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Despite numerous hearings and investigations by three separate House committees, and no finding of wrongdoing, House Republican leadership announced the creation of a select panel devoted solely to investigating Planned Parenthood. The House Energy and Commerce subcommittee's asserted purpose is to investigate claims made in videos released by the radical anti-choice group, the Center for Medical progress, despite the fact that the videos in question have been proven to be doctored and manipulated – in fact a grand jury in Texas convened to investigate Planned Parenthood instead indicted CMP's director, David Daleiden. However, the eight Republicans named to the panel have made it clear that their true purpose is to permanently defund Planned Parenthood and to ultimately eliminate a woman's right to choose.

The violent rhetoric and radical beliefs espoused by extreme groups like the Center for Medical Progress have not only been detrimental to women's health, they appear to have inspired violent terrorists such as Robert Louis Dear, accused of attacking a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs. Dear, who killed a police officer and two civilians, echoed language repeatedly used by radical anti-choice groups to explain his actions, saying "no more baby parts." Rhetoric accusing Planned Parenthood of "harvesting baby parts," "dismemberment," and "killing babies," has become standard among anti-choice groups, and has been reiterated by the GOP members of the select committee. Members like committee chair Marsha Blackburn and Rep. Joe Pitts have accused Planned Parenthood of "harvesting body parts." Rep. Diane Black and Mia Love have gone even further, accusing the women's health organization of "killing babies" and "having blood on its hands." This language not only exposes these members' extreme bias against Planned Parenthood, it shows a disregard for the safety of women who use Planned Parenthood clinics every day for their healthcare needs.

The Republican members of the "Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives" have long held anti-choice beliefs, are supported by radical organizations and donors, and have supported numerous pieces of legislation that are harmful to women:

- ✓ The chair of the panel, **Rep. Marsha Blackburn** has already pledged to defund "abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood, who profit from the destruction of human life." Blackburn supported a bill banning abortion after 20 weeks with no exceptions for rape, incest, or the life of the mother and has stated she only supports exceptions for rape or incest victims if the victims are forced to report the crime. She has been endorsed and supported by radical anti-choice groups including the Susan B. Anthony List, the Family Research Council, and Live Action.
- ✓ **Rep. Joe Pitts** is a "leading Congressional opponent of abortion rights," who called for defunding Planned Parenthood and overturning Roe v. Wade. Pitts sponsored radical bills such as one dubbed by women's health advocates the "Let Women Die" bill, which would allow hospitals to refuse a woman abortion care even if she would die without it.
- ✓ **Rep. Diane Black** has already promised that the panel will be "similar" to the Benghazi committee (which so far has cost taxpayers \$20 million). Black has been open about her radical anti-choice views, she called Planned Parenthood a "scandal-ridden abortion mill," and has said she does not support abortion exceptions for victims of rape or incest.
- ✓ **Rep. Sean Duffy** has stated that he is "100 percent prolife without exceptions." He has already supported attempts to defund Planned Parenthood and accused the organization of "harvesting human organs for profit" and demanded that the FBI, DHS, DOJ, and "every agency" investigate its work.
- ✓ **Rep. Mia Love** has accused Planned Parenthood of "killing babies" and demanded that federal funds "be completely withdrawn" from the organization.
- ✓ **Rep. Vicky Hartzler** has stated that Planned Parenthood "must be stopped" and said she was working to "counter Roe v. Wade's culture of death."
- ✓ **Rep. Andy Harris** is a "longtime foe" of abortion rights and a supporter of "personhood" laws.
- ✓ **Rep. Larry Bucshon** has stated that he has "always supported ending federal funding to abortion clinics like Planned Parenthood," and that he believes that abortion "for any reason is wrong."

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### **THE PANEL TO INVESTIGATE PLANNED PARENTHOOD WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROBE ALREADY DISCREDITED VIDEOS**

#### **October 2015: The House Voted To Establish A Special Committee To Investigate Planned Parenthood**

**The House Voted To Create “A Special Committee To Investigate Planned Parenthood And The Handling Of Aborted Fetal Tissue.”** According to The Hill, “The House voted Wednesday to create a special committee to investigate Planned Parenthood and the handling of aborted fetal tissue, all but ensuring an already-fierce partisan battle will continue into 2016. In a nearly party-line vote, lawmakers voted 242 to 184 to establish a 13-member committee with broad power to investigate wrongdoing by Planned Parenthood amid allegations that it has tried to profit from the sale of aborted tissue.” [The Hill, [10/7/15](#)]

#### **The Panel Did “Not Mention Planned Parenthood By Name,” But The GOP “Made It Clear” That It Was Intended To Investigate Planned Parenthood Based On Discredited Videos Made By Anti-Choice Activists**

**The Bill That Established The Committee “Does Not Mention Planned Parenthood By Name...But Republicans Were Clear” That Its Work “Is Intended To Deepen Three Existing House Committee Probes Into Planned Parenthood.”** According to The Hill, “The four-page bill does not mention Planned Parenthood by name. Instead, it charges the committee to investigate ‘fetal tissue procurement,’ ‘federal funding and support for abortion providers’ and ‘born-alive’ abortions, generally. But Republicans were clear that the committee’s work is intended to deepen three existing House committee probes into Planned Parenthood, which began in early August. The committees have held three hearings as part of their investigations, which has prompted Planned Parenthood to turn over at least 20,000 documents, according to Democrats.” [The Hill, [10/7/15](#)]

**“The Select Committee Is The Strongest Step Yet Taken By House Republicans Who Have Been Riled By A Series Of Undercover Videos Accusing Planned Parenthood Of Trafficking Fetal Parts.”** According to The Hill, “The select committee is the strongest step yet taken by House Republicans who have been riled by a series of undercover videos accusing Planned Parenthood of trafficking fetal parts. Despite investigations in Congress and a dozen states, the group has not faced any criminal charges – prompting widespread criticism from Democrats that the panel is politically driven.” [The Hill, [10/7/15](#)]

**Washington Post Editorial: Videos Produced By The Center For Medical Progress “That Purported To Show” Planned Parenthood Selling Fetal Organs For Profit, Have Been “Long-Discredited.”** A Houston grand jury on Monday returned indictments against two antiabortion activists involved in producing the explosive ‘sting’ videos that purported to show Planned Parenthood personnel selling aborted fetal organs for profit. That the damaging but long-discredited videos showed nothing of the kind was underscored by Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson’s statement that the grand jury had cleared Planned Parenthood of any wrongdoing. Instead, the head of the Center for Medical Progress and another employee were charged with felony counts of tampering with a government record, presenting fake driver’s licenses with intent to harm or defraud. Center head David R. Daleiden was also charged with a misdemeanor count related to offering to buy human tissue.” Editorial - Washington Post, [1/26/16](#)

**New York Times Editorial: The Videos “Purported To Show That Planned Parenthood Illegally Sells Tissue From Aborted Fetuses. It Shows Nothing Of The Sort.”** According to an editorial by the New York Times, “A hidden-camera

video released last week purported to show that Planned Parenthood illegally sells tissue from aborted fetuses. It shows nothing of the sort. But it is the latest in a series of unrelenting attacks on Planned Parenthood, which offers health care services to millions of people every year. The politicians howling to defund Planned Parenthood care nothing about the truth here, being perfectly willing to undermine women's reproductive rights any way they can." [Editorial - New York Times, [7/22/15](#)]

**Washington Post Editorial: Republicans In Congress "Tried To Advance Their Agendas By Falsely Demonizing" Planned Parenthood, "An Organization That Provides Critical Health Care To Women."** According to an editorial by The Washington Post, "'We must go where the evidence leads us.' So explained a Texas district attorney about why an investigation into alleged misconduct by Planned Parenthood ended instead with charges against Planned Parenthood's accusers. By adhering to the facts, prosecutors and grand jurors set a model of behavior that puts them at odds with the politicians — in Congress, in statehouses and on the Republican presidential campaign trail — who have tried to advance their agendas by falsely demonizing an organization that provides critical health care to women. In their evidence-free crusade, they have put vital health services at risk and wasted millions of taxpayer dollars. [Editorial - Washington Post, [1/26/16](#)]

**New York Times Editorial: The "Deceptive Videos" By Anti-Abortion Activists Are The "Latest Phase" Of The GOP's Campaign Against Planned Parenthood.** According to an editorial by The New York Times, "Congressional Republicans are again playing brinkmanship with the budget — some are even threatening to shut down the government — in order to score ideological and political points. On Tuesday, the Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, introduced a bill to keep the government running for a few months past the end of this fiscal year on Sept. 30 — as long as Democrats agree to cut off money for Planned Parenthood. [...] But in the meantime he will have drawn public attention to his party's political campaign against Planned Parenthood. The latest phase of this campaign began in July with deceptive videos by anti-abortion activists. The videos showed Planned Parenthood officials discussing fetal-tissue donation, which is legal and critical for medical research. Republicans say the videos are evidence that Planned Parenthood illegally profits by selling aborted fetuses and should therefore be stripped of federal money." [Editorial - New York Times, [9/24/15](#)]

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**"Fetal Tissue Experiments Remain Important To Vaccine Development, As Well As Work On Treatments For A Broad Range Of Diseases, Including HIV, Dengue Fever, Flu And Hepatitis B And C."** According to Politico, "Research on fetal tissue is a relatively niche field — with a budget of roughly \$30 billion, NIH funded \$76 million worth of fetal tissue projects in 2014. But it has yielded some major discoveries — the polio vaccine was developed using cultured fetal kidney cells. Fetal tissue experiments remain important to vaccine development, as well as work on treatments for a broad range of diseases, including HIV, dengue fever, flu and hepatitis B and C, according to NIH. It's also used by researchers who

study early brain development and associated cognitive disorders, as well as Down syndrome and congenital heart defects.” [Politico, [10/2/15](#)]

**Chancellor And CEO Of New York Medical College, Dr. Edward Halperin On The Planned Parenthood “Sting” Videos: “This Really Isn’t About Science... This Is Really People Making A Point About Abortion And It’s Outrageous.”** According to Politico, “Officials of the nation’s leading universities have watched with dread as the fallout from the Planned Parenthood sting videos has threatened to engulf labs that depend on fetal tissue for research. [...] It’s also dredged up comparisons between researchers who use fetal tissue from aborted fetuses and the perpetrators of now-infamous abuses like the Tuskegee experiments that studied untreated syphilis in black men. ‘This really isn’t about science,’ said Dr. Edward Halperin, chancellor and CEO of New York Medical College, where researchers use the tissue to develop vaccines. ‘This is really people making a point about abortion and it’s outrageous.’” [Politico, [10/2/15](#)]

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### **Planned Parenthood Was Consistently Cleared Of Wrongdoing, A Texas Investigation Into The Organization Indicted The Video Makers Instead**

#### **Twelve States Absolved Planned Parenthood Of Any Wrongdoing After Launching Investigations Into The Organization’s Work, Eight Other States Declined To Even Investigate, “Citing A Lack Of Any Evidence.”**

According to an editorial by The Washington Post, “The judicial process will determine the validity of the charges against these two people. What we already know is that the investigation was, in Ms. Anderson’s words, ‘lengthy and thorough’; that it was conducted by a respected Republican prosecutor; and that it was launched at the behest of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick (R), a fierce opponent of abortion and of Planned Parenthood. In clearing Planned Parenthood of any wrongdoing, Harris County officials joined officials in 12 states (including Kansas, Florida, Ohio and Georgia) who concluded investigations into claims Planned Parenthood illegally profited from fetal tissue donation by absolving it of misconduct. An additional eight states declined even to investigate, citing a lack of any evidence of wrongdoing. The fact is Planned Parenthood does not sell fetal tissue for profit and never has.” [Editorial - Washington Post, [1/26/16](#)]

**Washington Post Editorial Headline: “Planned Parenthood Has Been Absolved. The GOP Should Give Up Its Crusade.”** [Editorial - Washington Post, [1/26/16](#)]

**New York Times Editorial: “One After The Other, Investigations Of Planned Parenthood Prompted By Hidden Camera Videos Released Last Summer Have Found No Evidence Of Wrongdoing.”** According to an editorial by The New York Times, “One after the other, investigations of Planned Parenthood prompted by hidden-camera videos released last summer have found no evidence of wrongdoing. On Monday, a grand jury in Harris County, Tex., went a step further. Though it was convened to investigate Planned Parenthood, it indicted two members of the group that made the videos instead.” [Editorial – New York Times, [1/26/16](#)]

**“Representative Jason Chaffetz, Chairman Of The House Oversight And Government Reform Committee, Admitted That The Committee’s Investigation Of Planned Parenthood Had Found No Evidence Of Misconduct.”** According to an editorial by The New York Times, “Neither the videos nor the many investigations that followed have found any evidence that Planned Parenthood employees offered to sell fetal tissue for a profit. Texas is the 12th state in which investigations stemming from the videos have found no wrongdoing by Planned Parenthood. In October, Representative Jason Chaffetz, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, admitted that the committee’s investigation of Planned Parenthood had found no evidence of misconduct.” [Editorial – New York Times, [1/26/16](#)]

*A Texas Grand Jury Absolved Planned Parenthood Of Any Wrongdoing And Indicted The Head Of The Center For Medical Progress, David Daleiden*



**A Texas Investigation Into Planned Parenthood, Instigated By Videos Created By David Daleiden, Cleared Planned Parenthood And Indicted Daleiden.** According to CNN, “A Texas investigation into Planned Parenthood on Monday culminated in an indictment -- of the organization's accusers instead of the group. The Harris County District Attorney's office announced that Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast had been cleared in the two-month-long investigation. But the grand jury did indict two individuals who were involved in making secret recordings of the group that were released to publicly discredit the group, which provides health services and abortions. David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt were indicted for tampering with a governmental record, a second-degree felony, and Daleiden was also indicted on the count of prohibition of the purchase and sale of human organs, a class A misdemeanor, according to the Harris County district attorney.” [CNN, [1/26/16](#)]

- **David Daleiden Founded The Center For Medical Progress, The Group Behind The “Undercover Campaign” Against Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, “[David] Daleiden, 26, is the anti-abortion activist who masterminded the recent undercover campaign aimed at proving that Planned Parenthood illegally sells what he calls aborted ‘baby body parts.’ He captured intimate details of the famously guarded organization, hobnobbing at conferences so secretive that they require background checks and talking his way into a back laboratory at a Colorado clinic where he picked through the remains of aborted fetuses and displayed them luridly for the camera. [...] [Troy] Newman is one of three board members for the nonprofit Daleiden set up, the unassumingly named Center for Medical Progress. Another is Daleiden, and the third is Albin Rhomberg, who made headlines in the 1980s when he broke into the Los Angeles County coroner’s office to photograph aborted fetuses.” [Washington Post, [10/14/15](#)]

**Harris County, Texas Convened A Grand Jury To Investigate Planned Parenthood, But “Indicted Two Members Of The Group That Made The Videos Instead,” David Daleiden And Sandra Merritt.** According to an editorial by The New York Times, “On Monday, a grand jury in Harris County, Tex., went a step further. Though it was convened to investigate Planned Parenthood, it indicted two members of the group that made the videos instead [...] Fortunately, in the Harris County case, the jurors considered the facts. David Daleiden, the director of the Center for Medical Progress, which released the videos, and Sandra Merritt, an employee, were indicted on felony charges of tampering with governmental records, probably connected to their alleged use of fake driver’s licenses to get into a Planned Parenthood office.” [Editorial – New York Times, [1/26/16](#)]

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## **GOP LEADERS CLAIMED THE PANEL WOULD BE IMPARTIAL BUT SOLICITED INPUT FROM ANTI-CHOICE GROUPS AND PROMISED IT WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE BENGHAZI COMMITTEE**

**Marsha Blackburn Denied That The Investigative Panel Was About Planned Parenthood.** According to Roll Call, “Marsha Blackburn is quick to point out that a new investigative panel she chairs is not called the ‘Planned Parenthood Committee.’ ‘It’s the Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives,’ the Tennessee Republican says, carefully punctuating each word. ‘This is not about Planned Parenthood,’ Blackburn said. ‘This is about abortion service providers and medical practices and tissue procurement organizations and the relationships between them, so it is broader. It’s going to focus on the industry at large.’” [Roll Call, [11/17/15](#)]

## **GOP Leaders Solicited Input From Radical Anti-Choice Groups When Selecting Members For The Select Panel To Investigate Planned Parenthood**

**Roll Call: “The Optics Of GOP Leaders Soliciting Buy-In From Outside Groups As They Make Decisions About Which Members Will Sit On The Special Committee” Is “Raising Eyebrows.”** According to Roll Call, “House Republicans insist their new committee to investigate Planned Parenthood won’t be political. But lawmakers and aides on both sides of the aisle are raising eyebrows at the optics of GOP leaders soliciting buy-in from outside groups as they make decisions about which members will sit on the special committee. The original plan was to convene a subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee to investigate the women’s health organization and abortion provider, which is under fire after secret film footage seemed to implicate Planned Parenthood officials with illegally selling fetal tissues, a charge the group denied. Under that initial framework, the select committee would have drawn from in-house resources, including mostly staff. And while membership on both sides of the aisle would still be subject to appointment by their respective party leaders, the pool would be restricted to those members already sitting on Energy and Commerce.” [Roll Call, [10/7/15](#)]

### **“Outside Advocates And Leaders In The Anti-Abortion Community Urged Republican Leaders To Expand The Committee To Lawmakers Outside Energy And Commerce To Include More Stalwarts Of Their Movement.”**

According to Roll Call, “Outside advocates and leaders in the anti-abortion community urged Republican leaders to expand the committee to lawmakers outside Energy and Commerce to include more stalwarts of their movement. GOP leadership agreed and has also listened to outside advice on exactly whom to appoint. Speaker John A. Boehner will make the appointments, but Tom McClusky, the vice president of government affairs for the March for Life Education and Action Fund, said he has also spoken with representatives from the offices of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and Majority Whip Steve Scalise, who ‘welcomed’ feedback.” [Roll Call, [10/7/15](#)]

