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Life at Conception Act Introduced in 117th Congress

NPLA Members Set the Stage to Recruit a New Record Level of Support

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 National Pro-Life Alliance members both recruited a record level of support for the Life at Conception Act in the 116th Congress and made the bill the focal point of member lobbying in the 2020 elections.

In the end, the untold story is that even while Republicans lost control of the White House and the U.S. Senate, NPLA members successfully laid the groundwork for the Life at Conception

Act to gain even more cosponsors in the new 117th Congress.

"As we again saw in this election, 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 Com-

mittee won 173 out of their 196 targeted races this year.

Thanks to a flood of postcards, e-mails and phone calls from NPLA members, forty-one freshmen were elected to Congress after pledging to cosponsor the Life at Conception Act.

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

So in spite of the abortion media's glee, Fox is optimistic about the upcoming year.

"Following the success of NPLA's 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," said Fox.

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

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.

The Life at Conception Act is popular

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Working with National Pro-Life Alliance staff, Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) recently reintroduced the Life at Conception Act in the new 117th Congress.

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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."

Constitution Clearly Protects Every Person

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."

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

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.

Before the primaries were over, NPLA had mailed and e-mailed more than 3.1 million communications with survey responses to NPLA members and other pro-life households, informing people of the huge differences between the pro-life positions of their candidates.

Lobbying Primary Candidates Fills Safe Seats with Pro-Life Champions

"This grass-roots lobbying by members paid double dividends in Republican primaries since Republican primary voters are especially pro-life," noted Fox.

NPLA members' expanded activism and candidate lobbying resulted in pledged Life at Conception Act supporters winning in 69 of NPLA's 76 targeted House and Senate primaries.

Victories by pro-life heroes in these primaries were especially important since many of these districts were strongly Republican and the pro-life primary victor was virtually assured of winning in November.

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.

While in the U.S. Senate pro-lifers barely just held their own, the Life at Conception Act's most surprising gains



The Life at Conception Act is the best way to save millions of unborn babies from brutal deaths by abortionists.

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 3.1 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

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occurred in the United States House of Representatives where the bill has consistently been blocked by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

NPLA Member Mobilization Helps Expose Pro-Abortion Candidates in Key Races

Pledged Life at Conception Act supporters flipped eight pro-abortion seats that had been rated as toss-ups or leaning toward the pro-abortion candidates' success.

Altogether, pro-lifers swept 36 of the races where NPLA members lobbied their candidates in the General Election.

These wins were especially stark in areas like Southern California and Texas where pro-lifers defied the pro-abortion media's expectations.

Pro-Life Lobby Program Provides Edge in Razor-Close Elections

In Texas, pro-abortion "experts" predicted disasters for pro-lifers as a wave of Republicans retired, leaving open seven contested seats.

But pro-lifers swept these open seats, with pledged Life at Conception Act supporters winning all but one.

Pundits also asserted that Southern

California was invincible for pro-abortion Democrats.

Yet pro-lifer Mike Garcia (CA-25) became the first Republican to flip a California seat from Democrat hands in more than 20 years.

In this election where NPLA sent 10,700 mobilization letters, Garcia won his seat in November by some 400 votes.

Iowa's newly elected Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks took Iowa's Second District out of pro-abortion hands for the first time in 14 years, winning by six votes.

Fox pointed out that, "Once again this election demonstrated not only that the pro-life issue is a proven winner but that Pro-Life Alliance members can and do make a difference."

NPLA Members Hold Every Member of Congress Accountable

Fox urged members to sign and return the personalized petitions to Congress accompanying this issue of *LifeLine*.

"Signing petitions to their elected officials in support of the Life at Conception Act and encouraging friends and family to do the same sends a message that passage of the Life at Conception Act is their number one priority.



NPLA member activism was crucial for Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-02) who won by six votes.

"Each Member of Congress must know that their constituents will not be placated by mere lip service in defense of life but will demand action for promises made."

National Pro-Life Alliance staff will personally deliver members' petitions to their newly elected representatives, urging them to cosponsor the Life at Conception Act.

