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### The Office Of Refugee Resettlement Under Director Scott Lloyd Has Sought To Keep Minors In Its Care From Having Abortions

#### THE HHS OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT HAS SENT TEENS SEEKING ABORTIONS TO “CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS” INSTEAD OF ABORTION CLINICS

**Trump’s HHS Has Denied Abortions To Undocumented Teens In Refugee Shelters, Sending Them To Religiously-Affiliated “Crisis Pregnancy Centers” Instead, Even In Cases Of Rape, Incest, And When The Teen Has The Money To Pay For It.** According to Politico, “The Trump administration is preventing an undocumented, pregnant teenager detained in a Brownsville refugee shelter from getting an abortion in a policy shift with big implications for hundreds of other pregnant, unaccompanied minors held in such shelters. She is not the first to be stopped, according to advocates who work with undocumented teenagers. For the last seven months, the Health and Human Services Department has intervened to prevent abortions sought by girls at federally funded shelters, even in cases of rape and incest and when the teen had a way to pay for the procedure. The agency has instead forced minors to visit crisis pregnancy centers, religiously affiliated groups that counsel women against having abortions, according to documents obtained by POLITICO, interviews with sources involved in the Brownsville case and those familiar with the agency’s policy.” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

#### Politico: “Crisis Pregnancy Centers” Are “Religiously Affiliated Groups That Counsel Women Against Having Abortions”

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#### In The Case Of A 17-Year-Old Refugee In Texas, HHS Claimed It Would Be A Burden On The Government To Transport Her To An Abortion Clinic... But Took Her To A “Crisis Pregnancy Center”

**One 17-Year-Old Refugee Had Obtained Permission From A Judge To Terminate Her 14-Week Pregnancy, But HHS Officials Instead Took Her To A “Crisis Pregnancy Center” And Called Her Mother In Her Home Country To Tell Her About The Pregnancy.** According to Politico, “The ACLU brought suit on Friday on behalf of the 17-year-old in the Brownsville shelter, contending HHS has barred the girl, now about 14 weeks pregnant, from getting the abortion even though she got a judge’s permission to have it without parental consent and has obtained the money to pay for it. Abortions after 20 weeks are illegal under Texas law. The girl, identified in court papers only as Jane Doe, obtained a judge’s permission on Sept. 25 and had an initial abortion appointment scheduled for Sept. 28, at the end of her first trimester, Amiri said. But officials at the Office of Refugee Resettlement, which is part of HHS, refused to transport her to her abortion appointment, instead taking her to a crisis pregnancy center, and calling her mother in her home country to tell her about the pregnancy, according to the ACLU suit and Amiri.” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

- **The Minor, Jane Doe: The Government “Forced Me To Obtain Counseling From A Religiously Affiliated Crisis Pregnancy Center Where I Was Forced To Look At The Sonogram.”** According to NPR, “The minor, who's being referred to as Jane Doe to protect her privacy, has obtained a judge's permission to have an abortion. But the Department of Health and Human Services, which is holding her through its Office of Refugee Resettlement, has refused to allow her to leave so she can visit a clinic. The case will return to court on Friday, when oral arguments will be heard at 10 a.m. ET. In court filings, Jane Doe says that government agencies ‘forced me to obtain counseling from a religiously affiliated crisis pregnancy center where I was forced to look at the sonogram.’” [NPR, [10/19/17](#)]

**HHS Claimed It Would Be A Burden On The Government To Transport The Teen To An Abortion Clinic – But It Had Transported Her To A “Crisis Pregnancy Center.”** According to BuzzFeed, “[j]ust because she’s here illegally doesn’t mean she doesn’t have constitutional rights,” US District Judge Tanya Chutkan said. The judge said she would issue a ruling later on Wednesday. A state judge previously ruled that the teenager could get an abortion without the parental permission required by Texas law, but she and her lawyers say federal officials have refused to allow her to travel to a clinic. Doe’s lawyers are not asking the government to pay for the procedure or arrange the transportation. Chutkan noted that despite the government’s contention that allowing the teenager to leave the shelter would pose a burden on the government, officials allowed her to be taken to a counseling session at what the American Civil Liberties Union, which is suing on Doe’s behalf, described as a religious ‘crisis pregnancy center’ aimed at dissuading her from the abortion. “The government certainly had no problem taking her against her will to receive pregnancy counseling,” Chutkan said.” [Buzzfeed, [10/18/17](#)]

**The ORR Is Supposed To Provide Transportation For Minors To Go To The Doctor Or To Go To Court.** According to Rewire, “However, the 17-year-old has had to cancel two abortion appointments because officials are both refusing her transportation to the medical facility and refusing to allow her to leave the shelter with her guardian for the purpose of obtaining an abortion. ORR is supposed to provide transportation to minors when they need to go to court or see a doctor.” [Rewire, [10/11/17](#)]

*HHS Asserted The Teen Had No Constitutional Right To An Abortion, An Argument The Presiding Judge Said Left Her “Astounded”*

**HHS’s Administration For Children And Families Division: “There Is No Constitutional Right For A Pregnant Minor To Illegally Cross The U.S. Border And Get An Elective Abortion While In Federal Custody.”** According to Politico, “HHS officials released a statement Monday night, asserting the agency is within its rights to prevent unaccompanied and undocumented teens in the U.S. from getting abortions. ‘The Office of Refugee Resettlement is providing excellent care to this young woman and her unborn child and fulfilling our duty to the American people,’ said the statement from the Administration for Children and Families, a division of HHS. ‘There is no constitutional right for a pregnant minor to illegally cross the U.S. border and get an elective abortion while in federal custody. Federal law is very clear on giving the director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement the legal responsibility to decide what is in the best interests of a minor in the unaccompanied alien children program and, in this case, her unborn baby. We cannot cede our responsibility to care for minors and their babies by releasing them to ideological advocacy groups.’” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