### **“Anti-Abortion Groups Such As CWA, SBA List, March For Life” Tried “To Exercise Their Clout To Keep Off The Select Subcommittee Certain Members They Feel Don’t Live Up To Specific Ideological Purity Standards.”**

According to Roll Call, “Marjorie Dannenfelser, the president of Susan B. Anthony List — a group that’s also been discussing membership options with Republican leaders — said it was important the committee provide ‘a platform for women who speak to this issue.’ But anti-abortion groups such as CWA, SBA List, March for Life and others are also trying to exercise their clout to keep off the select subcommittee certain members they feel don’t live up to specific ideological purity standards. A handful of lawmakers and aides told CQ Roll Call they were unsettled by what would appear to be inappropriate interference from activists.” [Roll Call, [10/7/15](#)]

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### **Anti-Choice Groups Urged Leaders Exclude Rep. Renee Ellmers From The Panel Because Of Her Role In Pulling A 20 Week Abortion Ban Because Of Its Restrictive Reporting Requirements For Victims Of Rape Or Incest.**

According to Roll Call, “But anti-abortion groups such as CWA, SBA List, March for Life and others are also trying to exercise their clout to keep off the select subcommittee certain members they feel don’t live up to specific ideological purity standards. [...] A specific target is Rep. Renee Ellmers. The North Carolina Republican helped get a bill pulled from the floor in January that would have allowed a woman to have an abortion after 20 weeks only in a case of rape, incest or danger to her life, and only if the woman reported the rape to the authorities first. Ellmers wasn’t the only Republican woman who found the language overly burdensome and fought to have it removed. But she led the charge, and the vote — scheduled to coincide with the annual March for Life — was postponed. ‘Her actions last January betrayed the trust of the pro-life movement,’ Nance said in a statement. Douglas Johnson, the federal affairs director at the National Right to Life Committee, was less charitable: ‘To now reward her with a seat on the special panel would be inappropriate, to put it mildly.’” [Roll Call, [10/7/15](#)]

**The Susan B. Anthony List Praised The Panel For Including “All-Star” Anti-Choice Members, Who Would “Lead The Charge To Expose The Abortion Industry’s Exploitative Practices.”** According to Catholic News Agency, “The



Select Investigative Panel includes Reps. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Joe Pitts (R-Pa.), Diane Black (R-Tenn.), Larry Bucshon (R-Ind.), Sean Duffy (R-Wisc.), Andy Harris (R-Md.), Vicki Hartzler (R-Mo.), and Mia Love (R-Utah). Susan B. Anthony List president Marjorie Dannenfelser praised the panel, saying it includes ‘all-star’ pro-life members. ‘This select panel is an encouraging restart to an investigative process that is long overdue,’ she said. ‘We are encouraged to see such passionate and articulate pro-life women and men – including doctors and a nurse – lead the charge to expose the abortion industry’s exploitative practices.’” [Catholic News Agency, [7/28/15](#)]

### **The Panel Has Been Compared To The Benghazi Committee**

**Roll Call: “Skeptics Are Already Drawing Comparisons” With The Committee On The Benghazi Attacks, Which “Came Under Renewed Fire” After Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy Suggested That It’s Purpose Was To Attack Hillary Clinton.** According to Roll Call, “But skeptics are already drawing comparisons with a special committee to investigate the 2012 attacks on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya. That select panel – which held a high-profile hearing last month with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton that lasted for 11 hours – has come under renewed fire after Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., suggested that it helped drive down Clinton’s poll numbers. Similarly, the GOP faces accusations that the controversial sting videos and new subcommittee are part of a political witch hunt designed to cut off federal funding for Planned Parenthood – a long-time target of abortion foes.” [Roll Call, [11/17/15](#)]

**Committee Member Rep. Diane Black Said That The Panel Investigating Planned Parenthood Would Be “Similar” To The Benghazi Committee.** According to an interview of Rep. Diane Black by National Director of Priests for Life, Fr. Frank Pavone, “I think if you can compare this to what’s going on with Benghazi it will be similar. However it won’t be a full select committee like Benghazi is, it will actually be a subcommittee under the jurisdiction of Energy and Commerce because they do have jurisdiction over this issue. So it will be similar to Benghazi, it may not be quite as large as Benghazi, but it will have a separate staff and I believe that, at least in my conversations with the Speaker’s office up to this point, there will be a dedicated attorney that will be working with the members so they can give it full attention and do what needs to be done to really have a good investigation.” [PriestsforLife.org, [10/21/15](#)]

*Benghazi Committee Wasted \$5 Million Of Taxpayer Dollars: House Republicans Have Already Started To Use Taxpayer Funds To Attack Planned Parenthood*

### **The House GOP Diverted \$300,000 From A Reserve Fund To The Panel Investigating Planned Parenthood.**

According to USA Today, “A special congressional investigation into how abortion providers handle fetal tissue will start off with a \$300,000 budget that Republicans are diverting from a \$1 million reserve fund. The Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives, chaired by Republican Rep. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee, was created in October after an uproar over Planned Parenthood’s role in providing researchers with tissue from aborted fetuses. Republicans have named eight members to the panel, a new House Energy and Commerce subcommittee. Democrats, who oppose the investigation, appointed six members.” [USA Today, [11/24/15](#)]

**The Benghazi Committee “Spent More Than \$5 Million In Taxpayer Money.”** According to the Associated Press, “The House committee investigating the deadly attacks in Benghazi, Libya, has now spent more than \$5 million in taxpayer money, according to a tally by House Democrats. Democrats say the Republican-led probe is a partisan effort to undermine Hillary Rodham Clinton’s White House bid and said a marathon hearing with Clinton last month only confirmed their views. Clinton, who was secretary of state during the attacks, endured a grueling interrogation by GOP lawmakers at the 11-hour hearing.” [Associated Press, [11/12/15](#)]

## **CMP Videos And The Select Committee Were Part Of Anti-Choice Groups And Congressional Republicans’ Efforts To Destroy Planned Parenthood**

### **RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE GROUPS HAVE A HISTORY OF USING MISLEADING “INVESTIGATIONS” TO ATTACK PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

## **2000: Discredited Undercover Stings By The Organization Life Dynamics, Headed By Radical Anti-Choice Activist Mark Crutcher, Were Used To Launch A Congressional Inquiry Into Planned Parenthood**

### **Accusations By Anti-Choice Activist Mark Crutcher Against A Planned Parenthood Clinic In Kansas Prompted An Investigation By 20/20 And A Congressional Inquiry, Which Both Cleared Planned Parenthood Of Wrongdoing.**

According to The Washington Post, “In an interview, Newman said he was not sure that Daleiden’s plan would work. A decade earlier, Mark Crutcher, the head of a Texas antiabortion group, had infiltrated a Planned Parenthood clinic in Kansas to prove that it was illegally selling fetal tissue. But after an investigation by ABC’s ‘20/20’ and a congressional inquiry, the clinic was cleared of wrongdoing. ‘I said, “We will have to deeply embed ourselves — and by we, I mean you,”’ Newman recalled.” [Washington Post, [10/14/15](#)]

- **Mark Crutcher Was The Head Of Anti-Choice Organization Life Dynamics.** According to The New York Times, “He also said that he ‘works closely’ with a well-financed Texas businessman, Mark Crutcher, head of Life Dynamics Inc., a Dallas-area company he founded to legally harass doctors and infiltrate abortion clinics. Two years ago, Mr. Crutcher wrote a manual, which he intended to be confidential, called ‘Firestorm, A Guerrilla Strategy for a Pro-Life America.’ In it, he outlined a new plan of attack and also predicted that violence would soon be a part of the movement. ‘It’s a war, and in a war, you do things that are distasteful in a non-war environment,’ Mr. Crutcher said in an interview.” [New York Times, 6/18/95]

**A Congressional Inquiry “Floundered When The Star Witness, A Medical Technician, Admitted Under Oath That He’d Lied About Witnessing Fetal Tissue Smuggling,” And That He Was “Paid More Than \$20,000 By Life Dynamics.”** According to Salon, “Life Dynamics is the same group that in the late ’90s promoted the myth that abortion providers illicitly traffic in the sale of fetal tissue. In March 2000, sparked by a report on ‘20/20’ that included the Life Dynamics claim, Congress launched an investigation of the supposed traffic. But the inquiry floundered when the star witness, a medical technician, admitted under oath that he’d lied on camera to ‘20/20’ about witnessing fetal tissue smuggling and that he had been paid more than \$20,000 by Life Dynamics. ‘By the end of the hearing, even the legislators who were opposed to choice said that Life Dynamics had no credibility,’ says Vicky Saporta, president and CEO of the National Abortion Federation.” [Salon, [11/4/06](#)]

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### **David Daleiden Said He Was Inspired To Focus On Fetal Tissue Research By Mark Crutcher Of Life Dynamics.**

According to Politico, “For decades, researchers have used fetal tissue because it divides quickly and adapts more easily than adult cells to new environments. It has contributed to medical advances such as vaccines for polio, rubella and chicken pox. Daleiden said he heard about fetal tissue research from Mark Crutcher of Life Dynamics, another anti-abortion research and activist group, and he couldn’t get it out of his head for years. He went on to be the research director for Live Action, an anti-abortion group that did smaller-scale sting video operations against Planned Parenthood. By 2013, he decided to devote all his energies to showing that the health provider sold fetal tissue for a profit and set about to infiltrate the group.” [Politico, [9/21/15](#)]

- **David Daleiden Founded The Center For Medical Progress, The Group Behind The “Undercover Campaign” Against Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, “[David] Daleiden, 26, is the anti-abortion activist who masterminded the recent undercover campaign aimed at proving that Planned Parenthood illegally sells what he calls aborted ‘baby body parts.’ He captured intimate details of the famously guarded organization, hobnobbing at conferences so secretive that they require background checks and talking his way into a back laboratory at a Colorado clinic where he

picked through the remains of aborted fetuses and displayed them luridly for the camera. [...] [Troy] Newman is one of three board members for the nonprofit Daleiden set up, the unassumingly named Center for Medical Progress. Another is Daleiden, and the third is Albin Rhomberg, who made headlines in the 1980s when he broke into the Los Angeles County coroner's office to photograph aborted fetuses." [Washington Post, [10/14/15](#)]

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**"Life Dynamics Used A Campaign Of Espionage Against Abortion Clinics And Tissue Providers," Including "Up To 4,000 'Spies For Life.'" According to the Dallas Morning News, "Life Dynamics came by the information about fetal tissue trade through a campaign of espionage against abortion clinics and tissue providers, a tactic that may sound new outside the abortion battlefield. The group, in fact, has long inspired deep dread among abortion-rights advocates, clinics and doctors. Among its tactics is using up to 4,000 'spies for life,' who Mr. Crutcher says research clinics and doctors. Life Dynamics also offers legal education and support to hundreds of lawyers across the country who have been filing malpractice lawsuits against abortion doctors. It once set up a phony abortion-rights survey of clinic staff and doctors, mailing the results to the homes of thousands of doctors." [Dallas Morning News, 3/21/00]**

**Crutcher Mailed Out "Joke Books" To Medical Students And Doctors Including A Joke With The Punchline "Shoot The Abortionist Twice."** According to the New York Times, "Following his plan, during the past two years, Mr. Crutcher recruited people to tie up the telephone lines of abortion clinics, sent out questionnaires to clinics under the guise of something he called 'Project Choice,' and mailed a crude joke book to medical students and doctors, which included this line: Q: What would you do if you found yourself in a room with Hitler, Mussolini and an abortionist, and you had a gun with only two bullets? A: Shoot the abortionist twice.' Mr. Crutcher said in an interview that 'sabotage, infiltration, using provocateurs [*sic*] are part and parcel of this kind of battle.'" [New York Times, 6/18/95]

**"Some Advocates And One Researcher" Interviewed By The Dallas Morning News Said They Considered Life Dynamics "So Frightening That They Could Not Risk Being Identified."** According to the Dallas Morning News, "Mr. Crutcher says Life Dynamics will push the limits of the law to save the unborn. The main objective has been to inspire abortion clinic workers and doctors to find other lines of work, he and his opponents say. 'He felt there was an opportunity before him which, if exploited, would mean that abortion could be perfectly legal but nobody could get one,' said Frederick Clarkson, a former researcher for Planned Parenthood who has studied Mr. Crutcher's group. [...] Abortion-rights advocates deplore the group's information-gathering as an intimidating form of harassment that helped militant abortion opponents commit violent crimes - a charge Mr. Crutcher strongly disputes. Some advocates and one researcher said they considered the group so frightening that they could not risk being identified." [Dallas Morning News, 3/21/00]

### **In 2011 Discredited Videos By Radical Anti-Choice Activist Lila Rose Were Used By Republicans To Call For Defunding Planned Parenthood**

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- **Lila Rose Was The President Of Live Action.** According to the biography of Lila Rose posted on Live Action’s website, “Lila Rose is the president of Live Action, a new media nonprofit dedicated to ending abortion and building a culture of life. Lila founded Live Action when she was fifteen years old. The group is a new media movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our time. Live Action uses powerful and dynamic media platforms to educate the public about the humanity of the unborn and investigative journalism to expose the threats against the vulnerable and defenseless.” [LiveAction.org/LilaRose, accessed [7/15/15](#)]

**“Thorough, Frame-By-Frame Reviews” Of The Live Action Videos “Show That What Is Posted On YouTube Often Bears Little Relation To What Happened In Reality, Due To Heavy Editing.”** According to the Huffington Post, “The Live Action stars pretend to be a pimp and a prostitute engaged in human trafficking and looking for birth control, STD testing and abortions. The videos that the organization puts out can be convincing and disturbing -- and in at least two cases were found by Planned Parenthood to be legitimate cause for dismissals -- but thorough, frame-by-frame reviews of the full-length videos show that what is posted on YouTube often bears little relation to what happened in reality, due to heavy editing that alters the meaning of conversations.” [Huffington Post, [2/24/11](#)]

**Live Action Also Released Audio Tapes Claiming The Organization Lied About Providing Mammograms.**

According to The Washington Post, “A conservative activist group seeking to discredit the Planned Parenthood Federation of America released audio tapes Wednesday that it said contradicts claims the organization made that it provides mammograms. A spokesman for Planned Parenthood, however, immediately denied that the group claimed to provide mammograms and pointed to a television interview with the group’s president it said showed her statements were taken out of context. The dispute comes as Planned Parenthood tries to fight off efforts in Congress to cut off the group’s funding. In a news release, the Los Angeles-based group Live Action claimed that ‘opponents of defunding Planned Parenthood have argued in Congress and elsewhere that the organization provides many vital health care services other than abortion, such as mammograms.’” [Washington Post, [3/30/11](#)]

- **PolitiFact: Planned Parenthood Has Not Claimed To Provide Mammograms, It “Functions Mostly” As An OB-GYN And “Refers Patients For Mammograms And/Or Specialist Follow-Ups.”** According to PolitiFact, “Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Liz Clark confirmed why: The organization does not provide mammograms at any of its health centers. [...] Planned Parenthood provided 487,029 breast exams or breast care services in 2013, the most recent year available. Based on those clinical exams and a doctor assessing risk factors, the group refers patients for mammograms and/or specialist follow-ups for procedures such as biopsies and, in some cases, financial assistance, Clark said. In that regard, Planned Parenthood functions mostly as a privately paid OB-GYN would in referring a patient for a service the doctor’s office didn’t provide.” [PolitiFact, [8/21/15](#)]

**Live Action’s Videos “Nearly Led To A Shutdown Of The Federal Government” And “Launched A Congressional Investigation.”** According to The New Yorker, “The fury over Planned Parenthood is two political passions—opposition to abortion and opposition to government programs for the poor—acting as one. So far, it has nearly led to the shutdown of the

federal government, required Republican Presidential nominees to swear their fealty to the pro-life lobby, tied up legislatures and courts in more than half a dozen states, launched a congressional investigation, and helped cripple the Democratic Party. What's next? Planned Parenthood's latest round of difficulties dates back about a year. Just as the new Republican-majority House was being seated, a group called Live Action, whose mission is 'to expose abuses in the abortion industry and advocate for human rights for the pre-born,' sent a man posing as a pimp and a woman posing as a prostitute to Planned Parenthood clinics across the country, equipped with a hidden camera." [New Yorker, [11/14/11](#)]

### **Republicans Held Up The Resolution Of The 2011 Budget Agreement Over Funding For Planned Parenthood.**

According to The Washington Post, "Planned Parenthood, the group at the center of the federal budget stalemate, has long been a target of conservatives who have been eager for an opportunity to cut off the taxpayer money it gets to provide health services to low-income women. At issue is the \$80 million that Planned Parenthood receives annually from the federal government through Title X, a program that provides grants to women's health centers. By law, the money distributed under Title X may not be used [sic] for abortions. [...] The debate took center stage this week when Democrats announced they had made significant concessions on the 2011 federal budget in hopes of avoiding a government shutdown Friday night, but said that Republicans were holding things up over Planned Parenthood funding." [Washington Post, [4/8/11](#)]

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According to the Huffington Post, “Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana, a national Republican leader, cited Rose's videos as justification for an attempt to defund Planned Parenthood on Feb. 2, a day after she released new footage. ‘The recent release of an undercover video exposing duplicity and potential criminality by an employee of Planned Parenthood is an outrage. Every American should be shocked that an employee of the largest recipient of federal funds under Title X has been recorded aiding and abetting underage sex trafficking,’ Pence said. ‘The time to deny any and all funding to Planned Parenthood is now. In the wake of yet another scandal involving Planned Parenthood, I urge Congress to move the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act to the floor for immediate consideration.’” [Huffington Post, [2/25/11](#)]