Fox explained that, "The more cosponsors a bill gets, the more likely that leaders in Congress will force hearings, and ultimately, roll-call votes." ♥

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

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pro-abortion House 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.

Bill Closes Loopholes in State Laws

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

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 either parent's 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."

While many states have passed some forms 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.

Abortionists, Bureaucrats Routinely Sneak Teens Across State Lines

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.

"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.

A recent Federalist investigation revealed that Obama Administration bureaucrats were complicit in sneaking minor girls across state lines to perform abortions on them without their family's knowledge.

Pro-Abortion Judges Rubber Stamp Teen Abortions

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.

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



The Parental Notification and Intervention Act would allow either parent to intervene to save the life of their grandchild.

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

The Parental Notification and Intervention Act would close the judicial bypass loophole 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." ♥

Biden and the Abortion Lobby Announce Plans to Expand Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

National Pro-Life Alliance Members Gear Up to Fight Back

Since the abortion industry takes advantage of hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer subsidies each year, abortion proponents pour out mountains of cash to elect radical pro-abortion politicians.

In this election cycle, Planned Parenthood alone spent \$45 million campaigning for pro-abortion radicals -- the highest amount the abortion giant has ever spent on an election.

“Now, with President Joe Biden in office, the abortion lobby is prepared to cash in on their investment,” said Martin Fox, President of the National Pro-Life Alliance.

“In fact, Biden has already repaid the abortion lobby by enabling Planned Parenthood to vet candidates for his cabinet appointments.

“And Biden’s support for the abortion lobby doesn’t stop there,” Fox warned.

On the campaign trail, Biden promised to massively expand taxpayer funding of abortion through Medicaid, force Americans to pay for abortion insurance coverage in his “BidenCare” plan, and repeal the Hyde Amendment -- allowing the federal government to directly pay for abortions with taxpayer dollars.

Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act Would End Abortion Tax Funding

President Biden announced as a top priority his intention to overturn President Trump’s executive orders slashing taxpayer funding of abortion.

“Of course, the American people do not want their tax dollars subsidizing the slaughter of innocent life,” said Fox.

In fact, according to a recent Marist poll, a clear majority of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion.

That’s why Fox is urging National

Pro-Life Alliance members to “hold their Congressmen and Senators accountable to not just hold the line against President Biden’s proposals but to go on the offensive to ultimately cut abortionists completely off from the public trough.”

The National Pro-Life Alliance is mobilizing for the fight against taxpayer-funded abortion by pressuring to get politicians on record on the Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act.

This bill -- introduced in the last session by Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (R-MO) and Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) -- would prevent any tax dollars from going to any abortion provider for any reason.

It is thus the only bill completely shutting off the flow of tax dollars to abortionists through Medicaid or any other channel.

More Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Providers Means More Babies Are Slaughtered

Last year, despite both the Hyde Amendment’s prohibition against direct funding of abortion and President Trump’s executive orders closing other sources of

tax dollars for abortion providers, the abortion lobby did an end run around the President.

By exploiting accounting tricks and finding new sources of money from Nancy Pelosi and pro-abortion governors, Planned Parenthood increased their 2020 taxpayer funding to \$618 million.

During the same period they increased the number of abortions performed to more than 345,000 while repeating the lie that they don’t receive taxpayer funding.

Fox Urges Members to Hold Their Congressmen Accountable

“Planned Parenthood knows full well that money is fungible,” Fox remarked, “yet they persist in the phony claim that their abortions aren’t funded by taxpayers.

“But pro-lifers know that every tax dollar to an abortion provider ultimately pays for the slaughter of unborn children.”

That’s why Fox is urging members to

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Pro-lifers at the March for Life joined with the Pro-Life Alliance’s campaign to stop new schemes for taxpayer funding of abortion.

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demand that their Congressmen go on the offense and fight the abortion lobby by both fighting against the Biden Administration's pro-abortion agenda and supporting

the Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act.