- **The Justice Department Claimed “Strong And Constitutionally Legitimate Interests In Promoting Childbirth, In Refusing To Facilitate Abortion, And In Not Providing Incentives For Pregnant Minors To Illegally Cross The Border To Obtain Elective Abortions While In Federal Custody.”** According to The Washington Post, “In court filings, the Justice Department said the government has ‘strong and constitutionally legitimate interests in promoting childbirth, in

refusing to facilitate abortion, and in not providing incentives for pregnant minors to illegally cross the border to obtain elective abortions while in federal custody.” [Washington Post, [10/18/17](#)]

**US District Judge Tanya Chutkan Said She Was “Astounded” By The Government’s Position: “Just Because She’s Here Illegally Doesn’t Mean She Doesn’t Have Constitutional Rights.”** According to BuzzFeed News, “At arguments earlier on Wednesday, US District Judge Tanya Chutkan appeared likely to order that the government must allow the young woman, referred to in court papers as ‘Jane Doe,’ to get an abortion. The judge was incredulous as she questioned the lawyer for the government, at one point saying she was ‘astounded’ at the government’s apparent position that the teen’s only options were to either carry the pregnancy to term or go back to her home country. ‘Just because she’s here illegally doesn’t mean she doesn’t have constitutional rights,’ Chutkan said.” [BuzzFeed News, [10/18/17](#)]

*The Trump Administration Was Ordered To Cease Its Interference In The Case Of This Particular Teen*

**The Trump Administration Was Ordered To Cease Interfering With Or Obstructing The Child’s Access To Abortion Counseling Or An Abortion.** According to Mother Jones, “Judge Chutkan issued an order on Wednesday afternoon requiring the Trump administration to cease ‘interfering with or obstructing J.D.’s access to abortion counseling or an abortion,’ allowing Jane Doe to travel to her medical appointments and obtain the procedure. The order applies only to Doe, but the ACLU has also asked the court to strike down ORR’s policy of blocking abortion care for other unaccompanied minors.” [Mother Jones, [10/18/17](#)]

**The ACLU Estimates There Are Hundreds Of Pregnant Minors In Refugee Shelters, Many Of Whom Are Likely Victims Of Rape And Sexual Violence**

**The ACLU Estimated There Were Several Hundred Pregnant Minors In The Shelters, Many Of Whom Are Likely Victims Of Rape And Sexual Violence.** According to Politico, “The ACLU estimates that several hundred pregnant minors are currently in federal shelters throughout the country. Most are from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador and immigration experts believe many are victims of rape and sexual violence, either in their home countries or during the perilous journey here. If they are apprehended after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, they are housed in HHS shelters separate from adults until they are reunited with relatives or other sponsors, or else deported.” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

**The Teen’s Lawyer Said Some Estimates Of The Percentage Of Girls Raped Crossing The Border Are As High As 60 Percent.** According to Rewire, “Amiri told Rewire she has heard ‘numbers as high as 60 percent when it comes to girls being raped crossing the border alone,’ and that almost all of the pregnant minors they encounter in ORR shelters are pregnant as a result of rape.” [Rewire, [10/11/17](#)]

**IN A STATEMENT, HHS ASSERTED THE ORR DIRECTOR’S “LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY TO DECIDE WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF A MINOR [...] AND, IN THIS CASE, HER UNBORN BABY”**

**HHS Statement: “Federal Law Is Very Clear On Giving The Director Of The Office Of Refugee Resettlement The Legal Responsibility To Decide What Is In The Best Interests Of A Minor In The Unaccompanied Alien Children Program And, In This Case, Her Unborn Baby.”** According to Politico, “HHS officials released a statement Monday night, asserting the agency is within its rights to prevent unaccompanied and undocumented teens in the U.S. from getting abortions. ‘The Office of Refugee Resettlement is providing excellent care to this young woman and her unborn child and fulfilling our duty to the American people,’ said the statement from the Administration for Children and Families, a division of HHS. ‘There is no constitutional right for a pregnant minor to illegally cross the U.S. border and get an elective abortion while in federal custody. Federal law is very clear on giving the director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement the legal responsibility to decide what is in the best interests of a minor in the

unaccompanied alien children program and, in this case, her unborn baby. We cannot cede our responsibility to care for minors and their babies by releasing them to ideological advocacy groups.” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

### **“We Cannot Cede Our Responsibility To Care For Minors And Their Babies By Releasing Them To Ideological Advocacy Groups”**

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## **THE POLICY SHIFT APPEARS TO COINCIDE WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT LLOYD AS ORR DIRECTOR**

**Under The Obama Administration, HHS Would Only Get Involved In Teen Refugee Abortion Requests When The Teen Was Seeking Federal Funding To Pay For It.** According to Politico, “The Trump policy represents a sharp departure from the Obama administration, when the government reviewed an undocumented teen’s request for an abortion when she sought federal funding to pay for it, said Robert Carey, director from April 2015 until January of this year. The funds were approved in cases of rape or incest or when a mother’s life was in danger, according to the agency’s guidelines. HHS didn’t get involved if the teen got funding for the procedure from another source, he said. ‘I wasn’t approving their right to have the procedure,’ Carey said.” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