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## **GOP Members Charged Forward Despite The Devastating Consequences Of The Lies And Incendiary Rhetoric Connected To The Videos**

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**Dear Reportedly Praised People Who Attacked Abortion Providers, And Described Members Of The Violent Anti-Choice Group Army Of God As “Heroes.”** According to The New York Times, “But another ex-wife, Pamela Ross, said that he did not obsess on the subject of abortion. After his arrest, Mr. Dear said ‘no more baby parts’ to investigators, a law enforcement official said. One person who spoke with him extensively about his religious views said Mr. Dear, who is 57, had praised people who attacked abortion providers, saying they were doing ‘God’s work.’ In 2009, said the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity out of concerns for the privacy of the family, Mr. Dear described as ‘heroes’ members of the Army of God, a loosely organized group of anti-abortion extremists that has claimed responsibility for a number of killings and bombings. Investigators have only just begun to interview Mr. Dear’s relatives and acquaintances, and are still searching the Internet for his writings. Public information about his early years is limited.” [New York Times, [12/2/15](#)]

#### **Anti-Choice Groups Repeatedly Accused Planned Parenthood Of “Wholesale Killing,” And The “Harvesting” And Selling Of “Baby Parts,” Even Using The Hashtag #PPSellsBabyParts**

**National Right To Life Claimed The Center For Medical Progress’s Planned Parenthood Videos Showed Discussion Of “Harvesting Baby Parts.”** According to a press release from the National Right to Life Committee, “The Center for Medical Progress (CMP) today released another in their series of videos exposing the abortion industry’s world of trafficking and harvesting of baby body parts, often involving affiliates of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA). This tenth video features several high-ranking executives within Planned Parenthood discussing harvesting baby parts and acknowledging that ‘the headlines would be a disaster’ if the truth about their gruesome side business were exposed.” [NRLC Press Release, [9/15/15](#)]

Live Action President Lila Rose Tweet: “.@CecileRichards Defends Harvesting Baby Parts In Interview With @KatieCouric: Fetal Tissue Procurement Is "Important" And Should Continue.” [Twitter, [11/10/15](#)]

Lila Rose Tweet: “Every Day, @PPact Engages In The Wholesale Killing Of Preborn Children. MSM Gave 1 Minute, 30 Seconds To PP Videos. <http://liveactionnews.org/8-congressmen-demand-major-networks-to-cover-planned-parenthoods-scandal/> ...” [Twitter, [11/5/15](#)]

Right To Life Tweet: “11th Undercover Video Exposes #PlannedParenthood Harvesting & Trafficking Of Baby Body Parts <http://bit.ly/1LzHAXF>” [Twitter, [10/27/15](#)]

CWA’s Young Women For America Tweet: “Cecile: ‘Our Motto Is ‘Care No Matter What’ (Except For Unborn Babies As We Abort Them And Sell Their Body Parts)’ @CWforA #DefundPP” [Twitter, [9/29/15](#)]

Susan B. Anthony List Tweet: “What Would You #AskCecile About #PlannedParenthood's Harvest And Sale Of Body Parts From Aborted Babies? #DefundPP.” [Twitter, [9/29/15](#)]

Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser: I'll Be Talking To At @Tomroten This Morning About @CarlyFiorina & #PPSellsBabyParts - Tune in at 8 AM ET: - <http://800wvhu.heart.com/onair/the-tom-roten-morning-show-675/> ... #Prolife” [Twitter, [10/6/15](#)]

Americans United For Life Tweet: “We Did It! Taxes Redirected From #Abortion! <http://www.aul.org/2015/12/we-did-it-taxes-redirected-from-abortion/> ...#ProLife #PlannedParenthood #PPSellsBabyParts #TeamLife” [Twitter, [12/4/15](#)]

### **GOP Members Of The Committee Investigating Planned Parenthood Have Repeatedly Echoed The Anti-Choice Group’s Radical And Violent Rhetoric**

#### **Rep. Marsha Blackburn Accused Planned Parenthood Of “Harvesting...Human Fetal Body Parts For Sale.”**

According to a letter from Rep. Marsha Blackburn to Attorney General Loretta Lynch, “The release of two graphic online videos that show Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. (PPFA) leadership in conversation with individuals interested in purchasing fetal body parts is deeply disturbing. [...] The harvesting of human fetal body parts for sale is an activity which shocks the conscience. Moreover, the tragic ethical considerations, potential for criminal violations, and involvement of taxpayer subsidies raise issues of great public importance. As a result, we request the Department of Justice to conduct an immediate and thorough investigation into the practices of PPFA regarding the sale of fetal body parts.” [Marsha Blackburn – Letter, [7/27/15](#)]

- **Blackburn On Videos By The Center For Medical Progress: “Referring To Baby Body Parts Like It Is Fresh Produce In The Supermarket Is Despicable And Difficult To Watch.”** According to a Facebook post by Marsha Blackburn, “Referring to baby body parts like it is fresh produce in the supermarket is despicable and difficult to watch. This week we’re voting on legislation to defund Planned Parenthood and we’re beginning our hearings at the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to strengthen enforcement against providers who violate existing abortion laws. The demeanor and behavior of Planned Parenthood officials is alarming and we must hold them accountable.” [Facebook, [9/15/15](#)]



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**Rep. Joe Pitts On Planned Parenthood: “After Aborting Unborn Babies, In Many Cases, The Dead Are Harvested For Organs And Body Parts, Which Are Then Sold For Profit.”** According to a press release from Rep. Joe Pitts, “Congressman Joe Pitts (PA-16), Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Health Subcommittee and Congressman Tim Murphy, Ph.D. (PA-18), Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, released the following statements after the release of video showing Planned Parenthood’s Senior Director of Medical Services discussing the sale of body parts from aborted babies: Congressman Pitts: ‘Once again, video evidence has revealed shocking practices from Planned Parenthood, our nation’s largest abortion provider. After aborting unborn babies, in many cases, the dead are harvested for organs and body parts, which are then sold for profit. In order to salvage these body parts, dangerous abortion practices are used, some of which may induce a live birth, that increase a woman’s risk of harm. Congress ought to protect women and unborn children from these deceptive, inhumane, and cruel practices.’” [Joe Pitts Press Release, [7/14/15](#)]

- **Pitts: Planned Parenthood Is “Making A Profit” Off Of “Body Parts Of Babies Who Have Been Aborted,” There Is A “Market That Has Been Developed In The Sale Of Body Parts.”** According to an interview with Rep. Joe Pitts for The Hill, “It is body parts of babies who have been aborted, put up for market or sale. So they’re [Planned Parenthood] making a profit off of this. If you look at the website of the middleman, Stem Express, the first words are financially profitable. [...] You’ve got a market that has been developed in the sale of body parts.” [The Hill, [7/17/15](#)]

**Rep. Diane Black: “Planned Parenthood Has Blood On Its Hands.”** According to a press release from Rep. Diane Black, “Last night, Congressman Black took to the House floor to speak in support of the Defund Planned Parenthood Act. A full transcript of her remarks as prepared for delivery is provided below, or click here for video. ‘Mister Speaker, Planned Parenthood has blood on its hands. Over the last week, we’ve seen multiple videos showing its employees brazenly discussing the harvesting of aborted babies’ tissue and organs. But the truth is, Planned Parenthood’s culture of depravity runs much deeper than a couple of videos. [...] I eagerly await the findings of this forthcoming investigation, but you know what, Mister Speaker? No matter, what it reveals, here’s the truth – Planned Parenthood has made a business out of destroying that which God has created. It performs over 327,000 abortions a year, all while receiving roughly \$500 million in annual funding from the taxpayer dollar. The one-sided relationship between Planned Parenthood’s ever-growing bank account and American taxpayers must be severed.’” [Diane Black Press Release, [7/22/15](#)]

**Rep. Sean Duffy Signed Onto A Letter That Described Planned Parenthood As Profiting “From The Intentional Destruction Of Unborn Children” And Selling “Children’s Organs Piece By Piece.”** According to a press release from Rep. Ann Wagner, “In a letter to Chairmen Fred Upton (R-Mich.) and Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), the Members ask the House Judiciary and Energy & Commerce Committees to investigate [...] LETTER TEXT: [...] ‘While this fact is outrageous enough, we are deeply disturbed by new allegations that Planned Parenthood abortion clinics not only profit from the intentional destruction of unborn children, but also sell children’s organs piece by piece to fetal tissue brokers. These actions are unconscionable and these horrific abuses must be stopped. In a recently released video a top Planned Parenthood executive describes huddling with tissue brokers early in the day to determine what organs they would like to ‘procure’ and altering procedures to make sure she is able to obtain the necessary body parts.’” [Ann Wagner Press Release, [7/15/15](#)]



**Rep. Larry Bucshon: Planned Parenthood “Dismembers Body Parts And Sells Them For A Profit.”** According to a press release from Rep. Larry Bucshon, “On Friday, Eighth District Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. spoke on the House floor in support of H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015, a bill that redirects federal funds from Planned Parenthood to federally qualified health centers and rural health centers that provide more comprehensive health services and do not perform abortions. Watch the video by clicking here: <https://youtu.be/4Gimz-dnJYI>. The text is available in full below. ‘With all due respect, a radical agenda is protecting an organization that dismembers body parts and sells them for a profit. Madam Speaker, for the record I’m probably the only member in this body to have operated on babies as young as 23 weeks gestation. In fact, the smallest baby I operated on weighed only 650 grams. As a physician, I spent my career caring for my patients regardless of their situation, so I take access to healthcare very seriously. I find it troubling that the other side, most of whom have never spent a day caring for patients, continue to mislead the American people about the facts on Planned Parenthood.’” [Larry Bucshon Press Release, [9/18/15](#)]

**Rep. Vicky Hartzler On Planned Parenthood: “We Cannot Stand By While Aborted Baby Parts Are Being Sold For Profit.”** According to a press release from Rep. Vicky Hartzler, “Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (MO-04) yesterday evening spoke on the House floor in response to the appalling undercover videos of Planned Parenthood doctors discussing the harvesting and sale of unborn babies’ body parts and organs. Below is a video of the Congresswoman’s speech followed by a transcript of her remarks. [...] ‘We need to get our priorities straight. In the video the Planned Parenthood doctor callously describes altering abortion procedures by crushing a baby’s body in order to preserve certain organs for harvesting. She says, ‘I’m gonna basically crush below, I’m gonna crush above.’ This is human life we’re talking about. We cannot stand by while aborted baby parts are being sold for profit. This morning’s video shows another Planned Parenthood doctor shamelessly haggling over the price of the aborted baby body parts. She discusses how the price could change based on the volume and developmental stage of the aborted babies.’” [Vicky Hartzler Press Release, [7/22/15](#)]

**Rep. Andy Harris: “I Am Appalled At Videos Of Planned Parenthood’s Dissection And Selling Of Human Fetus Parts.”** According to a Facebook post by Rep. Andy Harris, “Today, the House passed H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act and H.R. 3504, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. As an obstetric anesthesiologist, I have been helping women deliver their babies for over 3 decades. I am appalled at videos of Planned Parenthood’s dissection and selling of human fetus parts. I voted to defund Planned Parenthood because as a physician, I find it hard to believe that Planned Parenthood, an organization where 94% of their services are made up of abortions, is not using any of their federal funding for these procedures.” [Facebook, [9/18/15](#)]

**Rep. Mia Love Accused Planned Parenthood Of “Killing Babies.”** According to an interview of Rep. Mia Love by Sean Hannity, “Have we become so desensitized that we can laugh about killing babies, harvesting body parts to sell like commodities on the street? If this is the reality it’s certainly something I’m unwilling to accept, it’s absolutely horrific. [...] We need to do everything we can to make sure the American people so not forget what’s happening. Now, watch, this is what’s going to happen. The left and those who want to protect this organization are going to turn this conversation from killing of babies to shutdowns, women’s health issues, everything to kind of distort, distract, and divide Americans into thinking what’s actually happening isn’t happening, the fact that they are actually taking brain tissue from live babies. These are American babies.” [Hannity – Fox News, [8/24/15](#)]

## **HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WOMEN WOULD LOSE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE IF PLANNED PARENTHOOD WAS DEFUNDED**

**The Congressional Budget Office Estimated That If Planned Parenthood Was Defunded 390,000 Women Would Lose Their Source Of Medical Care.** According to the Huffington Post, “Although the majority of women Planned Parenthood currently serves would be able to access care elsewhere if the gambit to cut off the organization succeeds, between 5 percent and 25 percent of them wouldn’t, the Congressional Budget Office estimates. Analysts believe the most likely outcome would be 390,000 women losing their source of medical care -- although the number could be as low as 130,000 or as high as 650,000, the budget agency concluded. The people most likely to experience reduced access to care would probably reside in areas without access to other health care clinics or medical practitioners who serve low-income populations,’ the CBO report states.” [Huffington Post, [9/16/15](#)]

**Rosenbaum: Defunding Planned Parenthood Would Mean “The Loss Of Affordable And Accessible Contraceptive Services And Counseling, As Well As Breast And Cervical Cancer Screenings.”** According to an opinion by Harold and Jane Hirsh Professor and founding Chair of the Department of Health Policy, George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, Sara Rosenbaum, for Health Affairs Blog, “But a claim that community health centers readily can absorb the loss of Planned Parenthood clinics amounts to a gross misrepresentation of what even the best community health centers in the country would be able to do were Planned Parenthood to lose over 40 percent of its operating revenues overnight as the result of a ban on federal funding For the millions of poor women who depend on Planned Parenthood clinics, this scenario would mean the loss of affordable and accessible contraceptive services and counseling, as well as breast and cervical cancer screenings and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The assertion that community health centers could step into a breach of this magnitude is simply wrong and displays a fundamental misunderstanding of how the health care system works.” [Health Affairs Blog, [9/2/15](#)]

### **Community Health Clinics Could Not Absorb The Loss Of Planned Parenthood**

**Founding Chair Of George Washington University School Of Public Health And Health Service’s Department Of Health Policy, Sara Rosenbaum: The Claim That Community Health Centers Could Absorb The Loss Of Planned Parenthood Clinics “Amounts To A Gross Misrepresentation.”** According to an opinion by Harold and Jane Hirsh Professor and founding Chair of the Department of Health Policy, George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, Sara Rosenbaum, for Health Affairs Blog, “The current Planned Parenthood fight, one of the most disturbing battles over women’s health in recent years, has been riddled with inaccuracies. A particularly damaging one is the assertion that the nation’s community health centers could pick up the slack if Planned Parenthood is defunded. I have worked with community health centers for nearly 40 years, and no one believes more strongly than I do in their ability to transform the primary health care landscape in medically underserved low-income communities. But a claim that community health centers readily can absorb the loss of Planned Parenthood clinics amounts to a gross misrepresentation of what even the best community health centers in the country would be able to do were Planned Parenthood to lose over 40 percent of its operating revenues overnight as the result of a ban on federal funding.” [Health Affairs Blog, [9/2/15](#)]

**Planned Parenthood “Is Set Up To Handle Large Numbers Of Medicaid Patients.”** According to Mother Jones, “Planned Parenthood, on the other hand, is set up to handle large numbers of Medicaid patients. Nearly half of all Planned Parenthood patients use Medicaid coverage, and more than a third of women who receive publicly funded family planning care rely on Planned Parenthood. Mark DeFrancesco, president of the American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecologists, says it's common for practitioners not to accept Medicaid patients, because the reimbursement rates can't come close to offsetting the operating costs of their clinics. ‘The reimbursement is such that Medicaid just by definition doesn't pay anywhere near what private insurers pay for OB-GYN visits,’ says DeFrancesco.” [Mother Jones, [9/29/15](#)]

## **THE EXTREME ANTI-CHOICE GOP MEMBERS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE**

### **Select Subcommittee Chair Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)**

### **REP. MARSHA BLACKBURN, AN “OUTSPOKEN” CRITIC OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD, WAS DESIGNATED TO CHAIR THE SELECT COMMITTEE**

**Rep. Marsha Blackburn, “A Veteran Conservative Who Has Been Outspoken In Criticism Of Planned Parenthood,” Was Selected To Head The Select Panel To Investigate Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, “House Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) rolled out the leaders of his new select panel to investigate the abortion practices of Planned Parenthood, an eight-member group promoting the female members of the Republican Conference. A day after his other special committee had trouble unveiling new information in the September 2012 Benghazi attacks, the outgoing speaker doubled down on the process of crowning new committees to investigate controversial actions. Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), a veteran conservative who has been outspoken in criticism of Planned Parenthood, will chair the select subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.” [Washington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

## **BLACKBURN PLEDGED TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD, SAID SHE WANTED TO END THE “BARBARIANISM OF THE ABORTION BUSINESS”**

### **Blackburn: “It’s Time To Put An End To The Barbarianism Of Big Abortion Business”**

**Blackburn: “It’s Time To Put An End To The Barbarianism Of Big Abortion Business.”** According to an op-ed by Rep. Marsha Blackburn for The Daily Herald, “The issue of protecting life is near and dear to my heart and it isn’t going away any time soon. I remain committed to working with my colleagues, the House leadership team, the Pro-Life Caucus and the other pro-life organizations that have fought alongside me on this critical issue. We must continue to fight for the unborn and the moral compass of our country. It’s time to put an end to the barbarianism of big abortion business.” [Marsha Blackburn - Daily Herald, [8/8/15](#)]

### **Blackburn Defended The 2012 GOP Platform Plank That Called For Outlawing Abortion With No Exceptions, “Not Even For Rape, Incest Or Threat To The Life Of The Mother”**