"By working together to expose any politician who refuses to heed the overwhelming public opposition to

taxpayers funding of abortion, we'll move one step closer to our ultimate goal of ending abortion-on-demand," concluded Fox. ♥



House Speaker Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Schumer have announced plans to repeal all restrictions on tax dollars for abortions.

NPLA Members Fight for Ultrasound Laws

Ultrasound Informed Consent Act Holds Politicians Accountable While Changing Hearts and Saving Lives

Although science has long shown that life begins at conception, only in recent decades have technological advances in ultrasound imaging allowed parents to see their child's detailed development before birth.

For parents who are considering an abortion, seeing their child's sonogram picture and hearing their child's tiny heartbeat changes their hearts.

That's why National Pro-Life Alliance members continue to fight for life-saving ultrasound legislation at both the state and federal level.

"Under *Roe v. Wade*, federal courts

have routinely struck down state restrictions limiting abortion, but the National Pro-Life Alliance's model ultrasound legislation has already been passed and upheld in three separate circuit courts," said Jenni Harris, Executive Director at the National Pro-Life Alliance.

"That's why passing ultrasound legislation is the most effective step states can take toward saving unborn lives here and now."

Harris announced that in 2021, the National Pro-Life Alliance and its members will be intensifying their push in Congress for the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act

-- a bill requiring that an ultrasound be performed and clearly displayed prior to any abortion.

"Using the National Pro-Life Alliance's legislation, National Pro-Life Alliance members can hold the Members of Congress' feet to the fire and expose whether or not they will stand by the unborn," said Harris.

According to a nationwide survey of mobile ultrasound clinics, four out of every five abortion-vulnerable mothers

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ultimately chose life after seeing their baby's picture at an ultrasound clinic.

Ultrasounds Decrease Abortion Rates

One ultrasound technician recently told the story of a young woman who showed up at her clinic.

The woman was considering an abortion, but when she heard her baby's heartbeat on the ultrasound machine, she told the ultrasound tech she was filled with a sense of purpose.

Because of that ultrasound, she chose life for her unborn child -- a story repeated in case after case.

Ultrasounds Change Even Abortion Workers' Minds

"Ultrasounds aren't just changing mothers' hearts," said Harris. "Even hardened abortion workers are changing their minds and leaving the abortion mills after seeing an ultrasound."

For example, former Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson

described her horror when she witnessed an ultrasound-guided abortion.

As Johnson watched, she saw the baby struggling to escape the abortionist's instruments.

Johnson quit her job at the abortion clinic and has become a staunch pro-life advocate.

National Pro-Life Alliance's Ultrasound Bill Plugs Loopholes

Because of multiple examples like these, ultrasounds terrify the abortion industry.

In fact, although abortion providers regularly use ultrasounds during abortions, unless they are compelled by law to show the image, they routinely turn the screen away, hiding the baby's picture from the mother.

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 heartbeat that in many cases they wouldn't have the abortion."

That's why abortionists desperately search for loopholes in ultrasound legislation.

One such loophole they exploit occurs when abortionists are merely required to offer to show the mother an ultrasound.

Abortionists Are Well-Trained to Convince Mothers to Decline to See Ultrasound When Optional

In that case, they are well-prepared to do everything possible to convince the mother to turn the offer down.

The National Pro-Life Alliance's Ultrasound Informed Consent Act closes this loophole nationally by requiring that each mother be shown the live image of her child.

The bill would also require that she be provided a simultaneous explanation of what the ultrasound is depicting and a complete medical description of the images.