**Politico: “The Trump Administration Policy Shift Appears To Have Begun In Early March, In The Weeks Leading Up To Scott Lloyd, A Lawyer With Knights Of Columbus, A Catholic Charitable Organization, Taking The Helm Of The Refugee Resettlement Agency.”** According to Politico, “The Trump administration policy shift appears to have begun in early March, in the weeks leading up to Scott Lloyd, a lawyer with Knights of Columbus, a Catholic charitable organization, taking the helm of the refugee resettlement agency.” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

### **Lloyd Signed Internal Memos Instructing Shelters Not To Facilitate Abortions For Minors, “Only Pregnancy Services And Life-Affirming Options Counseling”**

**Lloyd Signed An Internal Memo Instructing Shelters To Provide Information To ORR On Abortion Requests And Stating Shelters To Do Not Have Authority To Authorize Abortions.** According to Politico, “The Trump administration policy shift appears to have begun in early March, in the weeks leading up to Scott Lloyd, a lawyer with Knights of Columbus, a Catholic charitable organization, taking the helm of the refugee resettlement agency. On March 6, he and two HHS employees sent an internal memo detailing three cases of minors held in federal custody asking for abortions, according to documents shared with POLITICO. They say that federally funded shelters must ‘provide immediate and continuing information’ to the agency regarding abortion requests, that neither the agency, nor the facilities, may authorize the procedure and that punitive action would be taken against facilities that violate the protocol. The email also said the girls in those cases had changed their stories about whether the pregnancies resulted from rape or consensual sex with a boyfriend. The document also had ‘talking points’ but they were blacked out in the copy shared with POLITICO.” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

**Lloyd Email To Staff Member: “Grantees Should Not Be Supporting Abortion Services Pre Or Post-Release; Only Pregnancy Services And Life-Affirming Options Counseling.”** According to Politico, “Later, as director, Lloyd wrote in a March 30 email to another staffer: ‘Grantees should not be supporting abortion services pre or post-release; only pregnancy services and life-affirming options counseling.’” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

**Lloyd Requires Shelters To Obtain His “Written Authorization” Before Taking Any Steps Towards A Refugee Receiving An Abortion, “Which He Consistently Refuses To Provide.”** According to Slate, “The Trump administration has taken a keen interest in the pregnancy status of unaccompanied immigrant minors at federally funded shelters. According to the ACLU, Lloyd, the current ORR director, has personally called pregnant minors in an attempt to talk them out of terminating their pregnancies. He has also formalized the agency’s anti-abortion policies through various regulations. Shelters are, for instance, proscribed from taking ‘any steps that facilitate future [abortion] procedures,’ including ‘scheduling appointments, transportation, or other arrangement,’ without Lloyd’s ‘written authorization’—which he consistently refuses to provide. Under the current policy, minors who want to get an abortion must also be taken to a crisis pregnancy center to be ‘counseled’ out of their decision.” [Slate, [10/11/17](#)]

**Lloyd Threatened To Pull Funding From Shelters That Do Not Comply.** According to Politico, “Lloyd has also threatened to pull funding from shelters, which are under federal contract, for failure to comply, said Hays, legal director of Jane’s Due Process, a non-profit that represents pregnant minors in the state. ‘Shelters are scared,’ she added.” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

### **Lloyd Has Personally Tried To Talk Teens Out Of Having Abortions And Had Shelter Operators Call The Parents Of Teens Who Have Received Court Authorization For The Procedure**

**Politico: “In Some Cases, A Senior HHS Official Has Personally Visited Or Called Pregnant Teens To Try To Talk Them Out Of Ending Their Pregnancies.”** According to Politico, “The agency has instead forced minors to visit crisis pregnancy centers, religiously affiliated groups that counsel women against having abortions, according to documents obtained by POLITICO, interviews with sources involved in the Brownsville case and those familiar with the agency’s policy. In some cases, a senior HHS official has personally visited or called pregnant teens to try to talk them out of ending their pregnancies.” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

**Lloyd Has Allegedly Called Pregnant Teens In The Shelters To Direct Them To “Crisis Pregnancy Centers,” Instructed Staff To Keep Teens From Meeting With Attorneys, And To Call The Teen’s Parents If She Gets Authorization For An Abortion.** According to Politico, “Lawyers who work with the teens say the policy appears to have been disseminated informally through email, rather than being formally codified in the agency’s policy guide. They also note that Lloyd has personally visited and called pregnant girls in shelters, directed them to a list of approved crisis pregnancy centers, instructed staff to block minors from meeting with attorneys and told shelter operators to call a minor’s parents even if she receives permission to go to a judge to obtain authorization for an abortion without their consent. In many cases, parents are hundreds of miles away in their home countries, or minors worry that parents won’t approve of the procedure.” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

**Lloyd Spoke With A Teen Requesting An Abortion In A Phoenix Shelter, Who Had Had Sent To A Crisis Pregnancy Center And Barred From Speaking To An Attorney About Getting A Judge’s Permission For An Abortion.** According to Politico, “In another case this spring, described in the emails, Lloyd said he spoke with a girl requesting an abortion at a Southwest Key shelter in Phoenix. He directed ORR staff to send the girl to a specific crisis pregnancy center for an ultrasound and to keep her from meeting with an attorney regarding her desire to get a judge to give her permission for an abortion. Neither the shelter nor the crisis pregnancy center responded to requests to comment over the weekend.” [Politico, [10/16/17](#)]