**Blackburn Defended A Plank Of The 2012 Republican Party Platform That Called For Outlawing Abortion “And Allowing No Exceptions, Not Even For Rape, Incest Or Threat To The Life Of The Mother.”** According to The Tennessean, “Rep. Marsha Blackburn found herself Wednesday doing what she has done often in 2012 - trying to smooth over a pothole the Republican Party had hit on a sensitive issue. This time the subject was abortion. Blackburn, interviewed from Tampa, Fla., where she is co-chairing the GOP’s Platform Committee in advance of its national convention next week, answered questions about a just-adopted party plank that calls for outlawing the procedure and allowing no exceptions, not even for rape, incest or threat to the life of the mother. She defended the language, saying it takes nothing away from the right of individual states to adopt those exceptions, though she favors them herself.” [The Tennessean, 8/23/12]

### **Blackburn Has Already Pledged To Defund Planned Parenthood**

**Blackburn Pledged To Make Abortion Clinics, Specifically Clinics Operated By Planned Parenthood, Ineligible For Federal Funding.** According to the National Right to Life’s 2014 Congressional Candidate Questionnaire, Marsha Blackburn checked “YES” in response to the question, “The federal government annually provides millions of dollars to organizations that operate abortion clinics. For example, a significant portion of the aggregate income of clinics operated by affiliates of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) comes from selling abortions (PPFA-affiliated clinics perform more than 300,000 abortions annually). Yet PPFA affiliates are also major recipients of funds from various federal programs, including the Title X ‘family planning’ program and Medicaid. (10) Would you vote for legislation that would make organizations that operate abortion clinics (not bona fide hospitals) ineligible to receive federal funding?” [National Right to Life 2014 Congressional Candidate Questionnaire, [2014](#)]

**Blackburn: “America Shouldn’t Celebrate Abortion And Our Taxpayers Shouldn’t Subsidize Abortion Businesses Like Planned Parenthood, Who Profit From The Destruction Of Human Life.”** According to LifeNews, “Blackburn informed LifeNews today that she has introduced the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act (H.R. 61), which would stop the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from providing federal family planning assistance under Title X to abortion businesses until they certify they won’t provide and refer for abortions. The reintroduction of this legislation in the 113th Congress is similar to legislation Pence introduced in the 112th Congress (H.R. 217). ‘Congressman Pence has been a champion in the fight to protect innocent human life and I hope to continue his leadership in the House,’ Blackburn said. ‘As a woman, I believe America deserves better than abortion. America shouldn’t celebrate abortion and our taxpayers shouldn’t subsidize abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood, who profit from the destruction of human life with taxpayer money. It’s fiscally irresponsible and morally indefensible.’” [LifeNews, [1/4/13](#)]

**Blackburn: “Planned Parenthood Received \$542 Million From Uncle Sam Last Year. They Don’t Need Or Deserve Your Money.”** According to USA Today, “Two Congress members from Tennessee say the money subsidizes abortion programs. Both Reps. Marsha Blackburn and Diane Black, R-Tenn., introduced bills this month to ban abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood from Title X grants for family planning. ‘Planned Parenthood received \$542 million from Uncle Sam last year. They don’t need or deserve your money,’ Blackburn said in an email.” [USA Today, [1/22/13](#)]



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**LifeNews: The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, Which “Would Officially De-Fund The Planned Parenthood Abortion Business...Has Been Reintroduced By A Leading Pro-Life Congresswoman. Rep. Marsha Blackburn.”** According to LifeNews, “The legislation that would officially de-fund the Planned Parenthood abortion business by revoking its federal taxpayer funding has been reintroduced by a leading pro-life congresswoman. Rep. Marsha Blackburn, a Tennessee Republican, is picking up the Planned Parenthood de-funding mantle from former Congressman Mike Pence, who was elected as Indiana’s governor and was the prime sponsor of the bill House Republicans approved and Senate Democrats defeated. Blackburn informed LifeNews today that she has introduced the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act (H.R. 61), which would stop the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from providing federal family planning assistance under Title X to abortion businesses until they certify they won’t provide and refer for abortions.” [LifeNews, [1/4/13](#)]

**The Bill Would Have Taken “Federal Funds Used By Planned Parenthood To Provide STD Tests, Contraception And Cancer Screenings” And Redirected Them “To Other Health Centers Instead.”** According to the Huffington Post, “[Rep. Marsha] Blackburn sponsored the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act in an attempt to codify the Hyde Amendment into federal law. She also sponsored the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, which aimed to take the federal funds used by Planned Parenthood to provide STD tests, contraception and cancer screenings, and redirect them to other health centers instead. Various states have beaten Congress to the punch by cutting off Planned Parenthood's Title X funds.” [Huffington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

**The 2013 Act Was Stalled In The House Energy And Commerce Committee And Reintroduced In 2015 And Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, H.R.217 [2013](#), [2015](#) accessed [11/18/15](#)]

## **Blackburn Co-Sponsored The “Defund Planned Parenthood Act Of 2015”**

**Blackburn Co-Sponsored The “Defund Planned Parenthood Act Of 2015.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Diane Blackburn (R-TN) co-sponsored H.R. 3134 or the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015. The act “prohibits, for a one-year period, the availability of federal funds for any purpose to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any of its affiliates or clinics, unless they certify that the affiliates and clinics will not perform, and will not provide any funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion during such period. The restriction will not apply in cases of rape or incest or where a physical condition endangers a woman's life unless an abortion is performed. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture must seek repayment of federal assistance received by Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any affiliate or clinic, if it violates the terms of the certification required by this Act.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/17/15](#)]

## **BLACKBURN HAD A HISTORY OF SPONSORING AND CHAMPIONING EXTREME ANTI-CHOICE BILLS IN CONGRESS**

**In 2013 Blackburn Defended “The Most Restrictive Abortion Bill To Come Out Of Congress In At Least A Decade”**

**In 2013 Blackburn Defended The “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act,” Called By The New York Times, “The Most Restrictive Abortion Bill To Come Out Of Congress In At Least A Decade.”** According to The New York Times, “The As the Republican-controlled House of Representatives approved this month the most restrictive abortion bill to come out of Congress in at least a decade [the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act], abortion rights defenders mounted a full-blown campaign to blunt what they instantly labeled ‘a new war on women.’ [...] Representative Marsha Blackburn, Republican of Tennessee, speaking on Fox News last Saturday, brought up a poll showing that some 60 percent of Americans opposed second-trimester abortions. Ms. Blackburn led the anti-abortion legislation on the House floor, though the bill’s author was Representative Trent Franks of Arizona, who enraged some women with a comment that few rapes resulted in pregnancies. But Ms. Blackburn raised eyebrows, too, when she seemed to suggest that the House bill could lead to fewer rapes.” [New York Times, [6/25/13](#)]

**Blackburn “Led The Anti-Abortion Legislation On The House Floor,” Which Would Ban All Abortions After 22 Weeks.** According to The New York Times, “There is in fact little chance that the House measure, which would ban abortions after 22 weeks of pregnancy, will see the light of day in the Democratic-controlled Senate and White House. [...] Representative Marsha Blackburn, Republican of Tennessee, speaking on Fox News last Saturday, brought up a poll showing that some 60 percent of Americans opposed second-trimester abortions. Ms. Blackburn led the anti-abortion legislation on the House floor, though the bill’s author was Representative Trent Franks of Arizona, who enraged some women with a comment that few rapes resulted in pregnancies. But Ms. Blackburn raised eyebrows, too, when she seemed to suggest that the House bill could lead to fewer rapes.” [New York Times, [6/25/13](#)]

*Blackburn Supported A Provision That Required Women Who Were Victims Of Rape Or Incest Report The Crime Before Being Allowed To Obtain An Abortion*

**The Bill Originally Had No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest, Until House Republicans Added An Exception Allowing Abortion For Rape Or Incest Victims, But Only If They “Report The Crime To The Authorities First.”**

According to CNN, “House Republican leaders are hoping to head off a repeat of last week's controversy over the issue of whether there should be an exception for cases of rape and incest in a GOP sponsored bill banning late term abortions by adding that exception before the House debates the measure on Tuesday. Republican members on the House Judiciary committee, which marked up the abortion bill last week, voted down a Democratic amendment to allow women who are raped to obtain an abortion beyond 22 weeks into a pregnancy. But House GOP leaders decided to add a slightly different exception to the bill after several GOP members expressed concerns about the issue, according to two House Republican leadership aides. The new language permits an exception for those women who get pregnant through rape or incest to obtain an abortion if they report the crime to the authorities first.” [CNN, [6/25/13](#)]

*Blackburn Even Suggested That Requiring Women To Report Their Rape Before Being Allowed To Get An Abortion Could “Lead To Fewer Rapes”*

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- **Blackburn: “There Is A Reporting Requirement In The Text Of The Bill. And The Hope Is That That Will Help With Getting Some Of The Perpetrators Out Of The Population.”** According to an interview of Rep. Marsha Blackburn by Craig Melvin for MSNBC, Marsha Blackburn: “Rep. Franks has apologized for his comments and the bill has been amended, which it does, does allow the exceptions of rape and incest, and the life of the mother, that was the appropriate step to take.” Craig Melvin: “The bill only allows the exception for rape when it’s reported, only allows the exception for incest when it’s reported is that correct?” Marsha Blackburn: “There is a reporting requirement in the text of

the bill. And the hope is that that will help with getting some of the perpetrators out of the population that are committing these crimes against women, and against minor females. We certainly would hope that we could rid our society of these perpetrators.” [NBCNews.com, [6/18/13](#)]

*The Same Bill Was “Abruptly Dropped” In 2015 After The Rape And Incest Reporting Requirements Led To “A Revolt By Female GOP Lawmakers”*

**When A 20 Week Abortion Ban Was Introduced Again In 2015 The Same Reporting Requirements Led To “A Revolt By Female GOP Lawmakers.”** According to The Washington Post, “House Republican leaders abruptly dropped plans late Wednesday to vote on an anti-abortion bill amid a revolt by female GOP lawmakers concerned that the legislation's restrictive language would once again spoil the party's chances of broadening its appeal to women and younger voters. In recent days, as many as two dozen Republicans had raised concerns with the ‘Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act’ that would ban abortions after the 20th week of a pregnancy. Sponsors said that exceptions would be allowed for a woman who is raped, but she could only get the abortion after reporting the rape to law enforcement.” [Washington Post, [1/21/15](#)]

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- **The Bill Was Later Changed To Require A Woman To Have “Obtained Counseling For The Rape Or Medical Treatment For The Rape Or An Injury Related To The Rape” At Least “48 Hours Prior To The Abortion.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) co-sponsored H.R.36 or the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The act “[p]rohibits an abortion from being performed if the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater, except: [...] (2) where the pregnancy is the result of rape against an adult woman and, at least 48 hours prior to the abortion, such woman has obtained counseling for the rape or medical treatment for the rape or an injury related to the rape; or (3) where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest against a minor and the rape or incest has been reported prior to the abortion to a law enforcement agency or a government agency legally authorized to act on reports of child abuse. Requires the physician, prior to performing such an abortion, to place appropriate documentation in the patient's medical file of the receipt of such medical treatment or counseling or of the reporting of such rape or incest.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/17/15](#)]
- **The 2015 Bill With The Changed Language Passed The House 242-184 And Was Introduced In The Senate.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/17/15](#)]

*Blackburn Claimed She Opposed The Reporting Requirements Even Though She Had Pushed Them In 2011, And Pledged In 2014 To Only Support Abortion In The Case Of Rape Or Incest If It Was Reported*

**Republican Supporters Of The Bill Were “Perplexed” By Blackburn’s Opposition To The Reporting Requirements Because She “Led The Floor Debate When The Identical Bill Passed Through The House” In The 113th Congress.**

According to The Washington Post, “Republican supporters of the pain-capable bill, in its current iteration, are perplexed by Blackburn. Some sources suggest that she is fine with the bill as written, but wants to keep the GOP women united — the sticking point: a requirement that a woman who was a victim of rape or incest and wants to have an abortion after the fifth month of pregnancy must report the crime to law enforcement — and so she is trying to ‘manage’ the bloc of opponents to the bill. But Blackburn and other GOP women led the floor debate when the identical bill passed through the House during the last Congress, even as Democrats criticized the reporting requirements. A GOP lawmaker, telling NRO that Blackburn led the push for the rape and incest exception in the first place, suggested that she is moving the goal posts on her own bill. ‘I’m left with either cognitive disconnect or duplicity,’ the lawmaker says.” [Washington Post, [1/21/15](#)]



- **A GOP Lawmaker Said Because “That Blackburn Led The Floor Debate When The Identical Bill Passed Through The House” He Was “Left With Either Cognitive Disconnect Or Duplicity,” To Explain Her 2015 Opposition.** According to National Review, “Republican supporters of the pain-capable bill, in its current iteration, are perplexed by Blackburn. Some sources suggest that she is fine with the bill as written, but wants to keep the GOP women united — the sticking point: a requirement that a woman who was a victim of rape or incest and wants to have an abortion after the fifth month of pregnancy must report the crime to law enforcement — and so she is trying to ‘manage’ the bloc of opponents to the bill. But Blackburn and other GOP women led the floor debate when the identical bill passed through the House during the last Congress, even as Democrats criticized the reporting requirements. A GOP lawmaker, telling NRO that Blackburn led the push for the rape and incest exception in the first place, suggested that she is moving the goal posts on her own bill. ‘I’m left with either cognitive disconnect or duplicity,’ the lawmaker says.” [National Review, [1/22/15](#)]

**Blackburn Stated On A NRL Questionnaire That She Believed Abortion Should Only Be Legal In The Case Of Rape Or Incest If The Crime Was Reported To Law Enforcement Or Appropriate Government Agency.** According to the National Right to Life’s 2014 Congressional Candidate Questionnaire, in answer to the question “Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe that abortion should be legal?” Rep. Marsha Blackburn chose the answer, “To prevent the death of the mother, or in cases of rape and in cases of incest committed against a minor, if such cases of rape or incest are reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency, or the incest is reported to a government agency legally authorized to act on reports of, child abuse or neglect.” [National Right to Life 2014 Congressional Candidate Questionnaire, [2014](#)]

### **Blackburn Co-Sponsored An Anti-Choice Bill That Specified “Forcible” Rape As One Of The Few Exceptions To Its Ban On Federal Funding Of Abortions**

**Blackburn Signed On As A Co-Sponsor Of The No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act, Which Listed “Forcible Rape’ As One Of The Few Exceptions To A Ban On Federal Funding Of Abortions.”** According to The Tennessean, “Akin’s phrase ‘legitimate rape’ rekindled controversy over a 2011 House bill that, in its original version, listed cases of ‘forcible rape’ as one of the few exceptions to a ban on federal funding of abortions. Blackburn, like presumptive GOP vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan, signed on as a co-sponsor of that bill in its original form. The bill, HR3, was changed a few weeks later because of a flurry of protests from women’s groups and abortion-rights organizations about language that seemed to suggest there are different types of rape.” [The Tennessean, 8/23/12]

**Blackburn Offered No Explanation About Why She Supported Original Bill That Included “Forcible Rape” Language.** According to The Tennessean, “When asked about the matter Wednesday, Blackburn said she wanted to look at the bill again and would get back to the reporter through a spokesman, ending the interview. The statement she later issued said: ‘The bottom line is that the language was clarified through the legislative process to end taxpayer funding of abortions with clear exceptions to rape, incest, and preserving the life of the mother.’ She offered no explanation about why she supported the bill in its original, no-exception form.” [The Tennessean, 8/23/12]

**2012: “When Asked About The ‘Forcible Rape’ Exemption She Voted For Last Year, Blackburn Ended An Interview With A Reporter.”** According to The Tennessean, “Rep. Marsha Blackburn of Brentwood, who is co-chair of the GOP Platform Committee that wrote this year’s abortion ban in the party’s platform, did say that she believes there should be exception to abortions - but agreed with Black that it should be left up to states to decide them. When asked about the ‘forcible rape’ exemption she voted for last year, Blackburn ended an interview with a reporter, saying she wanted to look at the bill again and would respond later. Her subsequent statement said: ‘The bottom line is that the language was clarified through the legislative process to end taxpayer funding of abortions with clear exceptions to rape, incest, and preserving the life of the mother.’” [The Tennessean, 8/25/12]

*Blackburn Continued To Push The Bill Without The Forcible Rape Language, But Left The Other Radical Components Intact*

**Blackburn Also “Led The Fight” For The “No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act” In 2014.** According to a press release from Rep. Marsha Blackburn, “Congressman Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) today led the fight in the House of Representatives to prevent taxpayer money from funding abortions. H.R. 7, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, passed the House with bipartisan support. ‘Taxpayer funding for abortion is fiscally irresponsible. Over 60% of Americans

have affirmed they do not want to see their hard-earned tax dollars funding abortion services. This bill simply codifies the Hyde Amendment so it applies across the federal government and ensures the Obama administration cannot find new ways of funneling public funds towards abortion providers.” [Marsha Blackburn Press Release, [1/28/14](#)]

**The “Forcible Rape” Provision Was Cut From The Act But It Would Still “Limit Americans’ Ability To Buy Private-Sector Health Insurance That Covers Abortion.”** According to Mother Jones, “Three years ago, House Republicans pushed a bill to permanently eliminate taxpayer funding for abortions. The proposed legislation included an exception for women who had been raped—but only if it the rape was ‘forcible.’ That language—and later, off-color comments about abortion and rape by two GOP Senate candidates, Todd Akin and Richard Mourdock—kicked off a national backlash against the Republican party. So this year, the House GOP is trying a new strategy: pushing an almost identical bill to limit abortion rights, while hoping that cutting out controversial rape provisions will limit the political blowback. To that end, the GOP-run House of Representatives voted late Tuesday afternoon on the 2014 version of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, a bill that would permanently enshrine the Hyde Amendment—a temporary measure that has been around since the 1970s and bans federal funding for abortions—in federal law. The bill doesn’t just ban federal funding for abortions, though—it also promises to limit Americans’ ability to buy private-sector health insurance that covers abortion.” [Mother Jones, [1/28/14](#)]

