanations of penumbrae" of the Constitution.

"These are merely fancy words to say that it made up the so-called 'right' to abortion out of thin air," explained Fox.

Of course, as constitutional law, it was a disaster.

But never once did the Supreme Court declare abortion itself to be a constitutional right.

Instead, the Supreme Court said, "We need not resolve the difficult question of

when life begins . . . the judiciary at this point in the development of man's knowledge is not in a position to speculate as to the answer."

Then the High Court made a key admission, stating, "If the 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."

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."

### **Constitution Clearly Protects Every Person**

Additionally, the 14th Amendment states that "Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article."

The Life at Conception Act does

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# Pro-Abortion House and Senate Democrats Fired

## **NPLA Members Make the Difference in Mid-Term Elections**

Although it has been highly publicized that the U.S. House flipped to install Nancy Pelosi as Speaker, a little-known fact is that National Pro-Life Alliance members and other pro-lifers helped flip multiple pro-abortion House seats to elect pro-life candidates.

Of course, the 2018 mid-terms posed a tough election environment for pro-lifers.

The media's obsession with President Trump and other unrelated issues allowed many candidates with radical pro-abortion-on-demand positions to avoid discussing their record.

In addition, many pro-life candidates were dramatically outspent, with pro-abortion House candidates alone raising nearly a billion dollars for their campaigns.

But the grass-roots activism and financial contributions of NPLA members made the difference in key target races where pledged Life at Conception Act cosponsors faced tough races decided by razor thin margins.

For example, Minnesota's First Congressional District seat was held by a pro-abortion Democrat incumbent for twelve years.

In 2018, Dan Feehan, the new pro-abortion Democrat candidate, outspent his opponent two to one with out-of-state donations from pro-abortion billionaires accompanied by celebrity endorsements from Barack Obama, Joe Biden and the outgoing Congressman.

And unsurprisingly, his pro-life opponent Jim Hagedorn was savaged by the pro-abortion media.

Undeterred, National Pro-Life Alliance made the race a top target to recruit and mobilize pro-lifers in the district.

NPLA identified more than 16,000 hard-core, pro-life households.

### **Pro-Life Households Provide Margin of Victory to Flip Pro-Abortion Districts**

Following National Pro-Life Alliance's program of mailings and e-mails to warn pro-life voters of the huge difference between the candidates' positions, pro-life Jim Hagedorn pulled off an upset to flip the district, winning by some 2,000 votes.

Similarly, in Minnesota's Eighth Congressional District where NPLA had identified 9,822 pro-life households, National Pro-Life Alliance sent multiple

survey results mailings to highlight the differences between Pete Stauber, who answered his Pro-Life Candidate Survey 100% in favor of defending the unborn, and Joe Radinovich, who attempted to obscure his radical pro-abortion position.

### **NPLA Members Use Pro-Life Issue to Hold Seats in Congress**

Once NPLA's mailings hit Minnesota households, ratings started to move in favor of Stauber.

Come election day, Stauber defeated his pro-abortion opponent by 17,416 votes.

And yet another remarkable success for National Pro-Life Alliance members in defending a pro-life seat came from a race in Kansas.

Steve Watkins, an outspoken pro-life candidate, ran for the open seat in Kansas's Second Congressional District after incumbent Lynn Jenkins retired.

The pro-abortion candidate, Paul

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**Newly elected pro-life Senators Michael Braun (R-IN), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Kevin Cramer (R-ND) benefited from National Pro-Life Alliance member mobilization along with support from NPLA Political Action Committee in the recent election.**

## NPLA Members Must Hold Politicians Accountable . . . *continued from page 3*

Davis, was considered the favorite after carrying the district when running for Governor four years prior.

Davis's candidacy received lavish praise and attention from the pro-abortion media.

And Davis outspent his Republican opponent three to one with massive out-of-state pro-abortion donations.

But after National Pro-Life Alliance identified and repeatedly mailed over 13,000 pro-life households in the district,

pro-lifers won the day by some 4,400 votes.

"Clearly, no matter how difficult the political climate, supporting the Life at Conception Act comes out in candidates' favor," commented Martin Fox.

### **Fox Urges Members to Ramp Up Pressure**

With these new election gains, NPLA members have successfully laid the groundwork for the Life at Conception Act

to break its all-time record number of cosponsors in the 116th Congress if members will keep up the grass-roots pressure.