### **Around The Time Of His Appointment, Advocates For Refugees Worried About Lloyd’s Lack Of Qualifications And That He Was An Ideological Hire**

**Refugee Advocates Worried About Lloyd's Lack Of Relevant Experience When He Was Appointed To Run The Agency Charged With Helping Newly Arrived Refugees.** According to The Daily Beast, "Refugee advocates worry President Donald Trump's new appointee to run the agency charged with helping newly arrived refugees has little relevant experience, and fear this could mean the White House is prioritizing conservative ideology over experience when filling key posts. The new head of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is E. Scott Lloyd, a conservative lawyer from the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic charitable group." [Daily Beast, [4/10/17](#)]

**Daily Beast: "Lloyd's Work Through Knights Of Columbus With Christians Fleeing ISIS Appears To Be What's Most Relevant To His New Position."** According to The Daily Beast, "Refugee advocates worry President Donald Trump's new appointee to run the agency charged with helping newly arrived refugees has little relevant experience, and fear this could mean the White House is prioritizing conservative ideology over experience when filling key posts. [...] Lloyd's work through Knights of Columbus with Christians fleeing ISIS appears to be what's most relevant to his new position. In a speech at CPAC titled 'We're All Infidels Now' on March 3, 2016, Lloyd indicated his experience with refugees hadn't been a central part of his legal career, noting the ISIS report had been his focus 'over the past few weeks.'" [Daily Beast, [4/10/17](#)]

**HIAS Vice President For Policy And Advocacy Melanie Nezer: "He Doesn't Appear To Have Much Experience With Resettlement."** According to The Daily Beast, "He doesn't appear to have much experience with resettlement, which is somewhat concerning given that this is a program that's been in operation since 1980 and has been very effective in receiving, resettling, and integrating refugees across the country,' said Melanie Nezer, the vice president for policy and advocacy at HIAS, a Jewish organization that contracts with HHS to resettle refugees in the U.S. 'We hope he's as committed to it as those of us who work on refugee resettlement are.'" [Daily Beast, [4/10/17](#)]

**Attorney Jason Dzubow: Lloyd Seemed "Short On Experience" With Refugees, Suggesting "That Maybe Ideology Or Perceived Loyalty To A Particular Set Of Values Is Being Valued More Highly Than Experience Running An Agency, Or Organizational Skills, Or Experience With Refugees."** According to The Daily Beast, "He may be a wonderful guy,' said Jason Dzubow, an immigration attorney who works with clients seeking asylum and fleeing violence, 'but he seems to be someone who's short on experience in the refugee realm. 'It does seem that maybe ideology or perceived loyalty to a particular set of values is being valued more highly than experience running an agency, or organizational skills, or experience with refugees,' he added." [Daily Beast, [4/10/17](#)]

**HHS And The White House Refused To Comment On Lloyd's Appointment.** According to The Daily Beast, "Reached for comment about Lloyd's hiring, spokespersons for HHS and the White House told The Daily Beast they do not comment on personnel issues." [Daily Beast, [4/10/17](#)]

## **Lloyd Served On The Board Of A "Crisis Pregnancy Center" Located In Front Royal, Virginia**

### **LLOYD SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FRONT ROYAL PREGNANCY CENTER IN FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA**

**Lloyd Served On The Board Of Directors Of The Front Royal Pregnancy Center.** According to This Week in Immigration, "Prior to his appointment to ORR, Lloyd served on the Board of Directors of the Front Royal Pregnancy Center and is Vice Chairman and co-founder of the WitnessWorks Foundation for a Culture of Life." [This Week in Immigration, [3/28/17](#)]

**The Front Royal Pregnancy Center Bills Itself As “A Non-Profit Medical Clinic,” Where Women Facing Unexpected Pregnancies Can Go For “Complete, Medically Accurate, Objective Information On All Options.”** According to the Front Royal Pregnancy Center, “We believe that every woman facing an unexpected pregnancy deserves to have complete, medically accurate, objective information on all options. The Front Royal Pregnancy Center, a non-profit medical clinic, has been offering free and confidential services to those facing an unexpected pregnancy for over 25 years. We have helped thousands of women from our county, surrounding counties, Virginia, and some from Maryland and DC. Our clients feel comfortable recommending us to their friends, because they know that every person who comes will be treated with compassion and respect. We take delight in the unique resilience of our clients.” [Front Royal Pregnancy Center, accessed [10/18/17](#)]

- **Front Royal Says It Can Help You Answer Questions Including “How Far Along Am I?” And “Is There A Heartbeat?”** According to the Front Royal Pregnancy Center, “We are strong advocates for women to have informed consent before they make a pregnancy decision. We inform and you decide. Ultrasound is an important part of that informed consent, because it answers the questions ‘Am I really pregnant? How far along am I? Is there a heartbeat?’ Give us a call, or schedule an appointment.” [Front Royal Pregnancy Center, accessed [10/18/17](#)]

## **FRONT ROYAL BOARD MEMBER MARY BRAND: CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS ARE “THE REAL FUTURE OF THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT”**