**National Women’s Law Center: The Act “Is A Dangerous And Misleading Bill” That “Could Result In The Entire Private Insurance Market Dropping Abortion Coverage, Thereby Making Such Coverage Unavailable To Anyone.”**

According to the National Women’s Law Center, “H.R. 7 [No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act] is a dangerous and misleading bill that has one goal – eliminating abortion coverage in all of the insurance markets. If H.R. 7 were to become law, all women could either lose insurance coverage that includes abortion or be stigmatized while seeking such comprehensive insurance. H.R. 7 Could Lead to the Elimination of Abortion Coverage in the Private Health Insurance Market H.R. 7 could result in the entire private insurance market dropping abortion coverage, thereby making such coverage unavailable to anyone. H.R. 7’s abortion coverage bans incentivize insurers to drop abortion coverage from their Marketplace health insurance plans. This elimination of coverage in the Marketplace will have a ‘ripple’ effect on the entire health insurance market. As the Marketplaces grow, they are expected to become the industry standard, such that private insurers will offer the same package of benefits inside and outside of the Marketplaces. Accordingly, the entire insurance market will go from one where – absent political interference – abortion coverage is the industry standard to one where such coverage is eliminated.” [National Women’s Law Center, [1/22/15](#)]

**Nation Editorial: The Act “Would Permanently Codify Bans On Abortion Coverage” For Federal Employees And Women Covered By Medicaid.** According to an opinion by Nation assistant editor Zoe Carpenter, “Oh, well. Republicans immediately found another piece of bad meat to throw the mass of anti-abortion protestors who descended on Washington on Thursday for the annual March for Life: the No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act Titled just as misleadingly as the ‘Pain-Capable’ legislation, this bill would have the most damaging effects in the private insurance marketplace, as Medicaid and other publicly funded programs are already barred from covering abortion services. House Republicans passed that legislation Thursday afternoon, as the anti-choice chants echoed across Capitol Hill. According to the National Women’s Law Center, the bill ‘could result in the entire private insurance market dropping abortion coverage, thereby making such coverage unavailable to anyone.’ It would permanently codify bans on abortion coverage for federal employees, residents of the District of Columbia, female inmates, women insured through the Indian Health Service and women covered by Medicaid. It would also raise taxes on most small businesses.” [Editorial – The Nation, [1/22/15](#)]

**The Act Passed the House 242-179 And Was Referred To The Senate Committee on Finance.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/30/15](#)]

**Blackburn Co-Sponsored An Act That Would Prohibit School-Based Health Centers From Providing Information About Abortion To Pregnant Students**

**Blackburn Co-Sponsored The “PRO-LIFE Act,” Which Would Prohibit Federal Funding From Going To Schools That “Provide Students With Abortions, Abortion-Related Materials Or Referrals, Or Directions To Abortion Services.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-UT) co-sponsored H.R.1122 or the PRO-LIFE Act. The Protecting Life in Funding Education Act or the PRO-LIFE Act would amend “the General Education Provisions Act to prohibit the provision of federal education funding to state or local educational agencies that make health services available to

students through school-based health centers, unless those centers certify that they will not provide students with abortions, abortion-related materials or referrals, or directions to abortion services.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**The Bill “Would Financially Penalize School Districts That Allow School-Based Health Centers To Provide Information About Abortion To Pregnant High School Students.”** According to the Huffington Post, “House Republicans attached language to a major education bill Wednesday night that would financially penalize school districts that allow school-based health centers to provide information about abortion to pregnant high school students. The amendment to the Student Success Act, a GOP overhaul of No Child Left Behind, would withhold federal funding from school districts that contract with health centers unless the center certifies that it will not provide abortions or give students any information about abortion, including directions to the nearest abortion provider. (School-based health centers already do not provide abortion services.) The House Rules Committee slipped the new language into a part of the bill known as the ‘manager’s amendment,’ which is normally reserved for non-controversial fixes to a piece of legislation that are agreed to ahead of time.” [Huffington Post, [2/26/15](#)]

**The PRO-LIFE Act’s Language Was Included In The Education Bill The “Student Success Act.”** According to a press release from Rep. Randy Neugebauer, “Today, the House of Representatives voted to include the language from Rep. Randy Neugebauer’s (TX-19) Protecting Life in Funding Education (PRO-LIFE) Act (H.R. 463) in H.R. 5, the Student Success Act. Neugebauer released the following statement after the House passed H.R. 5: ‘Hardworking taxpayers shouldn’t be footing the bill for political groups and abortion advocates to operate in our nation’s public schools and advance their attack on the unborn. I’m pleased my colleagues in the House adopted the concepts of my Pro-Life Act and committed to protecting the rights of the unborn. This common sense measure would restrict funding to school districts that contract with third party “school-based health centers” unless they certify they won’t perform abortions and won’t provide abortion referrals or materials to students. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to move this forward.’” [Randy Neugebauer Press Release, [7/9/15](#)]

- **The Final Version Of The Education Bill Became Law In December, 2015, And Included Language Prohibiting School-Based Health Centers Providing Abortions But Not From Providing Information On Reproductive Services.** According to The Washington Post’s Answer Sheet blog, “It turns out that the country’s new K-12 education law, the successor to No Child Left Behind which President Obama signed on Thursday, includes language that prohibits school-based health centers from subsidizing abortions — but it has no real effect because the Public Health Service Act already includes such a ban. [...]The original House version of the Every Student Succeeds Act did not have any reference to abortion funding, but it was added before it went to the House floor, along with other provisions, such as one that would have prohibited personnel working in school-based student health centers from even recommending to students a full range of reproductive services.” [Washington Post, [12/11/15](#)]
- **The Language “Has No Real Effect Because The Public Health Service Act Already Includes Such A Ban.”** According to The Washington Post’s Answer Sheet blog, “It turns out that the country’s new K-12 education law, the successor to No Child Left Behind which President Obama signed on Thursday, includes language that prohibits school-based health centers from subsidizing abortions — but it has no real effect because the Public Health Service Act already includes such a ban. [...]Section 399Z-1 of the Health Service Act says funds awarded for a grant under the section about school-based health centers ‘may not be used to provide abortions.’ As a result, congressional sources said, the language in the Every Student Succeeds Act was not actually necessary to ensure that public funds would not be spent in such a manner.” [Washington Post, [12/11/15](#)]

### **Blackburn Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Exempt Any Group Or Company That Objected To Contraception From The Obama Administration’s Contraceptive Mandate**

**Blackburn Co-Sponsored The Health Care Conscience Rights Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-UT) co-sponsored H.R.940 or the Health Care Conscience Rights Act. The act “[a]mends title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to declare that nothing in that title requires an individual to purchase individual health insurance coverage that includes coverage of an abortion or other item or service to which the individual has a moral or religious objection, or prevent an issuer from offering coverage excluding such item or service to that individual.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]



**The Bill Fought Against The Obama Administration's Contraceptive Mandate, Giving "Any Individual Or Group That Opposes Contraception An Automatic Exemption From The Requirement That Employee Health Insurance Plans Provide Birth Control."** According to The Tennessean, "Conservative religious groups hope a new bill filed by U.S. Rep. Diane Black, R-Gallatin, will help them in their fight against the Obama administration's contraceptive mandate. Known as the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, the bill would give any individual or group that opposes contraception an automatic exemption. The bill would also protect health-care workers from having to participate in abortions as part of their work or training." [The Tennessean, 3/6/13]

**Faith-Based Groups Were Exempted From The Mandate But Radical Groups Pushed For The Passage Of The Conscience Rights Act So Any Group Or Company That Objected To Contraception Could Be Exempt.** According to The Tennessean, "'I am proud to introduce the Health Care Conscience Rights Act to protect religious freedom, disempower Obamacare, and stop the administration's assault on Americans' First Amendment rights,' Black said in a prepared statement. Last month the Obama administration released new rules for how the mandate would apply to faith-based groups. Churches are exempt. Other faith-based nonprofits, such as hospitals and schools, got an accommodation. Under that accommodation, the faith-based groups don't have to pay for contraception if they object to it. Instead, their insurance companies would have to provide a separate policy for contraception, at no charge to workers. Critics such as Tony Perkins, president of Washington-based Family Research Council, said the accommodation isn't good enough. He said all faith groups and for-profit companies should be exempt if they object to contraception. Even groups that believe birth control is moral should oppose the mandate, he said.'" [The Tennessean, 3/6/13]

**The 2013 Act Stalled In The House Committee On Energy And Commerce, But Was Reintroduced In 2015 And Referred To The Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, H.R.940, [2013](#), [2015](#) accessed 11/30/15]

**Blackburn Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Ban Doctors From Using "A Common Procedure Used In Nearly All Second-Trimester Abortions" And Was Based On Model Legislation From National Right To Life**

**Blackburn Co-Sponsored The Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act Of 2015.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) co-sponsored H.R.3515 or the Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act of 2015. [Congress.gov, accessed [11/16/15](#)]

- The Bill Would Ban Doctors From Using The Dilation And Evacuation Procedure During An Abortion.** According to a press release from National Right to Life, "The Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act (H.R. 3515) was introduced in the House by Congressman Chris Smith (R-N.J.), a veteran legislator who is co-chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, with Vicki Hartzler (R-Mo.), Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.), and Trent Franks (R-Az.) as original cosponsors. [...] This definition largely overlaps with what those in the abortion trade currently refer to as 'dilation and evacuation' or 'dilation and extraction' (D&E) abortions. The method is commonly used starting at about 14 weeks of pregnancy, and extending into the third trimester." [National Right to Life Press Release, [9/16/15](#)]
- Dilation And Evacuation Was "A Common Procedure Used In Nearly All Second-Trimester Abortions."** According to Politico, "What this gruesome-sounding explanation means, in essence, is that H.B. 1241 would make it against the law to perform what is known as a D&E (dilation and evacuation) abortion, a common procedure used in nearly all second-trimester abortions." [Politico, [2/17/14](#)]
- The Bill Was "Based On A Model State Bill Proposed By National Right To Life, Which Has Already Been Enacted This Year In Kansas And Oklahoma."** According to a press release from National Right to Life, "The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) heralded today's introduction in the U.S. House of Representatives of legislation to nationally ban dismemberment abortion, an abortion method that involves using steel tools to tear apart a well-developed unborn child by brute force. The Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act (H.R. 3515) was introduced in the House by Congressman Chris Smith (R-N.J.), a veteran legislator who is co-chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, with Vicki Hartzler (R-Mo.), Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.), and Trent Franks (R-Az.) as original cosponsors. The

legislation is based on a model state bill proposed by National Right to Life, which has already been enacted this year in Kansas and Oklahoma.” [National Right to Life Press Release, [9/16/15](#)]

### **Blackburn Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Require Abortion Providers To Perform An Ultrasound On A Woman Before She Is Allowed To Get An Abortion; Critics Called It “Unnecessary And Intrusive”**

**Blackburn Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Require Abortion Providers To Perform An Obstetric Ultrasound On A Woman Before She Is Allowed To Get An Abortion.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) co-sponsored the H.R.3805 or the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act. The act would amend the “Public Health Service Act to require abortion providers, before a woman gives informed consent to any part of an abortion, to perform an obstetric ultrasound on the pregnant woman, provide a simultaneous explanation of what the ultrasound is depicting, display the ultrasound images so the woman may view them, and provide a complete medical description of the images, including the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, cardiac activity if present and visible, and the presence of external members and internal organs if present and viewable.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**Critics Called The “Controversial” Ultrasound Bill “Unnecessary And Intrusive.”** According to BuzzFeed, “Democratic lawmakers and abortion rights organizations have opened an assault on Rep. Paul Ryan’s support for a controversial bill requiring doctors to perform an ultrasound on a woman before performing an abortion to ensure she can see the fetal image. Abortion foes have fought for versions of the measure around the country, in the hopes of dissuading women from going through with abortions, while critics see it as unnecessary and intrusive. [...] Ryan is one of more than 60 lawmakers who have signed on to the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act in the House.” [BuzzFeed, [8/11/12](#)]

**University of California Assistant Professor of Health Sciences Jen Russo: Laws Forcing A Patient To View An Ultrasound “Violate The Ethical Principle Of Respect For Patient Autonomy, Which Entails That Patients Be Able To Choose Which Treatments They Receive...Without Coercion.”** According to commentary by University of California Assistant Professor of Health Sciences Jen Russo for the AMA Journal of Ethics, “This legislation forces physicians to violate the ethical principle of respect for patient autonomy, which entails that patients be able to choose which treatments they receive and that they be able to make treatment decisions without coercion. Laws requiring that a patient be offered an ultrasound and the opportunity to view the results might be consistent with both the medical evidence on ultrasound viewing in abortion care and ethical medical practice, but laws that require it are not. Furthermore, forcing patients to have unwanted procedures—especially invasive procedures—or to view results against their will may in fact cause harm, violating the ethical principle of nonmaleficence.” [Jen Russo – AMA Journal of Ethics, [April 2014](#)]

**The 2012 Bill Stalled In The House Committee On Energy And Commerce, But Was Reintroduced In 2015 And Referred to The Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** Congress.gov, [H.R.3805](#) and [H.R.492](#) accessed 11/30/15.

### **BLACKBURN OPPOSED THE 2013 REAUTHORIZATION OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT**

**Blackburn Opposed The 2013 Reauthorization Of The Violence Against Women Act And “Slammed” The Bill’s “Same-Sex Provisions.”** According to the Chattanooga Times Free Press, “All seven Tennessee House Republicans on Thursday opposed the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Along with two women, that group includes U.S. Rep. Chuck Fleischmann, of Ooltewah, and U.S. Rep. Scott DesJarlais, of Jasper. [...] U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn slammed the bill’s same-sex provisions from the outset. But in a February interview, U.S. Rep. Diane Black predicted passage and said she’s against ‘violence against anyone.’ Both hail from the Nashville area. Also last month, U.S. Rep. Jimmy Duncan, of Knoxville, said the Violence Against Women Act had ‘a motherhood-and-apple-pie title’ that deserved further scrutiny. He echoed those concerns Thursday after voting ‘nay.’” [Chattanooga Times Free Press, 3/1/13]

### **BLACKBURN PLEDGED TO OPPOSE RESEARCH USING EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS**

**Blackburn Pledged To Oppose Research Using Embryonic Stem Cells.** According to the National Right to Life's 2014 Congressional Candidate Questionnaire, Marsha Blackburn checked "YES" in response to the question, "In 20001, President George W. Bush issued an executive order to prevent the federal government from funding research that would encourage the destruction of human embryos, and vetoed bills that would have overturned that policy – but in 2009, President Obama issued a new executive order that nullified the previous pro-life policy, and has allowed the federal funding of stem cell research that requires the destruction of human embryos. [...] (16) Would you vote for legislation to prevent federal support of research that harms or destroys human embryos, or that uses cells or tissues that are obtained by harming or killing human embryos?" [National Right to Life 2014 Congressional Candidate Questionnaire, [2014](#)]

## **BLACKBURN WAS SUPPORTED BY RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE GROUPS AND DONORS**

### **Blackburn Received Awards And Donations From The Susan B. Anthony List**

#### **In 2014 The Susan B. Anthony List Honored Rep. Marsha Blackburn With "The Distinguished Leader Award."**

According to a press release from the Susan B. Anthony List, "Tomorrow evening the Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List) will honor Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) with the Distinguished Leader Award and retiring Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) with the Marilyn Musgrave Defender of Life Award at the group's seventh annual Campaign for Life Gala. The event will be held at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington, D.C. Bill Kristol, founder of The Weekly Standard, will serve as Master of Ceremonies and former presidential candidate and FOX television host Governor Mike Huckabee (R-AR) will give the keynote address. The gala is the main event at SBA List's two-day long, annual Campaign for Life Summit." [Susan B. Anthony List Press Release, [3/11/14](#)]

#### **Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser: "Representative Blackburn Is Already Recognized As One Of The Foremost And Fearless Leaders Of The Pro-Life Caucus Here In Washington."**

According to a press release from the Susan B. Anthony List, "A consistent champion for life, Representative Blackburn boldly led last year's floor debate in support of historic legislation to protect babies after 20 weeks – more than halfway through pregnancy. Her leadership spurred several states to take action and continues to inspire change in the hearts and minds of Americans across the nation," said Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the SBA List. 'Representative Blackburn is already recognized as one of the foremost and fearless leaders of the pro-life caucus here in Washington. She is never afraid to go on offense for the unborn and women whether she is debating opposing members of Congress or media pundits. We're thrilled to present her with the Distinguished Leader Award in recognition for her courage in taking on the tragedy of late abortion.'" [Susan B. Anthony List Press Release, [3/11/14](#)]

**Susan B. Anthony List Supported Blackburn Since Her First Campaign In 2002 And Called Her Election Along With Other Candidates, A "Tremendous Gain" For The "Pro-Life Movement."** According to a press release from the Susan B. Anthony List, "The Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund is celebrating yesterday's election of 22 out of the 30 pro-life candidates it endorsed, one remains in a run-off. Last night's wins increase the number of pro-life women in Congress from a total of 7 to 12, including the first pro-life woman Senator. 'We are elated with the fact that the percentage of pro-life women in Congress jumped 71% in last night's elections,' said Jane Abraham, President. 'This is a tremendous gain for the movement, and really demonstrates the strength of the pro-life message in these tight political races.' \* There are now 8 new Susan B. Anthony List votes -- all pro-life -- in the U.S. House of Representatives. Marsha Blackburn (TN-07), Chris Chocola (IN-02), Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25), Scott Garrett (NJ-05), Katherine Harris (FL-13), Bill Janklow (SD-AL), Candice Miller (MI-10), and Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04)." [Susan B. Anthony List Press Release, [11/6/02](#)]

**The Susan B. Anthony List Donated \$31,059 To Blackburn Since Her First Election In 2002.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the Susan B. Anthony List gave \$31,059 to Rep. Marsha Blackburn from 2002 to 2014. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/10/15](#)]