That's why Fox is urging members to demand that pro-life Members of Congress keep their campaign promises and cosponsor the Life at Conception Act.

"By starting right now to nail down the new support we have won," said Fox, "we can continue building momentum for this life-saving bill and ultimately put an end to abortion-on-demand." ♥

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## Abortion Lobby Expected to Use U.S. House of Representatives to Expand Taxpayer Funding

### **National Pro-Life Alliance Members Gear Up to Fight**

Since the abortion industry depends so heavily on taxpayer subsidies, in every election abortion proponents pour out mountains of cash to elect radical pro-abortion Members of Congress.

And in this election cycle, the abortion giant, Planned Parenthood, alone spent more than \$20 million campaigning for pro-abortion radicals.

Now, with pro-abortion Speaker Nancy Pelosi in charge of the U.S. House, NPLA President Martin Fox is urging National Pro-Life Alliance members to be prepared for repeated fights against taxpayer funding of abortion providers.

"The abortion lobby is preparing to cash in on its investment," Fox warns.

"Pro-lifers should be prepared to oppose Nancy Pelosi and her pro-abortion allies from slipping taxpayer funding for abortion into any and all appropriation bills coming out of the House of Representatives."

### **NPLA Capitalizes on Pro-Life Election Gains to Fight Back Against Abortion Lobby**

Although pro-abortion radicals took control of the House leadership in the

2018 mid-term elections, pro-lifers made gains in the Senate.

That's why Fox is urging NPLA members to "put the heat on pro-life Senators to not just hold the line against the pro-abortion House majority but to go on the offensive to ultimately cut abortionists completely off from the public trough."

### **Cutting Tax Dollars for Abortion Is Overwhelmingly Popular**

Stopping taxpayer funding of abortion providers is a popular issue -- and not just among pro-lifers.

According to a recent Marist poll, a clear majority of Americans oppose footing the bill for the slaughter of unborn children.

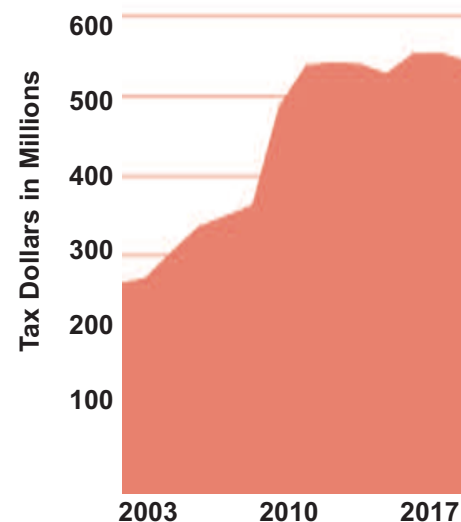
Yet abortion providers continue to rely on the American taxpayer to keep their deadly industry afloat.

Planned Parenthood alone raked in over \$540 million in taxpayer funding in 2016 -- all while snuffing out more than 328,000 innocent unborn lives that very same year.

And Planned Parenthood performs "only" one-third of the abortions in America.

The real solution, of course, is to end funding of all organizations that perform abortions.

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**Budget Years Ending 2003-2017**

**Planned Parenthood has collected over \$5 billion of taxpayer money since 2003.**

## Tax Dollars to Planned Parenthood Ultimately Fund Abortion . . . *continued from page 4*

“For too long pro-abortion officials have refused to heed the voice of the American people, instead continuing to funnel taxpayer money to abortion providers to the tune of hundreds of millions,” Fox commented.

“That’s why National Pro-Life Alliance members are fighting to expose these radical pro-abortion politicians.”

### More Taxpayer Funding to Abortion Providers Means More Abortions

In response to the public’s overwhelming disapproval, pro-abortion politicians frequently try to pretend that taxpayer funding will not pay for abortions directly.

“By paying for an abortion provider’s overhead, taxpayer funding frees up that abortion provider’s private funds to pay for more abortions,” explained Martin Fox.

“So despite the abortion lobby’s

phony claim that taxpayer funding doesn’t pay for abortion directly, pro-lifers know that any tax money funding an abortion provider ultimately subsidizes the slaughter of unborn children.”