**Front Royal Board Member Mary Brand: Crisis Pregnancy Centers Are “The Real Future Of The Pro-Life Movement.”** According to the Cardinal Newman Society, “‘Where the rubber hits the road.’ These are the words used by Christendom College alumna Mary Brand (’98) to describe her local crisis pregnancy center, and others like it. Brand has been involved in the pro-life movement in various capacities since high school, and now she sits on the board of the Front Royal Pregnancy Center in Virginia and coordinates the center’s annual Walk for Life fundraiser, according to Christendom College’s news page. Brand describes the center’s ministry as ‘Christ-centered, offering love, hope, and compassion by sharing the Gospel in word and deed to those he sends us,’ according to Christendom. This involves offering free pregnancy tests, counseling, education, referrals, and supplies such as diapers and formula to abortion-vulnerable women. In Brand’s opinion, these centers are ‘the real future of the pro-life movement.’” [Cardinal Newman Society, [8/19/14](#)]

**The Arlington Catholic Herald Praised Front Royal, Where 90 Percent Of Visitors Receiving Ultrasounds Over The Past Year Ended Up “Choosing Life.”** According to the Arlington Catholic Herald, “The Walk for Life fundraiser allows the FRPC to provide support to the women of the community. The FRPC offers many services, including consultations with peer counselors and a nurse, free pregnancy confirmation ultrasounds and material assistance such as diapers, wipes and formula. Within the past year, the center performed 105 ultrasounds, with more than 90 percent of the women choosing life. By participating in the Walk for Life, people can help keep these services going and benefit the entire community.” [Arlington Catholic Herald, [9/20/17](#)]

**Lloyd Is Affiliated With A Network Of Religious Organizations, Including The Extreme Human Life International**

## **LLOYD IS VICE PRESIDENT AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE WITNESSWORKS FOUNDATION AND A CONTRIBUTOR TO HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL**

**Lloyd Is Vice President And Co-Founder Of The WitnessWorks Foundation For A Culture Of Life And A Contributor To HLI America, Veritatis Splendor, And The Ethitka Politka.** According to This Week in Immigration, “Prior to his appointment to ORR, Lloyd served on the Board of Directors of the Front Royal Pregnancy Center and is Vice Chairman and co-founder of the WitnessWorks Foundation for a Culture of Life. He was a contributing writer at HLI America, as well as Veritas Splendor and the Center for Morality in Public Life’s Ethika Politka. Lloyd also was a member of the John Carroll Society, Brent Society and the Federalist Society.” [This Week in Immigration, accessed [10/19/17](#)]

### **WitnessWorks, Human Life International, And Veritatis Splendor Are Affiliated With One Another.**

According to LegalWorks Apostolate, “For example, we: [...] \* Undertake no legal matters, nor any legal strategies, that conflict with Church Teachings; \* Maintain our offices at the headquarters building of Human Life International in Front Royal, Virginia, where our full time attorneys and staff have daily access to the sacraments and to all the graces that ensue; \* Pray, individually and collectively, in support of you and your apostolates, including the success of our legal assistance on your behalf; \* Operate alongside our law practice the WitnessWorks Foundation for a Culture of Life, which assists faithful families in financial distress, undertakes direct and indirect efforts to expand the coverage of Catholic broadcast programming, maintains an online forum at Vertatis Splendor, and through the Faithful Troops of the Immaculata initiative at FaithfulTroops.com, encourages the development of robust Catholic culture in youth adventuring programs; and \* Tithe from the gross revenues of the law practice in support of the nonprofit WitnessWorks Foundation for a Culture of Life.” [LegalWorks Apostolate, accessed [10/19/17](#)]

## **HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL SAYS ITS MISSION IS TO “CONFRONT THE EVILS OF ABORTION, CONTRACEPTION”**

**HLI Mission: “HLI Defends Both The God-Given Life And Dignity Of All Human Persons From Conception Until Natural Death, And The Natural Family Based On Marriage.”** According to Human Life International, “HLI defends both the God-given life and dignity of all human persons from conception until natural death, and the natural family based on marriage—the fundamental human institution defined by a lifetime union between one man and one woman that is open to life. As followers of Jesus Christ and members of the Catholic Church, our goal is to build a Culture of Life and of Love around the world through education, outreach, and advocacy.” [Human Life International, accessed [10/19/17](#)]

**HLI Mission: “We Confront The Evils Of Abortion, Contraception, Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide, And The Redefinition Of Marriage Through The Defense Of Human Dignity, Marriage, Family, And Chastity.”** According to Human Life International, “HLI pursues this mission through the following efforts: [...] We confront the evils of abortion, contraception, euthanasia/assisted suicide, and the redefinition of marriage through the defense of human dignity, marriage, family, and chastity. We do so with love and respect for all of God’s people regardless of their beliefs.” [Human Life International, accessed [10/19/17](#)]

## **THE HLI WEBSITE REFERS TO CONTRACEPTION TO “THE ROOT OF THE CULTURE OF DEATH”**

## OUR EDUCATIONAL APOSTOLATE FOCUSES ON:

Contraception:	The root of the Culture of Death
Abortion:	The tragic consequence of failed contraception
Marriage:	Established by God and threatened by man
Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide:	Attacking the vulnerable at life's end
Reproductive Technologies:	Unethical procedures of procreation

[Human Life International, accessed [10/19/17](#)]

### **LIKE THE FRONT ROYAL PREGNANCY CENTER, HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL IS ALSO LOCATED IN FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA**