*The Susan B. Anthony List's Top Legislative Priorities Were "Defunding Planned Parenthood" And "Ending All Federal Funding Of Abortion"*



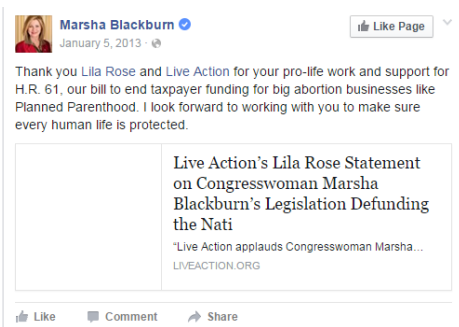
**Susan B. Anthony List's "Sole Aim Is To Abolish Abortion."** According to The New Yorker, "[Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie] Dannenfelser's group is named for the pioneering feminist, and modelled on EMILY's List, the powerful pro-choice organization, but it has little in common with most feminist groups; its sole aim is to abolish abortion. The S.B.A. List supports politicians who are pro-life (this, and not 'anti-abortion,' is their preferred term) and, ideally, female—the better to deflect the old but effective charge that the battle against abortion is necessarily a battle against the half of the population that might potentially undergo one." [New Yorker, [10/27/14](#)]

**SBA List's Top Legislative Priorities Were "Defunding Planned Parenthood" And "Ending All Federal Funding Of Abortion."** According to its website, "SBA List has two main legislative priorities: ending all federal funding of abortion and ending taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood." The "Pro-Life Legislation" section of the website includes individual pages for "Defunding Planned Parenthood" and "H.R. 3 No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act." [SBA-List.org, accessed [4/18/13](#)]

**SBA List Defended Todd Akin Following His "Legitimate Rape" Comments.** According to the Washington Post, "Republican leadership has a not so-subtle-hint for Todd Akin: They would like the Missouri Senate candidate, who remarked that 'legitimate rape' rarely results in pregnancy, out of the race — and sooner rather than later. [...] Pro-life groups, however, have taken a decidedly different take. Both the Susan B. Anthony List and Family Research Council have stood by Akin. They don't see him as a politician who has made a career ending gaffe. In their view, he's a strong abortion right opponent who articulated a tenet of the pro-life movement: Abortion should be illegal in all situations, rape included. 'Todd Akin ... has a record of voting to protect human life,' said Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser, reaffirming her support in a statement. He 'has been an excellent partner in the fight for the unborn.'" [Washington Post, [8/21/12](#)]

### **Marsha Blackburn Thanked Lila Rose And Live Action For Their Support Of Her Bill To Defund Planned Parenthood**

**Marsha Blackburn Thanked Lila Rose And Live Action For Their Support Of Her Bill To Defund Planned Parenthood.** According to a post by Marsha Blackburn on Facebook, "Thank you Lila Rose and Live Action for your pro-life work and support for H.R. 61, our bill to end taxpayer funding for big abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood. I look forward to working with you to make sure every human life is protected." [Facebook, [1/5/13](#)]



[Facebook, [1/5/13](#)]

**Marsha Blackburn Appeared With Lila Rose In 2013 To "Promote Live Action's New Video Series, Exposing America's Late-Term Abortion Industry" Hosted By The Family Research Council.** According to Live Action's website, "May 21, 2013 VIDEO: Inhuman: Undercover in America's Late-Term Abortion Industry Tony Perkins, FRC 'Join FRC as we promote Live Action's new video series, exposing America's late-term abortion industry. Speakers include Tony Perkins, President, Family Research Council; Lila Rose, President, Live Action; Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.); Rep. Trent Franks (R-Ariz.)'" [LiveAction.org, viewed [11/11/15](#)]

*Live Action Released Misleading Undercover Videos As Part Of Its Goal To End A Woman's Right To Choose*

**Lila Rose Was The President Of Live Action, A Group She Started At Fifteen Years Old That Was Dedicated To Ending A Woman's Right To Choose.** According to the Live Action website, "Lila Rose is the president of Live Action, a new media nonprofit dedicated to ending abortion and building a culture of life. Lila founded Live Action when she was

fifteen years old. The group utilizes investigative journalism to expose the Abortion Industry's threats against the vulnerable and defenseless. Live Action uses the results of these investigations to reveal the humanity of the unborn – to inspire the nation to take action to end abortion in America through new media.” [LiveAction.org, accessed [11/9/15](#)]

- **Live Action Was A “New Media Movement Dedicated To Building A Culture Of Life And Ending Abortion.”** According to Live Action's about page, “In 2008, Live Action was legally formed as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. The group is a new media movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our time. Live Action uses powerful and dynamic media platforms to educate the public about the humanity of the preborn and investigative journalism to expose the threats against the vulnerable and defenseless [sic]” [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]
- **Live Action Utilized “Undercover Investigations” To Generate Content.** According to Live Action's about page, “Utilizing undercover investigations, Live Action has documented rampant sexual abuse cover-up, racism, medical misinformation, the willingness to assist sex traffickers, false statements made by Planned Parenthood executives, sex-selective abortion, and infanticide. Live Action's exposés publicize these abuses, so the whole world can see the horrors going on right in our backyards – and paid for with our tax money.” [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]

*The Founder Of The Center For Medical Progress, David Daleiden, Which Released Undercover Videos Against Planned Parenthood, Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research*

**David Daleiden Founded The Center For Medical Progress, The Group Behind The “Undercover Campaign” Against Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, “[David] Daleiden, 26, is the anti-abortion activist who masterminded the recent undercover campaign aimed at proving that Planned Parenthood illegally sells what he calls aborted ‘baby body parts.’ He captured intimate details of the famously guarded organization, hobnobbing at conferences so secretive that they require background checks and talking his way into a back laboratory at a Colorado clinic where he picked through the remains of aborted fetuses and displayed them luridly for the camera. [...] [Troy] Newman is one of three board members for the nonprofit Daleiden set up, the unassumingly named Center for Medical Progress. Another is Daleiden, and the third is Albin Rhomberg, who made headlines in the 1980s when he broke into the Los Angeles County coroner's office to photograph aborted fetuses.” [Washington Post, [10/14/15](#)]

- **David Daleiden Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research.** According to an archived web page on the Live Action website, “David took on his current role as Director of Research for Live Action in 2008 during the early stages of the Mona Lisa Project. In March 2009, David and a fellow student were banned from sister campus Pomona College after videotaping a Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles speaker denying Planned Parenthood's responsibility for the cover-up of statutory rape. The ban was soon lifted after intense public scrutiny.” [LiveAction.org via Web.archive.org, [8/17/09](#)]

### **Blackburn Received Awards From The Family Research Council**

**The Family Research Council Awarded Its 2005 “True Blue Award” To Marsha Blackburn, Along With Rep. Todd Akin.** According to a press release from the Family Research Council, “This morning the Family Research Council (FRC) proudly presented this year's ‘True Blue Awards’ to 24 Members of Congress at a Capitol Hill Club breakfast. Those in attendance included: Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO) Rep. J. Gresham Barrett (R-SC) Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) Rep. Roy Blunt (R-MO).” [Family Research Council Press Release, [10/26/05](#)]

**Marsha Blackburn Was Awarded The Family Research Council's 2014 “True Blue Award” By FRC President Tony Perkins And American Family Association President Tim Wildmon.** According to a tweet by Rep. Marsha Blackburn, “Honored to receive @FRCAction True Blue Award from AFA's Tim Wildmon & @FRCdc @tperkins today.” [Twitter, [2/27/14](#)]

**Family Research Council President Tony Perkins: “We're Grateful to Have People Like Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn In Congress.”** [FRC.org, [5/21/13](#)]

*Family Research Council Worked Against A Woman's Right To Choose And Was Designated A Hate Group By The Southern Poverty Law Center*

**The Family Research Council Worked Against A Woman's Right To Choose.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, "As an independent nonprofit, the FRC continued its work in 'pro-family' areas, working against abortion and stem cell research, fighting pornography and homosexuality, and promoting 'the Judeo-Christian worldview as the basis for a just, free, and stable society.' That work would establish FRC as one of the most powerful of the far right's advocacy groups." [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [11/6/15](#)]

**The Family Research Council Was Designated "An Anti-LGBT Hate Group" By The Southern Poverty Law Center.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, "Tony Perkins heads the Family Research Council, an anti-LGBT hate group located in Washington, D.C. Perkins has a sordid political history, having once purchased Klansman David Duke's mailing list for use in a Louisiana political campaign he was managing. In 2001, Perkins gave a speech to a Louisiana chapter of the Council of Conservative Citizens, a white supremacist group. Since joining the FRC, Perkins has taken the group in a harder anti-LGBT direction, using it to publish false propaganda about that community and contending that gay rights advocates intend to round up Christians in 'boxcars.'" [Southern Poverty Law Center, viewed [11/9/15](#)]

### **Blackburn Was A Member Of Concerned Women For America's "Honorary Host Committee" Of Its "35 Years Of Defending Life" Dinner**

**Blackburn Was Listed As A Member Of Concerned Women For America's "Honorary Host Committee" Of Its "35 Years Of Defending Life" Dinner.** [CWFA.org, [December 2013](#)]

*Concerned Women For America Opposed Abortion And CWA CEO And President Penny Nancy Said It Was "Not Enough For Abortion To Be Illegal. We Should Make It Unthinkable"*

**CWA Was Opposed To Abortion, "Fetal Tissue Experimentation, And Embryonic Research."** According to the Concerned Women for America website, "We are concerned about...The protection of innocent human life — including protecting the unborn from abortion, fetal tissue experimentation, and embryonic research; and society from euthanasia, cloning, population control and human genetic engineering." [CWFA.org, accessed [5/21/14](#)]

**CWA CEO And President Penny Nance: "It's Not Enough For Abortion To Be Illegal. We Should Make It Unthinkable."** According to an interview of Penny Nance by the National Review, "[CWA CEO And President Penny] Nance: [...] 'At the same time, Concerned Women members all over this nation volunteer in ministries that exist to help women in crisis. It's not enough for abortion to be illegal. We should make it unthinkable.'" [National Review, [3/24/15](#)]

### **National Right To Life Announced It Was "Especially Pleased" By The Election Of Blackburn In 2002**

**National Right Life's PAC Announced It Was "Especially Pleased" By The Election Of Blackburn In 2002, Along With Other "Pro-Life Women."** According to a post by then-NRL PAC Director, Carol Tobias, on the NRL website, "While the election of pro-life senators took center stage and garnered the top headlines, pro-life candidates for the House of Representatives were also having a banner night. Of the 52 new members in the House, 34 are solidly pro-life. Of these 34, 31 are Republicans and three are Democrats. [...] National Right to Life is especially pleased to welcome a number of new pro-life women to Congress. Along with Elizabeth Dole (R-NC), who won the open Senate seat in North Carolina, new pro-life House members are Katherine Harris (R-Fl.), Candice Miller (R-Mi.), Marilyn Musgrave (R-Co.), and Marsha Blackburn (R-Tn.)." [NRLC.org, [2002](#)]

**Blackburn Received A Perfect 100% Pro-Life Voting Record In The Scorecard Issued By National Right To Life.** According to the National Right to Life's website, National Right to Life gave Rep. Marsha Blackburn a 100% score on its federal NRLC scorecard for the 114th Congress. [National Right to Life Scorecard, accessed [11/13/15](#)]

*National Right To Life Claimed To Be The "Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization"*



**The National Right To Life Committee Called Itself “The Nation’s Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization” That Works To “Protect Innocent Human Life From Abortion.”** According to the National Right to Life Committee’s website, “Founded in 1968, National Right to Life, the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia.” [NRLC.org/about, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**The NRLC Produced The Silent Scream, Which Claimed To Show “A Sonogram Of A First-Trimester Abortion In Which The Fetus Opened Its Mouth In What The Narrator Said Was A Wounded Cry.”** According to The Atlantic, “The more pragmatic set found early on that abstract arguments about the sanctity of life didn’t resonate as well with lay Evangelicals as did vivid descriptions of the abortion process. The 1984 video The Silent Scream, produced by the NRLC, purported to show a sonogram of a first-trimester abortion in which the fetus opened its mouth in what the narrator said was a wounded cry.” [The Atlantic, [11/18/13](#)]

### **Blackburn Received Donations From The Eagle Forum**

**The Eagle Forum Donated \$2,000 To Blackburn In 2002 And \$1,000 To Blackburn In 2008.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Eagle Forum donated \$2,000 to Rep. Marsha Blackburn in 2002 and \$1,000 to Rep. Marsha Blackburn in 2008. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/10/15](#)]

**Marsha Blackburn Tweeted That She Was “Celebrating With The Incredible Phyllis Schlafly,” Founder Of The Eagle Forum, At The Weyrich Awards Dinner.** According to a tweet by Rep. Marsha Blackburn, “ Celebrating with the incredible Phyllis Schlafly and @EagleForuminfo at the Weyrich Awards dinner.” [Twitter, [2/25/15](#)]

- **Phyllis Schlafly Was An “Antiabortion Activist” And An “Opponent Of The Radical Feminist Movement”**  
According to the Washington Post, “Phyllis Schlafly, antiabortion activist, told washingtonpost.com, ‘Roe v. Wade was the worst decision in the history of the U.S. Supreme Court and is responsible for the killing of millions of unborn babies,’ Schlafly was online Friday, Jan. 18, at 3 p.m. EST, to discuss the landmark case and its effect on the nation. Schlafly has been a national leader of the conservative movement since the publication of her best-selling 1964 book, ‘A Choice, Not An Echo.’ She has been a leader of the pro-family movement since 1972, when she started her national volunteer organization now called Eagle Forum. An articulate opponent of the radical feminist movement, she frequently appears in debate on college campuses.” [Washington Post, [1/18/02](#)]

### **Foster Friess Donated \$1000 To Marsha Blackburn In The 2014 Election Cycle**

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*“Mega Donor” Foster Friess On Women: “Back In My Days, They Used Bayer Aspirin For Contraception. The Gals Put It Between Their Knees, And It Wasn’t That Costly”*

**“Mega Donor” Foster Friess On Women: “Back In My Days, They Used Bayer Aspirin For Contraception. The Gals Put It Between Their Knees, And It Wasn’t That Costly.”** According to Politico’s Burns & Haberman Blog, “Foster Friess, the mega donor behind the pro-Rick Santorum Super PAC, dismissed questions about his patron’s controversial views on women in combat, contraception and gay marriage. [...] He went on: ‘On this contraceptive thing, my Gosh it’s such [sic] inexpensive,’ he added. ‘You know, back in my days, they used Bayer aspirin for contraception. The gals put it between their knees, and it wasn’t that costly.’ Host Andrea Mitchell interjected, ‘Excuse me, I’m just trying to catch my breath from that, Mr. Friess, frankly,’ she said after a long pause. ‘Let’s change the subject.’” [Politico, [2/16/12](#)]

## **Subcommittee Member Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA)**

## **REP. JOE PITTS WAS CHOSEN TO SERVE ON THE SELECT PANEL TO INVESTIGATE PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

**Rep. Joe Pitts Was Selected As A Member Of The Select Panel To Investigate Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, “House Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) rolled out the leaders of his new select panel to investigate the abortion practices of Planned Parenthood, an eight-member group promoting the female members of the Republican Conference. [...] Here’s the full lineup of Republicans on the committee: Marsha Blackburn, Chairman (R-TN) Joe Pitts (R-PA) Diane Black (R-TN) Larry Bucshon (R-IN) Sean Duffy (R-WI) Andy Harris (R-MD) Vicki Hartzler (-MO) Mia Love (R-UT).” [Washington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

## **PITTS HAS ALREADY MADE HIS BIAS AGAINST PLANNED PARENTHOOD CLEAR AND WAS A “LEADING CONGRESSIONAL OPPONENT OF ABORTION RIGHTS”**

### **Pitts Co-Sponsored The “Defund Planned Parenthood Act Of 2015”**

**Pitts Co-Sponsored The “Defund Planned Parenthood Act Of 2015.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) co-sponsored H.R. 3134 or the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015. The act “prohibits, for a one-year period, the availability of federal funds for any purpose to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any of its affiliates or clinics, unless they certify that the affiliates and clinics will not perform, and will not provide any funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion during such period. The restriction will not apply in cases of rape or incest or where a physical condition endangers a woman's life unless an abortion is performed. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture must seek repayment of federal assistance received by Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any affiliate or clinic, if it violates the terms of the certification required by this Act.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

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### **Pitts Was “A Leading Congressional Opponent Of Abortion Rights,” Said The “Pro-Life Movement Is All About” Overturning Roe V. Wade**

**Pitts Was “A Leading Congressional Opponent Of Abortion Rights.”** According to The New York Times, “A leading Congressional opponent of abortion rights, who is in line to take charge of an influential House panel, plans to press for much stricter limits on the procedure. The selection of the lawmaker, Representative Joe Pitts, Republican of Pennsylvania, as chairman of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health presages a major shift on abortion and family planning, according to opponents and supporters of abortion rights. Opponents of abortion gained about 45 seats in the midterm elections, and they count the next speaker, Representative John A. Boehner, Republican of Ohio, as a staunch ally, virtually guaranteeing more conflicts with the White House on the issue.” [New York Times, [12/11/10](#)]

**Pitts: “The Pro-Life Movement Is All About” Overturning The Supreme Court Decision Roe V. Wade.** According to a speech by Rep. Joe Pitts at Concerned Women for America’s 2012 March for Life event, “That’s what the pro-life movement is all about – altering a destructive Supreme Court decision. We all know that Supreme Court decisions are not sacrosanct, look at Dredd Scott, they’ve reversed themselves over a 100 times in history. And keep your eye on the prize this election, this year. It’s not just what we do here in Washington, it’s this presidential race. And the nominee who will appoint strict constructionists, pro-life nominees who will overturn this destructive opinion, Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton opinion. That’s what’s at stake here. So before it’s over with, President Obama will turn himself into a pro-life candidate, he’s so good at spin. He’s blaming us now for the Keystone pipeline [...] You know with his spin you gotta be careful. He will deceive the American people. The most pro-abortion, anti-family candidate and President in our nation’s history. And of course we know President Obama can’t be reelected if he runs on his record, he’ll create other issues.” [Joe Pitts – CWA’s March for Life 2012 Event via YouTube, [1/26/12](#)]