### Members to Fight for an End to Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Providers

That’s why Fox is urging members to demand that their Representatives push back against the abortion lobby’s attempts to sneak taxpayer funding of abortion providers into the federal budget.

To keep this issue before the voters and expose the millions of dollars going to abortion providers, the National Pro-Life Alliance is continuing to fight on all fronts to end taxpayer funding of any abortion provider.

Fox urged, “We’ll expose any politician who refuses to heed the overwhelming popular opposition to taxpayers funding the slaughter of innocent unborn babies,



**Incoming House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, is expected to lead the fight to expand taxpayer funding of abortion.**

and we’ll move one step closer to our ultimate goal of ending abortion-on-demand.” ♥

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## Ultrasound Informed Consent Act Would Show Mothers the Life Inside and Save Countless Lives

### NPLA Members Fight for Federal and State Ultrasound Laws

As 2018 draws to a close, NPLA members are again gearing up to fight for tough ultrasound legislation at both the state and federal level.

Although science has long known that life begins at conception, only in recent decades have technological advances in ultrasound imaging allowed parents to look inside the womb and see their child’s development before birth.

That’s why the detailed pictures of the babies’ little hands and tiny toes are changing the hearts and minds of expectant mothers -- saving thousands of lives across the country from the horrors of abortion-on-demand.

In fact, a network of mobile ultrasound

clinics reports that four out of every five women ultimately choose life for their unborn children after seeing ultrasounds at one of their clinics.

That’s why the National Pro-Life Alliance is intensifying the fight for the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act at both the state and federal level.

### State Ultrasound Laws Proven to Save Lives

The Ultrasound Informed Consent Act would require that mothers be shown ultrasound images of their unborn children before any abortion could take place, ensuring that every mother has the

chance to see the life inside.

The National Pro-Life Alliance has already helped pass tough ultrasound laws in several states across the country -- with noticeable life-saving results.

For example, after NPLA’s language was adopted by Texas lawmakers in 2012, the state saw an immediate 5.7% decrease in abortion rates, followed by an even larger 6.5% decrease in 2013.

This law provides a good pathway for other states to save lives. The abortion lobby’s Court challenge was rejected

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when the law was upheld by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in 2012.

Shortly thereafter, pro-lifers pressured Wisconsin lawmakers to pass a similarly tough ultrasound bill, and almost immediately the state's abortion rate dropped by 10%.

Jenni Harris, the Executive Director of the National Pro-Life Alliance, commented, "Given the clear life-saving impact of these state ultrasound laws, the National Pro-Life Alliance is again gearing up to fight for tough ultrasound legislation in other states as well."

### Abortionists Fear the Life-Saving Power of Ultrasounds

Of course, abortionists will not let pro-lifers pass ultrasound laws without a fight.

In fact, even though abortionists routinely use ultrasound technology during abortions, they are trained to turn the screen away and hide the picture of life from mothers.

As former abortionist Dr. Joseph Randall stated, "The women who are having the abortions are never allowed to look at the ultrasound, because we know even if they heard the heart beat that many times they wouldn't have the abortion."

One example of the life-saving power

of ultrasounds comes from fourteen-year-old Mary.

When Mary became pregnant, her mother was determined to have her grandchild aborted.

### Yet Another Life Saved by the Power of Ultrasounds

She took Mary to an abortion clinic and, of course, the technician refused to let Mary see the ultrasound of her baby.

But despite the technician's attempt to hide the ultrasound, Mary's mother caught a glimpse of her unborn grandchild's image.

Immediately, she took Mary and left the abortion clinic.

Having seen her unborn grandchild with her own eyes, Mary's mother couldn't go through with the abortion.

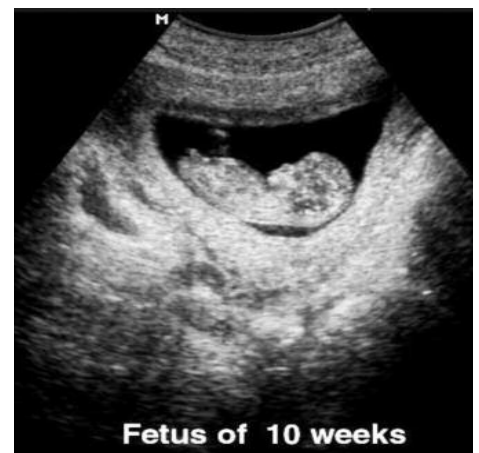
### Harris Urges Members to Build Support for Ultrasound Informed Consent Act

Dr. Donna Harrison, an OB/GYN and pro-life activist, has said of ultrasounds, "America was sold abortion-on-demand by forces who claimed abortion just removed a clump of cells or a blob of tissue.