**HLI Is Headquartered In Front Royal, Virginia.** According to Human Life International, “HLI believes the specific concerns and needs of local communities can be best identified by those who live there. Thus, our world headquarters, located in Front Royal, Virginia, is an educational apostolate devoted to educating and empowering our partners and the people they serve.” [Human Life International, accessed [10/19/17](#)]

### **Lloyd Has Written Extensively Against Abortion And Contraception, Invoking Themes Such As Personhood, Birth Control As Abortion, And Men’s Rights**

#### **LLOYD: “IT IS A MATTER OF SCIENTIFIC FACT THAT A HUMAN BEING DIES IN EVERY ABORTION”**

**Lloyd: “It Is A Matter Of Scientific Fact That A Human Being Dies In Every Abortion. This Is Not A Value Judgment.”** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “Do we as a movement realize how solid our argument is? I think we do, but are we, as a movement, as explicit about its basis in science, as opposed to morality or theology? There is, in my estimation, a sizeable difference between ‘A human fetus is a human being’ and ‘It is a matter of scientific fact that a human being dies in every abortion. This is not a value judgment.’” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [1/18/11](#)]

**Lloyd: “From The First Moments After Conception, A Human Being Is A Human Being.”** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “Furthermore, anything, from a one-celled amoeba to a blue whale, is a being, so long as it is alive. So from the first moments after conception, a human being is a human being. (This works for the term ‘human life’ as well.) ‘Well, I’ll concede that point,’ she said, and moved on. What she did not seem to realize was that she had conceded half the argument for abortion.” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [1/18/11](#)]

**Lloyd: “Every Effort To Reduce The Demand For Abortion Is A Worthy One, So Long As It Produces Some Results.”** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “Every effort to reduce the demand for abortion is a worthy one, so long as it produces some results. Lately, pro-life activism has embraced five strategies in particular: prayer and fasting, passing restrictions on the practice of abortion (bans on certain procedures and parental consent requirements, for example), manning protests at abortion clinics, staffing crisis pregnancy centers, and finally abstinence education efforts.” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [5/14/11](#)]

**Lloyd Praised Anti-Abortion Tactics Such As Banning Parental Consent Requirements And Staffing Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Adding “We Could Do More, Though—And We Have To Do More, So Long As The Abortion Rate Is Anything Greater Than Zero.”** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “Lately, pro-life activism has embraced five strategies in particular: prayer and fasting, passing restrictions on the practice of abortion (bans on certain procedures and parental consent requirements, for example), manning protests at abortion clinics, staffing crisis pregnancy centers, and finally abstinence education efforts. These efforts have had much success in making more people pro-life (a majority of Americans now say they are pro-life), and together have reduced the number of abortions in this country. We could do more, though—and we have to do more, so long as the abortion rate is anything greater than zero.” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [5/14/11](#)]

## **LLOYD’S WRITINGS ON CONTRACEPTION SUGGEST HE IS OPPOSED TO IT IN ALL FORMS**

**Lloyd: “Medicine Taught Women To Rely On Chemicals Rather Than Their Will To Avoid Pregnancy.”** According to an opinion by E. Scott Lloyd in Ignatius Insight, “But it should come as no surprise that some in the medical and scientific establishment and their political mouthpieces have little regard for evidence, logic, reasoned judgment, and honesty when they also have little regard for God, religion, other human beings, sex, and common sense. This is just the latest manifestation of a process that began when the medical field sold its healing soul for a new, abortive reality, when medicine taught women to rely on chemicals rather than their wills to avoid pregnancy, and men learned to expect (or even demand) them to do so, and when medicine invited us to trade sex and adoption for the Petri dish.” [E. Scott Lloyd – Ignatius Insight, [7/27/06](#)]

**Lloyd: “Contraceptives Are The Cause Of Abortion.”** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “Contraceptives are the cause of abortion. In fact, if we did not have contraceptives in this country, we would not have anywhere near the abortion rate we do now. I know this is counter-intuitive, but it is only so because Planned Parenthood and other population control entities have been successful in spreading misinformation for so long.” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [4/4/11](#)]

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**Lloyd: Those Who Went “So Far As To Accept Or Support Policies That Use Contraceptives As A Means Of Reducing The Number Of Abortions” Were “Misguided.”** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “One of the principal goals of the pro-life movement is the end of abortion, and most within the movement recognize the necessity and desirability of strategies that seek to outlaw abortion alongside those that seek to reduce the demand for it. Many remain ambivalent, however, about the use of

contraceptives, even going so far as to accept or support policies that use contraceptives as a means of reducing the number of abortions. This is misguided.” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [4/4/11](#)]

**Lloyd: “Resort To Contraceptives As A Matter Of Public Policy Is An Epic Disaster” And “All Funds For Contraceptives, In All Forms, And At All Levels Of The Government, Should Be Eliminated.”** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “We can use the mountains of information at our fingertips and form a consensus around the fact that resort to contraceptives as a matter of public policy is an epic disaster. If it were at all successful, we would not have more than a million abortions per year. From this truth should flow the following policy positions: all funds for contraceptives, in all forms, and at all levels of the government, should be eliminated, and resort to artificial contraceptives should be dramatically reduced.” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [5/14/11](#)]

**Lloyd: “Nothing Could Be Further From The Truth” Than The Idea That It Was Possible To “Be Pro-Life And Pro-Contraception.”** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “The facts show us that, however, nothing could be further from the truth. As a movement, we need to digest these facts and adjust our message accordingly. You can’t be pro-life and pro-contraception.” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [4/4/11](#)]