**Pitts: “Abortion Is Not Health Care. It’s A Brutal Procedure That Ends Lives Of Unborn Children.”** According to the Associated Press, “On the House floor Thursday, a debate that has raged virtually every year for decades was emotional, as usual. ‘Abortion is not health care. It’s a brutal procedure that ends lives of unborn children,’ said Rep. Joseph Pitts, R-Pa. ‘I urge my colleagues to stand with the hundreds of thousands of people out on the Mall right now by voting for this bill,’ said House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif.” [Associated Press, [1/22/15](#)]

## **PITTS SUPPORTED “CONSCIENCE” PROVISIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW ANYONE IN THE HEALTH INDUSTRY TO DENY WOMEN CONTRACEPTION**

**Pitts Discussed His Anti-Choice “Priorities” At A CWA Event, Including Banning Federal Funding Of Abortions And “Conscience” Provisions Allowing Anyone In The Health Industry To Deny Women Contraception.** According to a speech by Rep. Joe Pitts at Concerned Women for America’s 2012 March for Life event, “Briefly a status report. We got 87 and then with two specials, 89 pro-life freshman, the most of any change since the second World War, and they are so inspirational. They’re passionately conservative and trying to make a difference, it’s so refreshing. The first thing we did was to move out of the health subcommittee and onto the floor and pass the pro-life acts HR 3 and HR 358. One was specifically aimed at Obamacare, overturning taxpayer funded abortions, the other one applies to all programs. We must establish in statute the ban on taxpayer funded abortions. His executive order won’t cut it, executive orders are easily overturned by an administration or by a court. And so we must get that in statute. The second priority is a conscience provision in statute, protect the rights of conscience for medical types involved in the health industry, but everyone. So they can’t be compelled - like the President’s trying to do with the interim final rule on prevention services to force entities to provide coverage for abortifacients, ella, Plan B, sterilization services – we must establish that in statute. And we have a couple of bills on that regard, some we’ve acted – a couple still to be active on. Another thing I think we should do is establish again, more firmly a statute in defense of marriage.” [Joe Pitts – CWA’s March for Life 2012 Event via YouTube, [1/26/12](#)]

### **Pitts Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Exempt Any Group Or Company That Objected To Contraception The Obama Administration’s Contraceptive Mandate**

**Pitts Co-Sponsored The Health Care Conscience Rights Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) co-sponsored H.R.940 or the Health Care Conscience Rights Act. The act “[a]mends title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to declare that nothing in that title requires an individual to purchase individual health insurance coverage that includes coverage of an abortion or other item or service to which the individual has a moral or religious objection, or prevent an issuer from offering coverage excluding such item or service to that individual.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**The Bill Fought Against The Obama Administration's Contraceptive Mandate, Giving "Any Individual Or Group That Opposes Contraception An Automatic Exemption From The Requirement That Employee Health Insurance Plans Provide Birth Control."** According to The Tennessean, "Conservative religious groups hope a new bill filed by U.S. Rep. Diane Black, R-Gallatin, will help them in their fight against the Obama administration's contraceptive mandate. Known as the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, the bill would give any individual or group that opposes contraception an automatic exemption. The bill would also protect health-care workers from having to participate in abortions as part of their work or training." [The Tennessean, 3/6/13]

**Faith-Based Groups Were Exempted From The Mandate But Radical Groups Pushed For The Passage Of The Conscience Rights Act So Any Group Or Company That Objected To Contraception Could Be Exempt.** According to The Tennessean, "'I am proud to introduce the Health Care Conscience Rights Act to protect religious freedom, disempower Obamacare, and stop the administration's assault on Americans' First Amendment rights,' Black said in a prepared statement. Last month the Obama administration released new rules for how the mandate would apply to faith-based groups. Churches are exempt. Other faith-based nonprofits, such as hospitals and schools, got an accommodation. Under that accommodation, the faith-based groups don't have to pay for contraception if they object to it. Instead, their insurance companies would have to provide a separate policy for contraception, at no charge to workers. Critics such as Tony Perkins, president of Washington-based Family Research Council, said the accommodation isn't good enough. He said all faith groups and for-profit companies should be exempt if they object to contraception. Even groups that believe birth control is moral should oppose the mandate, he said.'" [The Tennessean, 3/6/13]

**The 2015 Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

## **PITTS OPPOSED EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH**

**Pitts On The Executive Order Overturning The Ban On The Federal Funding Of Embryonic Stem Cell Research: Obama "Has Chosen To Force American Taxpayers To Fund Research That Destroys Human Life."** According to a press release from Rep. Joe Pitts, "Congressman Joe Pitts (PA-16), Chairman of the House Values Action Team, released the following statement today after President Obama signed an Executive Order overturning the ban on the federal funding of embryo-destructive stem cell research. 'I am disappointed that President Obama has chosen to force American taxpayers to fund research that destroys human life against the objections of their conscience. This comes just days after he overturned regulations that protect healthcare workers from being forced to perform procedures that violate their conscience. For a President that spoke of uniting the nation, these are very divisive actions.'" [Joe Pitts Press Release, [3/9/09](#)]

**Pitts Warned Legislators That Anti-Abortion Groups Would Score Members On How They Voted On Overturning Restrictions On Embryonic Stem Cell Research.** According to a press release from Rep. Joe Pitts, "Thwarted by President Bush in their efforts to expand federal spending on embryonic stem cell research, Democrats are now debating whether to overturn federal restrictions through executive order or by legislation when they assume full control of the government this month. [...] But anti-abortion leaders in Congress say that they are determined to resist changes in the stem cell policy and that their opponents will be held accountable at home, even if the political climate in Washington has shifted. 'Pro-life members in both caucuses will fight strongly to preserve sanctity of life ethics,' said Representative Joe Pitts, Republican of Pennsylvania. 'If they force it by legislation, those will be the votes the pro-life community will score to educate the voters as to where members stand on these issues.'" [Joe Pitts Press Release, [3/9/09](#)]

## **PITTS SPONSORED AND SUPPORTED RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE BILLS**

**Pitts Sponsored A 2011 Bill That Would Allow Federally Funded Hospitals Refuse A Woman Abortion Care Even If She Would Die Without It**

**Pitts Sponsored The "Protect Life Act" In 2011, Which "Would Impose A Statutory Ban On Using Taxpayer Money To Fund Abortion Under The New Health Care Law, Making The Argument That The Current Prohibition Is Too Weak."** According to LancasterOnline, "A proposal by U.S. Rep. Joe Pitts to permanently ban what he sees as the inevitable use of taxpayer money for abortions is expected to be taken up by the House Thursday. Critics say he and other supporters are



putting politics ahead of women's health. Heated debate over the Protect Life Act, authored by Pitts and cosponsored by a third of his colleagues in the House, could last through the end of the week and is certain to reignite one of the most divisive issues of our time. The Protect Life Act would impose a statutory ban on using taxpayer money to fund abortion under the new health care law, making the argument that the current prohibition is too weak. The exceptions would be in cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life." [LancasterOnline, [10/12/11](#)]

**Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates Executive Director Sari Stevens: The Bill “Would Allow A Hospital To Deny Lifesaving Abortion Care To A Woman.”** According to LancasterOnline, “‘They're calling it the Protect Life Act. We're calling it the Women Will Die Act,’ Sari Stevens, executive director of Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates, said. Dawn Laguens, the executive vice president for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, called the Pitts legislation ‘a demolition derby of dangerous ideas that undermine women's access to care.’ ‘... The bill eliminates protections for patients seeking care in emergency circumstances, and would allow a hospital to deny lifesaving abortion care to a woman, even if a doctor deems it necessary,’ Laguens said.” [LancasterOnline, [10/12/11](#)]

**The Act “Would Allow Federally-Funded Hospitals That Oppose Abortions To Refuse To Perform The Procedure, Even In Cases Where A Woman Would Die Without It.”** According to the Huffington Post, “The House is scheduled to vote this week on a new bill that would allow federally-funded hospitals that oppose abortions to refuse to perform the procedure, even in cases where a woman would die without it. Under current law, every hospital that receives Medicare or Medicaid money is legally required to provide emergency care to any patient in need, regardless of his or her financial situation. If a hospital is unable to provide what the patient needs -- including a life-saving abortion -- it has to transfer the patient to a hospital that can. Under H.R. 358, dubbed the ‘Protect Life Act’ and sponsored by Rep. Joe Pitts (R-Pa.), hospitals that don't want to provide abortions could refuse to do so, even for a pregnant woman with a life-threatening complication that requires a doctor terminate her pregnancy. This provision would apply to the more than 600 Catholic hospitals governed by the Catholic Health Association, which are regulated by bishops and prohibited from performing abortions.” [Huffington Post, [10/11/11](#)]

**The Bill Removed A Requirement That Directed Hospitals That Can’t Provide Emergency Abortion Services To Transfer Women To Hospitals That Can Treat Them.** According to CNN, “Pro-abortion-rights groups like Planned Parenthood also maintain the bill adds a new restriction. Currently, hospitals that receive federal funds but don't have facilities to treat women who may need emergency abortion services are directed to transfer those patients to a health care facility that can treat them. The Pitts bill removes that requirement. A day after the House passed the three trade agreements with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea with sizable bipartisan votes, debate in the House chamber on the abortion bill Thursday was heated and at times became personal.” [CNN, [10/13/11](#)]

### **Pitts Co-Sponsored The 2013 “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act,” Called By The New York Times, “The Most Restrictive Abortion Bill To Come Out Of Congress In At Least A Decade”**

**Pitts Co-Sponsored The 2013 “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.** According to Govtrack.us, Rep. Joe Pitts co-sponsored H.R. 1797 the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, introduced April 26, 2013. [Govtrack.us, accessed [11/12/15](#)]

**The 2013 “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act,” Was Called By The New York Times, “The Most Restrictive Abortion Bill To Come Out Of Congress In At Least A Decade.”** According to The New York Times, “The As the Republican-controlled House of Representatives approved this month the most restrictive abortion bill to come out of Congress in at least a decade [the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act], abortion rights defenders mounted a full-blown campaign to blunt what they instantly labeled ‘a new war on women.’ [...] Representative Marsha Blackburn, Republican of Tennessee, speaking on Fox News last Saturday, brought up a poll showing that some 60 percent of Americans opposed second-trimester abortions. Ms. Blackburn led the anti-abortion legislation on the House floor, though the bill’s author was Representative Trent Franks of Arizona, who enraged some women with a comment that few rapes resulted in pregnancies. But Ms. Blackburn raised eyebrows, too, when she seemed to suggest that the House bill could lead to fewer rapes.” [New York Times, [6/25/13](#)]

*The Bill Banned Abortion After 22 Weeks, Allowing Exceptions For Women Who Were Raped Or The Victim Of Incest, But Only If They “Report The Crime To The Authorities First”*

**The Bill Banned Abortion After 22 Weeks, Allowing Exceptions For Women Who Were Raped Or The Victim Of Incest, But Only If They “Report The Crime To The Authorities First.”** According to CNN, “House Republican leaders are hoping to head off a repeat of last week’s controversy over the issue of whether there should be an exception for cases of rape and incest in a GOP sponsored bill banning late term abortions by adding that exception before the House debates the measure on Tuesday. Republican members on the House Judiciary committee, which marked up the abortion bill last week, voted down a Democratic amendment to allow women who are raped to obtain an abortion beyond 22 weeks into a pregnancy. But House GOP leaders decided to add a slightly different exception to the bill after several GOP members expressed concerns about the issue, according to two House Republican leadership aides. The new language permits an exception for those women who get pregnant through rape or incest to obtain an abortion if they report the crime to the authorities first.” [CNN, [6/25/13](#)]

**When A 20 Week Abortion Ban Was Introduced Again In 2015 The Same Reporting Requirements Led To “A Revolt By Female GOP Lawmakers.”** According to The Washington Post, “House Republican leaders abruptly dropped plans late Wednesday to vote on an anti-abortion bill amid a revolt by female GOP lawmakers concerned that the legislation’s restrictive language would once again spoil the party’s chances of broadening its appeal to women and younger voters. In recent days, as many as two dozen Republicans had raised concerns with the ‘Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act’ that would ban abortions after the 20th week of a pregnancy. Sponsors said that exceptions would be allowed for a woman who is raped, but she could only get the abortion after reporting the rape to law enforcement.” [Washington Post, [1/21/15](#)]

### **Pitts Was An “Original Co-Sponsor” Of The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, Which Would Defund Planned Parenthood**

**Pitts Was An “Original Co-Sponsor” Of The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act In 2013.** According to a press release from Rep. Diane Black, “Today, U.S. Representative Diane Black (R-TN) joined by Republican Study Committee Chairman Steve Scalise (R-LA), Pro-Life Caucus Co-Chairman Chris Smith (R-NJ), Value Action Team Co-Chairmen Joe Pitts and John Fleming and 19 additional House members re-introduced the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act. This bill ensures that Title X family planning grants are used for their intended purpose and are prohibited from being used by organizations that provide abortions. Original cosponsors include Reps. Steve Scalise (R-LA), Chris Smith (R-NJ), John Fleming (R-LA), Joe Pitts (R-PA), Tom Price (R-GA), Phil Roe (R-TN), Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN), Adrian Smith (R-NE), Peter Roskam (R-IL), Martha Roby (R-AL), Steve King (R-IA), Jeff Duncan (R-SC), Bill Flores (R-TX), Lou Barletta (R-PA), Blake Farenthold (R-TX), Jason Amash (R-MI), Rick Crawford (R-AR), Tom Graves (R-GA), Trent Franks (R-AZ), Virginia Foxx (R-VA), Mike Kelly (R-PA), Tom Reed (R-NY) and Renee Ellmers (R-NC). Click here to view the legislation.” [Diane Black Press Release, [1/4/13](#)]

**LifeNews: The Act “Would Officially De-Fund The Planned Parenthood Abortion Business.”** According to LifeNews, “The legislation that would officially de-fund the Planned Parenthood abortion business by revoking its federal taxpayer funding has been reintroduced by a leading pro-life congresswoman. Rep. Marsha Blackburn, a Tennessee Republican, is picking up the Planned Parenthood de-funding mantle from former Congressman Mike Pence, who was elected as Indiana’s governor and was the prime sponsor of the bill House Republicans approved and Senate Democrats defeated. Blackburn informed LifeNews today that she has introduced the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act (H.R. 61), which would stop the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from providing federal family planning assistance under Title X to abortion businesses until they certify they won’t provide and refer for abortions.” [LifeNews, [1/4/13](#)]

**The Bill Would Have Taken “Federal Funds Used By Planned Parenthood To Provide STD Tests, Contraception And Cancer Screenings” And Redirected Them “To Other Health Centers Instead.”** According to the Huffington Post, “[Rep. Marsha] Blackburn sponsored the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act in an attempt to codify the Hyde Amendment into federal law. She also sponsored the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, which aimed to take the federal funds used by Planned Parenthood to provide STD tests, contraception and cancer screenings, and redirect them to other health centers instead. Various states have beaten Congress to the punch by cutting off Planned Parenthood’s Title X funds.” [Huffington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

**The 2013 Act Was Stalled In The House Energy And Commerce Committee And Reintroduced In 2015 And Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health .** [Congress.gov, H.R.217 [2013](#), [2015](#) accessed [11/18/15](#)]

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**Pitts “Co-Authored The Stupak-Pitts Amendment To Health Reform That, If It Had Passed, Would Have Greatly Restricted Insurance Providers’ Ability To Cover Abortion.”** According to Politico, “Pitts voted against allowing Planned Parenthood clinics to participate in federal family planning programs and received a 0 percent ‘pro-choice’ ranking from NARAL last year. He co-authored the Stupak-Pitts Amendment to health reform that, if it had passed, would have greatly restricted insurance providers’ ability to cover abortion. That's exactly why he's so popular with social conservatives, many of whom are wary of Upton's record on ‘life’ issues, including abortion, contraception and stem cell research.” [Politico, [11/19/10](#)]

**The Amendment Added Language To The Health Care Reform Bill That Would Have “Heavily” Restricted “Federal Funding For Abortion Procedures.”** According to ABC News, “An amendment included in the House health care bill passed this weekend promising to restrict federal funding for abortions has reignited a fiery debate on one of the most controversial issues in the country. The Stupak-Pitts amendment, passed in a 240-194 vote Saturday with the notable support of 64 Democrats, adds language to the health care bill that would, if passed by the Senate, heavily restrict federal funding for abortion procedures.” [ABC News, [11/9/09](#)]

**“Individuals Who Would Receive A Government Subsidy For Health Care Under The Plan ...Would Also Be Prohibited From Buying An Insurance Plan That Covers Abortions.”** According to ABC News, “According to the amendment, no government funds under the new health care plan could go toward the payment for an abortion, except in cases of rape, incest or when a mother's life is in danger. Those individuals who would receive a government subsidy for health care under the plan -- any four-person family making \$88,000 a year or less -- would also be prohibited from buying an insurance plan that covers abortions.” [ABC News, [11/9/09](#)]

**PITTS WAS SUPPORTED BY RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE GROUPS AND DONORS**

**In 2010 Anti-Choice Activists Launched “A Full-Blown Lobbying Campaign” To Make Pitts The Chair Of The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health**