Ultrasound Informed Consent Act Would Apply in All Fifty States

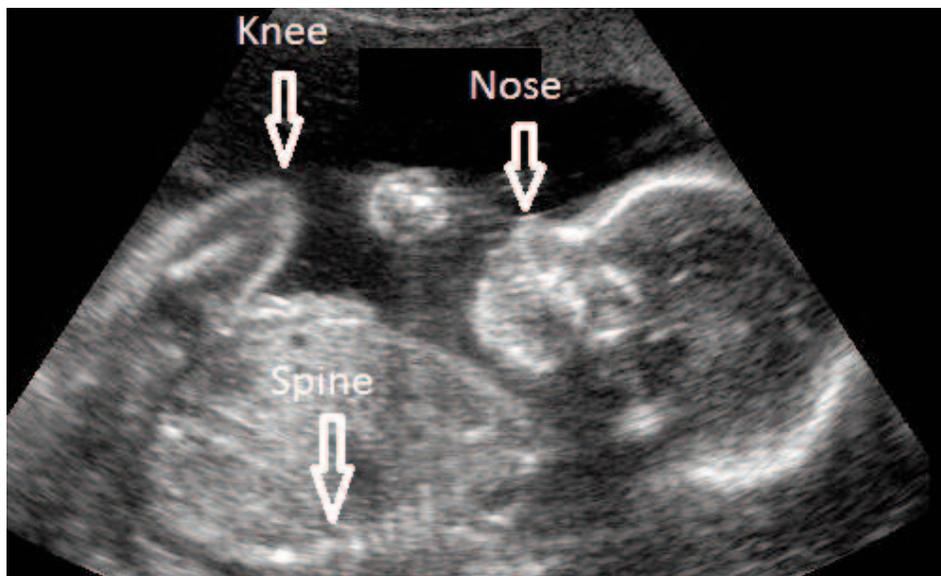
Harris is encouraging National Pro-Life Alliance members to contact their Congressmen to urge them to support the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act.

"When mothers see their child's little fingers, tiny toes, and maybe even the beginnings of a smile, they choose life for their child," Harris said.

"That's why National Pro-Life Alliance members must fight for ultrasound legislation at both the state and federal level.

"The Ultrasound Informed Consent Act would expose the politicians in Congress who refuse to protect the unborn.

"By fighting for this life-saving bill, National Pro-Life Alliance members will move one step closer to ending abortion-on-demand for good." ♥



Babies are not "just clumps of cells." Studies show that 78% of abortion-minded women who see an ultrasound of their unborn baby choose life.

National Pro-Life Alliance Honors the Memory of Margaret Cecchini

Her Charitable Bequest Will Advance Protection of the Unborn for Years to Come

National Pro-Life Alliance members have dedicated countless hours and dollars to the fight to overturn Roe v. Wade and save unborn lives.

And a few, such as Margaret Cecchini, make provision for their work to continue even after their earthly lives end.

Mrs. Cecchini actively supported the National Pro-Life Alliance for years, giving financially and lobbying her Members of Congress for the passage of pro-life legislation like the Life at Conception Act.

Margaret Cecchini Demonstrated True Compassion

Although sadly, Mrs. Cecchini passed away recently, her pro-life legacy lives on.

After she had died, Mrs. Cecchini left a charitable bequest in her will to allow the National Pro-Life Alliance to continue fighting for the unborn long after her death.

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Cecchini graduated from Marywood Seminary and Lackawanna Business College.

Margaret Cecchini Long Fought for the Unborn

She and her husband lived and worked in California and ultimately retired to Florida, where Mrs. Cecchini dedicated her later years to volunteer work.

She cared for the elderly at a nursing home. She helped found an animal rescue where she saved, trained, and helped hundreds of dogs and cats find homes.

But foremost of all, she fought tirelessly for the unborn.

She supported the National Pro-Life Alliance as a member for seventeen years, and made provision to leave the National Pro-Life Alliance a generous bequest.

As Jenni Harris, Executive Director at the National Pro-Life Alliance stated,



Due to her generous bequest to the National Pro-Life Alliance, Margaret Cecchini continues to help save the unborn even after her death.

“Margaret Cecchini’s generosity, life and legacy have helped the National Pro-Life Alliance move one step closer to our ultimate goal of ending abortion-on-demand.”

Cecchini Leaves Behind a Legacy that Will Save Lives

“Because of National Pro-Life Alliance members like Margaret Cecchini and so many others, the National Pro-Life Alliance will continue fighting for the pro-life cause until the unborn are protected by law.” ♥



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