"Today . . . technology doesn't allow us to ignore a human's existence. There's no denying what's going on in the womb: a human life is growing."

Now, Jenni Harris is urging National Pro-Life Alliance members to demand that their state and federal Representatives fight for tough ultrasound legislation like the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act.

"By passing tough ultrasound legislation," said Harris, "we'll show mothers the life inside and move one step closer to ending abortion-on-demand." ♥



Babies are not "just clumps of cells," and viewing sonograms helps persuade 78% of abortion-minded women to choose life.

## Parental Notification and Intervention Act Exposes Callous Abortion-on-Demand Agenda

### Bill Highlights Outrage of Minor Girls' Abortions

Since its first introduction, the Parental Notification and Intervention Act has been a powerful tool in highlighting the hardness of abortionists to the plight of young minors.

And the new Congress will be no exception.

This bill, drafted by the National Pro-Life Alliance, has been called the "toughest, most comprehensive pro-life parental rights legislation ever drawn up."

According to both a recent Marist poll and a recent Politico poll, more than 80% of Americans support notifying parents before their underage daughter's abortion.

NPLA Executive Director Jenni Harris noted that, "while unlikely to pass under pro-abortion Speaker Nancy Pelosi, this legislation is a win-win for pro-lifers.

"Simply debating this bill shines a light on the outrage of abortions unknowingly being performed on minor daughters while

exposing radical pro-abortion politicians who would oppose it," Harris warned.

Every year, abortionists perform over 250,000 abortions on teenage girls, and all too often, the girls' parents do not even know about the abortions until it is too late.

"Abortionists know that many parents would intervene and save their unborn

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grandchild's life," explained Harris.

"That's why abortionists will do everything in their power to perform abortions on teens without parents ever knowing about it."

## **Bill Closes Loopholes in State Laws**

At the core of the bill are two key provisions that would apply in all fifty states.

First, the bill would require that not just one but both parents be given official notification followed by a four-day minimum waiting period.

Second, the bill would protect the parents' right to intervene and stop any abortion from being performed on their minor daughter.

"For years, radical pro-abortion politicians have aided abortionists and turned a blind eye to their exploitation of minors," explained Harris.

"That's why NPLA is fighting for the Parental Notification and Intervention Act -- to shine a light on these pro-abortion radicals and ultimately stop abortionists from secretly preying on minors."

## **Abortionists, Bureaucrats Routinely Sneak Teens Across State Lines**

While many states have passed some form of parental notification laws, Harris warned that without a national law, abortionists will find the loopholes in their state's parental involvement law and exploit those loopholes as much as possible.

For example, abortionists routinely evade their state's parental notification requirements by carting teenage girls off to a neighboring state where no such requirements apply.

One abortion worker from Indiana was even caught on tape explaining this strategy to a fourteen-year-old girl.



### **Leaked e-mails exposed that Obama bureaucrats regularly worked with abortionists to avoid local parental involvement laws.**

"Surrounding states don't have parental consent," the abortion worker told her, "so think about the states that are surrounding Indiana and do some research."

Harris also pointed out that abortion workers aren't the only ones involved in these secret abortions -- pro-abortion bureaucrats are in on it as well.

For example, a recent investigation revealed that the Obama Administration was repeatedly complicit in sneaking minor girls across state lines to perform abortions on them without their family's knowledge.

Since the Parental Notification and Intervention Act would apply in all fifty states, abortionists and pro-abortion bureaucrats could no longer evade the law by sneaking teens across state lines.

## **Pro-Abortion Judges Rubber Stamp Teen Abortions**

But if abortionists are unable to send teens across state lines, they will turn to yet a second loophole: judicial bypass.

Judicial bypass allows abortionists to identify activist judges, send young girls to those judges and get the state's parental notification requirement waived.