**Lloyd: As A Result Of The Financial Crisis, “Why Should I Pay For Someone Else’s Condoms?” Has A Logic To It That Today Transcends Philosophical And Political Leanings Better Than It Has In Decades.”** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “The financial crisis has made public funds for contraceptives look increasingly foolish. ‘Why should I pay for someone else’s condoms?’ has a logic to it that today transcends philosophical and political leanings better than it has in decades.” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [5/14/11](#)]

**Lloyd: Free And Widely Available Contraception Meant “Our Tax Dollars Are Being Used To Help Trick People Into Aborting Their Own Children, When They Would Not Do So If Someone Was Not Lying To Them.”** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “The first is that large, rich, and powerful corporations are telling many women and men who would have an objection to abortion that their actions are not causing one, when in fact they are. The second is the Obama Administration’s adoption of a policy recommending coverage at no immediate cost to the consumer of several forms of contraceptives that fit into the most accurate definition of abortion above, although the empowering statute forbids funding abortions. In other words, our tax dollars are being used to help trick people into aborting their own children, when they would not do so if someone was not lying to them.” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [8/22/11](#)]

## **LLOYD: WOMEN SHOULD OBTAIN MEN’S CONSENT BEFORE HAVING AN ABORTION**

**Lloyd Encouraged Legislators To Write “A Law That Says Essentially That Women Must Notify The Men Of Their Decision To Abort, And Gain Their Consent, Except In Situations Where Their Reasons For Aborting Relate To The Physical Realities Of Pregnancy.”** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “Savvy state legislators should make the Supreme Court say this outright, if that is the type of regime they support. They could do this by writing a law that says essentially that women must notify the men of their decision to abort, and gain their consent, except in situations where their reasons for aborting relate to the physical realities of pregnancy. The law in its findings should make explicit mention of the fact that the Court’s rationale for trumping men’s rights rest solely in the physical realities of women, when it is rarely their physical condition that has anything to do with the decision.” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [6/2/11](#)]

- **Lloyd: Many Women Would Lie To Get Around This Law And Claim Some Nonexistent Physical Rationale But Not All Would.** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “A law of this nature would, of course, lead many women to falsely claim some physical rationale when in fact there is none. Some women wouldn’t lie, however, and in this way, such a law could save lives.” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [6/2/11](#)]

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**Lloyd: Women Who Have Abortions Very Rarely Cite The “Physical Realities” Of Pregnancy As Their Reasoning, And More Often Cite “Lesser Concerns, Like Economic Realities Or Simple Convenience.”** According to an opinion by Scott Lloyd in Ethika Politika, “The Court is careful to split hairs when the distinction is between the man’s rights in family and the woman’s rights in bodily integrity. But what about the instances when the woman’s rationale is not about her bodily integrity or her rights in the family but about lesser concerns, like economic realities, or simple convenience? The physical realities of pregnancy actually at the heart of any concept of bodily integrity are, in fact, very rarely the reason that women cite for their decisions to abort.” [Scott Lloyd – Ethika Politika, [6/2/11](#)]

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**Daily Beast: Lloyd Worked On The Bush Administration “Conscience Rule,” “Which Shielded Doctors From Having To Provide Medical Services They Believed Were Morally Wrong.”** According to The Daily Beast, “Lloyd also worked at HHS during the Bush administration, according to the immigration news site This Week in Immigration, which broke the news of his hiring. During his time there, he worked on developing ‘the conscience rule,’ which shielded doctors from having to provide medical services they believed were morally wrong. Lloyd’s writings on abortion and contraception reflect traditional Roman Catholic teachings. Dzubow highlighted a number of those writings in a post for The Asylumist, which covers asylum, detention, and immigrants’ rights issues.” [Daily Beast, [4/10/17](#)]

**The Obama Administration Almost Immediately Rescinded The Rule**

**The Obama Administration Began The Process Of Rescinding The “Conscience Rule” Just Two Months After The Bush Administration Announced It Late In 2008.** According to The Los Angeles Times, “Taking another step into the abortion debate, the Obama administration today will move to rescind a

controversial rule that allows healthcare workers to deny abortion counseling or other family planning services if doing so would violate their moral beliefs, according to administration officials. The rollback of the so-called conscience rule comes just two months after the Bush administration announced it late last year in one of its final policy initiatives.” [Los Angeles Times, [2/27/09](#)]

## **THE RULE THREATENED TO FORCE PREGNANCIES BY DENYING WOMEN CONTRACEPTION**

**The Conscience Rule Allowed Healthcare Workers, Hospitals And Entire Insurance Companies To Decline To Perform, Refer Or Pay For Abortion Or Any Other Healthcare Practice That Violated A “Religious Belief Or Moral Conviction.”** According to NPR, “Health care workers, hospitals and even entire insurance companies could decline to perform, refer or pay for abortion or any other health care practice that violates a ‘religious belief or moral conviction’ under new rules issued by the outgoing Bush administration.” [NPR, [12/18/08](#)]

- **National Women's Law Center: “This Gives An Open Invitation To Any Doctor, Nurse, Receptionist, Insurance Plan Or Even Hospital To Refuse To Provide Information About Birth Control On The Grounds That They Believe Contraception Amounts To Abortion.”** According to The Los Angeles Times, “‘This gives an open invitation to any doctor, nurse, receptionist, insurance plan or even hospital to refuse to provide information about birth control on the grounds that they believe contraception amounts to abortion,’ said lawyers for the National Women's Law Center.” [Los Angeles Times, [12/19/08](#)]

**ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project lawyer Jennifer Dalvin: “We Are Concerned Because This Involves Low-Income Folks Who Rely On Federally Funded Clinics. They Don't Have The Option Of Shopping Around For Providers When They Seek Medical Care.”** According to The Los Angeles Times, “Abortion-rights lawyers agreed that no doctor could be required to perform abortions, but they said Health and Human Services should require doctors and medical clinics either to give patients full medical information or to refer patients to someone who does. ‘We are concerned because this involves low-income folks who rely on federally funded clinics. They don't have the option of shopping around for providers when they seek medical care,’ said lawyer Jennifer Dalvin of the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project.” [Los Angeles Times, [12/19/08](#)]

**The American College Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists Called For Limits On “Conscientious Refusals,” Citing Recent Examples Such As A Nebraska Teenager With A Life-Threatening Embolism Who Was Refused An Early Abortion At A Religiously Affiliated Hospital.** According to The Los Angeles Times, “In calling for limits on ‘conscientious refusals,’ ACOG cited four recent examples. In Texas, a pharmacist rejected a rape victim's prescription for emergency contraception. In Virginia, a 42-year-old mother of two became pregnant after being refused emergency contraception. In California, a physician refused to perform artificial insemination for a lesbian couple. (In August, the California Supreme Court ruled that this refusal amounted to illegal discrimination based on sexual orientation.) And in Nebraska, a 19-year-old with a life-threatening embolism was refused an early abortion at a religiously affiliated hospital.” [Los Angeles Times, [12/2/08](#)]

- **A Virginia Mother Of Two Became Pregnant After She Was Denied Emergency Contraception.** According to The Los Angeles Times, “The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has reported cases, such as that of a Virginia mother of two who became pregnant after she was denied emergency contraception. In Texas, according to the group, a rape victim had her prescription for emergency contraception rejected by a pharmacist.” [Los Angeles Times, [2/27/09](#)]

- **A Lesbian Couple Was Denied Artificial Insemination By A California Physician.** According to The Los Angeles Times, “In California, a physician refused to perform artificial insemination for a lesbian couple. (In August, the California Supreme Court ruled that this refusal amounted to illegal discrimination based on sexual orientation.)” [Los Angeles Times, [12/2/08](#)]
- **A Texas Rape Victim Had Her Prescription For Emergency Contraception Rejected By A Pharmacist.** According to The Los Angeles Times, “The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has reported cases, such as that of a Virginia mother of two who became pregnant after she was denied emergency contraception. In Texas, according to the group, a rape victim had her prescription for emergency contraception rejected by a pharmacist.” [Los Angeles Times, [2/27/09](#)]

**American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists: “Efforts To Frame Access As An Issue Of Conscience Or Religious Belief Rather Than As Essential Health Care Have Grave Consequences For Women And Can Create Major Obstacles.”** According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, “Efforts to frame access as an issue of conscience or religious belief rather than as essential health care have grave consequences for women and can create major obstacles to obtaining insurance coverage, receiving prescriptions from health care providers, obtaining medications from pharmacists, and receiving care at hospitals. Ten of the 25 largest health systems in the country are Catholic-sponsored facilities. Mergers between religious (predominantly Catholic) health care facilities and other hospitals are common and often result in decreased access to reproductive health services, including contraception. Advocacy by clinicians and community leaders has been effective in preserving access in some communities.” [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, [January 2015](#)]

## **OPPONENTS OF THE RULE FEARED IT COULD LEAD TO RAPE VICTIMS NOT BEING OFFERED EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION**

**More Than A Dozen State Attorneys General Opposed The Rule Because It Undermined State Laws Requiring That Rape Victims Treated In Hospital Emergency Rooms Be Offered The Option Of Taking Emergency Contraceptive Pills To Prevent Pregnancy.** According to NPR, “For example, Richards said, many states currently have laws requiring that rape victims treated in hospital emergency rooms be offered the option of taking emergency contraceptive pills to prevent pregnancy. [...] That slap at state laws spurred opposition from more than a dozen state attorneys general when the regulations were first proposed. Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal says he'll fight to see the new rule rescinded.” [NPR, [12/18/08](#)]

**Planned Parenthood Federation Of America President Cecile Richards: “We Believe That In Fact Now Women Who Are The Victim Of Sexual Assault Either Would Not Be Guaranteed Either Information Or Health Care Access To Emergency Contraception.”** According to NPR, “For example, [Planned Parenthood Federation of America president Cecile] Richards said, many states currently have laws requiring that rape victims treated in hospital emergency rooms be offered the option of taking emergency contraceptive pills to prevent pregnancy. But she said that because providers who don't believe in emergency contraception could now simply opt not to tell women about that option, ‘under this rule, we believe that in fact now women who are the victim of sexual assault either would not be guaranteed either information or health care access to emergency contraception.’” [NPR, [12/18/08](#)]

**Rewire: The Vagueness Of The Poorly-Written Rule Could Lead It To Limiting Everything From HIV Tests To Blood Transfusions To Emergency Contraception For Rape Victims.** According to Rewire, “One of many problems with this poorly-written ‘conscience clause’ is confusion about its scope: the vagueness of the rule could lead it to limiting everything from HIV tests to blood transfusions to emergency contraception for rape victims[.]” [Rewire, [2/27/09](#)]