And since abortionists know exactly which judges sympathize with their life-

ending agenda, as many as 90% of requests for judicial bypass get approved.

But the national Parental Notification and Intervention Act would finally slam this loophole shut.

## **Parental Notification and Intervention Act Slams Loopholes Shut**

And as for judicial bypass, the Parental Notification and Intervention Act would close that loophole as well by requiring, "clear and convincing evidence of physical abuse of the minor by the parent" for the notification requirement to be waived.

That's why Jenni Harris is urging National Pro-Life Alliance members to demand that their Members of Congress support the Parental Notification and Intervention Act.

Harris urges that, "Politicians need to know that they can either support this common sense bill or face angry voters in the next election.

"By bringing this popular legislation up for discussion in Congress, the National Pro-Life Alliance will expose pro-abortion radicals who aid abortionists in secretly preying on minor girls." ♥

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exactly that by legislating protection for the unborn under the 14th Amendment, thus legislatively overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

## **NPLA Members Mobilize to Put Candidates on Record, Recruiting More Pro-Lifers in the Process**

So in light of the Life at Conception Act's importance, the National Pro-Life Alliance's long-term strategy is to build support for this life-saving bill -- especially during election time while candidates are out seeking votes.

The National Pro-Life Alliance first began by canvassing voters in all fifty states, identifying over 2.6 million hard-core, pro-life households to become leaders in the grass-roots campaign to get candidates on record for this legislation to ultimately end abortion-on-demand.

NPLA then surveyed every major party candidate for Congress prior to each primary and the general election, making multiple efforts to contact each candidate by repeated phone calls and certified mailings.

NPLA members nationwide flooded their candidates with postcards and letters,

urging them to answer 100% pro-life on the Pro-Life Candidate Survey.

The National Pro-Life Alliance then mailed and e-mailed multiple communications with the candidates' survey responses to NPLA members and hundreds of thousands of other pro-life households, informing people of the huge differences between the pro-life positions of their candidates.

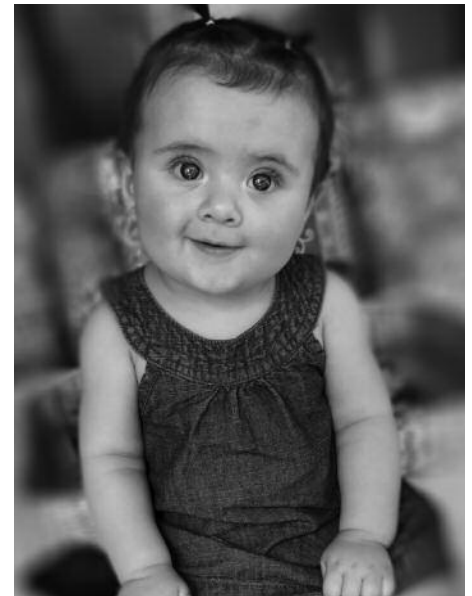
By election day, NPLA had mailed more than five million letters and e-mails to identified pro-life households with these survey results.

The result was that NPLA's targeted races overwhelmingly turned out in favor of candidates who pledged to cosponsor the Life at Conception Act.

## **Mobilization Helps Expose Pro-Abortion Candidates in Key Senate Races**

The Life at Conception Act's most important gains occurred in the United States Senate where the bill has been blocked by the threat of a pro-abortion filibuster.

For example, Senate races in North Dakota, Indiana and Tennessee reaffirmed that, despite what the pro-abortion media



**The Life at Conception Act would ultimately save millions of unborn babies from brutal deaths by abortionists.**

would have you believe, taking a principled pro-life stand amounts to good politics.


Although pro-abortion Senate candidates Heitkamp, Donnelly and Bredesen tried to sound moderate, they were each defeated by candidates who took a principled stand and publicly pledged to support the Life at Conception Act.

"The message was clear -- stand by the unborn or pay the political price," said Fox.

Fox contrasted those pro-life success stories with Senate races in Arizona and Nevada where Republican candidates were defeated by pro-abortion opponents.

"Notably," said Fox, "both of these Republican candidates attempted to run away from the pro-life issue, dampening the pro-life enthusiasm that could have made the difference in their races.

"Clearly the Life at Conception Act represents a winning issue." ♥



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