**In 2010 Anti-Choice Activists Launched “A Full-Blown Lobbying Campaign To Give Rep. Joe Pitts...The Powerful Gavel Of The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.”** According to Politico, “Anti-abortion activists have launched a full-blown lobbying campaign to give Rep. Joe Pitts (R-Pa.) — a key lawmaker in the movement — the powerful gavel of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, which sets policy on abortion.” [Politico, [11/19/10](#)]

**Politico Headline: “Anti-Abortion Groups Lobby For Pitts.”** [Politico, [11/19/10](#)]

**Politico: Pitts’ Anti-Choice Record Pitts Is “Exactly Why He's So Popular With Social Conservatives.”** According to Politico, “Pitts voted against allowing Planned Parenthood clinics to participate in federal family planning programs and received a 0 percent ‘pro-choice’ ranking from NARAL last year. He co-authored the Stupak-Pitts Amendment to health reform that, if it had passed, would have greatly restricted insurance providers’ ability to cover abortion. That's exactly why he's so popular with social conservatives, many of whom are wary of Upton's record on ‘life’ issues, including abortion, contraception and stem cell research.” [Politico, [11/19/10](#)]

**The National Right To Life Committee Urged GOP Leaders To Select Pitt To Chair The Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** According to The New York Times, “The selection of the lawmaker, Representative Joe Pitts, Republican of Pennsylvania, as chairman of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health presages a major shift on

abortion and family planning, according to opponents and supporters of abortion rights. [...] Mr. Pitts was chosen last week as the chairman of the subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over private health insurance, Medicaid and much of Medicare, as well as the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health. In urging Republican leaders to choose Mr. Pitts, the National Right to Life Committee said he had ‘made the protection of the sanctity of innocent human life the cornerstone of his service in the House.’” [New York Times, [12/11/10](#)]

**The National Right To Life Said That “Anti-Abortion Activists Could Only Accept” The Election Of Rep. Fred Upton As Chairman Of Energy And Commerce “If Pitts Was Assigned To Run The Health Subcommittee.”**

According to Politico, “The new focus on the Pennsylvania Republican may suggest that well-informed interest groups have concluded that moderate Michigan Rep. Fred Upton is likely to win the contested chairmanship of the full Energy and Commerce Committee. In a letter sent Thursday to members of the panel of House GOP leaders who pick committee chairmen, the National Right to Life Committee's legislative director, Douglas Johnson, wrote that anti-abortion activists could only accept the election of Upton as chairman of Energy and Commerce if Pitts is assigned to run the Health Subcommittee and abortion foes win seats on the committee.” [Politico, [11/19/10](#)]

**National Right To Life Committee's Legislative Director, Douglas Johnson: There Needs To Be An “Assurance That The Health Subcommittee Will Be Chaired By Mr. Pitts.”**

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**SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser: “Congressman Joe Pitts’ Appointment As Chairman Of The Health Subcommittee — The Critical Subcommittee For Abortion Policy — Is A Non-Negotiable.”** According to Politico, “The Susan B. Anthony List, a political action committee that supports anti-abortion candidates, joined the NRLC Friday morning. ‘Given Congressman Fred Upton's record, Congressman Joe Pitts’ appointment as chairman of the Health Subcommittee — the critical subcommittee for abortion policy — is a non-negotiable,’ SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser said.” [Politico, [11/19/10](#)]

**The Susan B. Anthony List Called Pitts A “Pro-Life Champion”**

**The Susan B. Anthony List Congratulated “Pro-Life Champion” Joe Pitts On His 2010 Appointment To Chairman Of The Energy And Commerce Health Subcommittee.** According to a press release from the Susan B. Anthony List, “Today, the Susan B. Anthony List congratulated pro-life Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) on his appointment to Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee. SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser said: ‘Appointment of pro-life champion Congressman Joe Pitts (R-PA) as chairman of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health is a major pro-life victory, as it is the gateway for legislation that embodies almost every pro-life protection America has consistently affirmed in polls and elections. We look forward to working with Rep. Joe Pitts, newly elected Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton, and the rest of the committee to pass meaningful laws that save lives and protect the conscience of taxpayers in the next Congress.’” [Susan B. Anthony List Press Release, [12/7/10](#)]

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**The Susan B. Anthony List Bundled \$1,449 For Joe Pitts In 2010.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Rep. Joe Pitts received \$1,449 in bundled donations from the Susan B. Anthony List in the 2010 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/12/15](#)]

**The Susan B. Anthony List Donated \$1,199 To Joe Pitts in 2004.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Rep. Joe Pitts received \$1,199 from the Susan B. Anthony List in the 2004 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/12/15](#)]

*The Susan B. Anthony List's Top Legislative Priorities Were "Defunding Planned Parenthood" And "Ending All Federal Funding Of Abortion"*

**Susan B. Anthony List's "Sole Aim Is To Abolish Abortion."** According to The New Yorker, "[Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie] Dannenfelser's group is named for the pioneering feminist, and modelled on EMILY's List, the powerful pro-choice organization, but it has little in common with most feminist groups; its sole aim is to abolish abortion. The S.B.A. List supports politicians who are pro-life (this, and not 'anti-abortion,' is their preferred term) and, ideally, female—the better to deflect the old but effective charge that the battle against abortion is necessarily a battle against the half of the population that might potentially undergo one." [New Yorker, [10/27/14](#)]

**SBA List's Top Legislative Priorities Were "Defunding Planned Parenthood" And "Ending All Federal Funding Of Abortion."** According to its website, "SBA List has two main legislative priorities: ending all federal funding of abortion and ending taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood." The "Pro-Life Legislation" section of the website includes individual pages for "Defunding Planned Parenthood" and "H.R. 3 No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act." [SBA-List.org, accessed [4/18/13](#)]

**SBA List Defended Todd Akin Following His "Legitimate Rape" Comments.** According to the Washington Post, "Republican leadership has a not so-subtle-hint for Todd Akin: They would like the Missouri Senate candidate, who remarked that 'legitimate rape' rarely results in pregnancy, out of the race — and sooner rather than later. [...] Pro-life groups, however, have taken a decidedly different take. Both the Susan B. Anthony List and Family Research Council have stood by Akin. They don't see him as a politician who has made a career ending gaffe. In their view, he's a strong abortion right opponent who articulated a tenet of the pro-life movement: Abortion should be illegal in all situations, rape included. 'Todd Akin ... has a record of voting to protect human life,' said Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser, reaffirming her support in a statement. He 'has been an excellent partner in the fight for the unborn.'" [Washington Post, [8/21/12](#)]

### **Concerned Women For America Urged GOP Leaders To Appoint Pitts To The Select Committee Investigating Planned Parenthood, Pitts Called CWA "The Best Voice" For American Women**

**Concerned Women For America President And CEO Urged GOP Leaders To Appoint Pitts To The Select Committee Investigating Planned Parenthood.** According to Roll Call, "House Republicans insist their new committee to investigate Planned Parenthood won't be political. But lawmakers and aides on both sides of the aisle are raising eyebrows at the optics of GOP leaders soliciting buy-in from outside groups as they make decisions about which members will sit on the special committee. [...] Penny Nance, the president and CEO of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee, said in a statement to CQ Roll Call she was satisfied with Blackburn as chairwoman. She also urged appointments for Republican Reps. Joe Pitts of Texas, Christopher H. Smith of New Jersey, Diane Black of Tennessee, Virginia Foxx of North Carolina, Vicki Hartzler of Missouri and Andy Harris of Maryland. (Nance said CWA was also enthusiastic about Reps. Mia Love of Utah, Martha Roby of Alabama, Ann Wagner of Missouri and Larry Bucshon of Indiana.)" [Roll Call, [10/7/15](#)]

**Pitts Praised Concerned Women For America As "The Best Voice And The Most Reliable Voice For American Women."** According to a speech by Rep. Joe Pitts at Concerned Women for America's 2012 March for Life event, "Thank you very much Penny, it's a great pleasure to be with you, and with Dr. Janice Crouse — used to be Janice Shaw, we went to school together, in college, but the wife and I and she and her date double dated even, great memories from that. [...] The Concerned Women for America are, I think, the best voice and the most reliable voice for American women — in the United States, not what the other side claims, as we all know. [...] These rights are given to us by God — we are endowed by the Creator, not by government or the Supreme Court. And the purpose of government is given in that declaration." [Joe Pitts — CWA's March for Life 2012 Event via YouTube, [1/26/12](#)]

**Pitts Discussed His Anti-Choice “Priorities” At A CWA Event, Including Banning Federal Funding Of Abortions And “Conscience” Provisions Allowing Anyone In The Health Industry To Deny Women Contraception.** According to a speech by Rep. Joe Pitts at Concerned Women for America’s 2012 March for Life event, “Briefly a status report. We got 87 and then with two specials, 89 pro-life freshman, the most of any change since the second World War, and they are so inspirational. They’re passionately conservative and trying to make a difference, it’s so refreshing. The first thing we did was to move out of the health subcommittee and onto the floor and pass the pro-life acts HR 3 and HR 358. One was specifically aimed at Obamacare, overturning taxpayer funded abortions, the other one applies to all programs. We must establish in statute the ban on taxpayer funded abortions. His executive order won’t cut it, executive orders are easily overturned by an administration or by a court. And so we must get that in statute. The second priority is a conscience provision in statute, protect the rights of conscience for medical types involved in the health industry, but everyone. So they can’t be compelled - like the President’s trying to do with the interim final rule on prevention services to force entities to provide coverage for abortifacients, ella, Plan B, sterilization services – we must establish that in statute.” [Joe Pitts – CWA’s March for Life 2012 Event via YouTube, [1/26/12](#)]

*Concerned Women For America Opposed Abortion And CWA CEO And President Penny Nancy Said It Was “Not Enough For Abortion To Be Illegal. We Should Make It Unthinkable”*

**CWA Was Opposed To Abortion, “Fetal Tissue Experimentation, And Embryonic Research.”** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “We are concerned about... The protection of innocent human life — including protecting the unborn from abortion, fetal tissue experimentation, and embryonic research; and society from euthanasia, cloning, population control and human genetic engineering.” [CWFA.org, accessed [5/21/14](#)]

**CWA CEO And President Penny Nance: “It’s Not Enough For Abortion To Be Illegal. We Should Make It Unthinkable.”** According to an interview of Penny Nance by the National Review, “[CWA CEO And President Penny] Nance: [...] ‘At the same time, Concerned Women members all over this nation volunteer in ministries that exist to help women in crisis. It’s not enough for abortion to be illegal. We should make it unthinkable.’” [National Review, [3/24/15](#)]

### **Pitts Spoke About His Friendship With World Congress Of Families Executive Director Janice Shaw Crouse**

**Pitts Spoke About His Friendship With Janice Shaw Crouse At Concerned Women For America’s 2012 March For Life Event.** According to a speech by Rep. Joe Pitts at Concerned Women for America’s 2012 March for Life event, “Thank you very much Penny, it’s a great pleasure to be with you, and with Dr. Janice Crouse – used to be Janice Shaw, we went to school together, in college, but the wife and I and she and her date double dated even, great memories from that. [...] Again thank you for all you’re doing on behalf of family and life, for your leadership. It’s really a pleasure to work with you. Don’t be discouraged.” [Joe Pitts – CWA’s March for Life 2012 Event via YouTube, [1/26/12](#)]

- **Crouse Was A Senior Fellow At Concerned Women For America And Was Hired As Executive Director Of The World Congress Of Families In 2015.** According to a press release from Human Rights Watch, “Today, the Human Rights Campaign, (HRC), the nation’s largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization, condemned the World Congress of Families (WCF) for appointing Janice Shaw Crouse as the executive director of their upcoming WCF IX conference in Salt Lake City. Under the leadership of Crouse, thousands of anti-LGBT and anti-choice activists will descend on Salt Lake City in October 2015. [...] Prior to becoming WCF IX’s executive director, Crouse served as a senior fellow of Concerned Women for America’s (CWA) Beverly LaHaye Institute. However, CWA and Crouse had a disagreement over whether to attend the planned WCF conference in Russia during a low-point in Russia-US relations in September 2014.” [Human Rights Watch Press Release, [5/5/15](#)]

*WCF’s Advocacy For The “Natural Family” Resulted In “Effectively Unleashing A Torrent Of Destructive Anti-Choice And Anti-LGBTQ Legislation, Persecution, And Violence Around The World”*

**BuzzFeed: WCF Has “Helped Connect Opponents Of Abortion And LGBT Rights In Biannual Conferences” For About 20 Years.** According to BuzzFeed, “For 20 years, the World Congress of Families has helped connect opponents of abortion and LGBT rights in biannual conferences.” [BuzzFeed, [2/5/14](#)]

### **Southern Poverty Law Center: WCF's Advocacy For The "Natural Family" Resulted In "Effectively Unleashing A Torrent Of Destructive Anti-Choice And Anti-LGBTQ Legislation, Persecution, And Violence Around The World"**

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, "Using deceptive 'pro-family' rhetoric, WCF's campaign for the 'natural family' is being used to promote new laws justifying the criminalization of LGBTQ people and abortion, effectively unleashing a torrent of destructive anti-choice and anti-LGBTQ legislation, persecution, and violence around the world that ultimately damages—and seeks to dismantle—any and all 'nontraditional' families (e.g. single parents, same-sex couples, grandparents, non-biological guardians, etc.)." [Southern Poverty Law Center, [10/21/15](#)]

### **Pitts Received A Perfect 100% Voting Record From The National Right To Life**

**Pitts Received A Perfect 100% Voting Record In The Scorecard Issued By National Right To Life.** According to the National Right to Life's website, National Right to Life gave Rep. Joe Pitts a 100% score on its federal NRLC scorecard for the 114th Congress. [National Right to Life Scorecard, accessed [11/13/15](#)]

*National Right To Life Claimed To Be The "Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization"*

**The National Right To Life Committee Called Itself "The Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization" That Works To "Protect Innocent Human Life From Abortion."** According to the National Right to Life Committee's website, "Founded in 1968, National Right to Life, the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia." [NRLC.org/about, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**The NRLC Produced The Silent Scream, Which Claimed To Show "A Sonogram Of A First-Trimester Abortion In Which The Fetus Opened Its Mouth In What The Narrator Said Was A Wounded Cry."** According to The Atlantic, "The more pragmatic set found early on that abstract arguments about the sanctity of life didn't resonate as well with lay Evangelicals as did vivid descriptions of the abortion process. The 1984 video The Silent Scream, produced by the NRLC, purported to show a sonogram of a first-trimester abortion in which the fetus opened its mouth in what the narrator said was a wounded cry." [The Atlantic, [11/18/13](#)]

### **The Family Research Council Donated To Pitts 2014 Campaign And Awarded Him Its "True Blue" Award**

**The Family Research Council Awarded Its 2005 "True Blue Award" To Pitts.** According to a press release from the Family Research Council, "This morning the Family Research Council (FRC) proudly presented this year's 'True Blue Awards' to 24 Members of Congress at a Capitol Hill Club breakfast. Those in attendance included: Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO) Rep. J. Gresham Barrett (R-SC) Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) Rep. Roy Blunt (R-MO) Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) Rep. Tom DeLay (R-TX) Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC) Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ) Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX) Rep. Gil Gutnecht (R-MN) Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX) Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC) Rep. Donald Manzullo (R-IL) Rep. Kenny Marchant (R-TX) Rep. Cathy McMorris (R-WA) Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL) Rep. Sue Myrick (R-NC) Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN) Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) Rep. Jim Ryun (R-KS) Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-OH) Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI)." [Family Research Council Press Release, [10/26/05](#)]

### **The Family Research Council Praised Pitts For His Support Of The "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act."**

According to a press release from the Family Research Council, "Passage today in the House of Representatives of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act should be celebrated by all Americans who believe in human dignity, said Family Research Council (FRC) President Tony Perkins. The measure originally was set for a vote on the House floor in January to coincide with the anniversary of the Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade that legalized abortion on demand. Perkins heralded today's vote as another step in advancing a culture of life in our country. 'It's been four months of intense negotiations in working through concerns raised about this measure in January, but today the Republican leadership kept their promise to pro-life Americans,' said Perkins. [...] 'I applaud Representatives Franks, Blackburn, Black, McMorris Rodgers, Smith and Pitts for their valuable leadership on this issue. They acknowledge the humanity of unborn children and their ability to feel

pain by 20 weeks. Additionally, the House Leadership, especially Majority Whip Scalise, merit praise for whipping this vote to protect unborn children.” [Family Research Council Press Release, [5/13/15](#)]

**Pitts Described FRC As “Stalwarts...Always There, Ready To Do Work, Defending The Values And Protecting American Families For Things That We All Stand For.”** According to the Family Research Council’s 2009 Impact Report, “[The people at Family Research Council] . . . are stalwarts; they’re always there, ready to do work, defending the values and protecting American families for things that we all stand for.” – Congressman Joe Pitts (R-PA)” [FRC Impact Report, [2009](#)]

**The Family Research Council Donated \$5,000 To Joe Pitts In 2014.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Rep. Joe Pitts received \$5,000 from the Family Research Council in the 2014 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/12/15](#)]

*Family Research Council Worked Against A Woman’s Right To Choose And Was Designated A Hate Group By The Southern Poverty Law Center*

**The Family Research Council Worked Against A Woman’s Right To Choose.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, “As an independent nonprofit, the FRC continued its work in ‘pro-family’ areas, working against abortion and stem cell research, fighting pornography and homosexuality, and promoting ‘the Judeo-Christian worldview as the basis for a just, free, and stable society.’ That work would establish FRC as one of the most powerful of the far right’s advocacy groups.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [11/6/15](#)]

**The Family Research Council Was Designated “An Anti-LGBT Hate Group” By The Southern Poverty Law Center.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, “Tony Perkins heads the Family Research Council, an anti-LGBT hate group located in Washington, D.C. Perkins has a sordid political history, having once purchased Klansman David Duke’s mailing list for use in a Louisiana political campaign he was managing. In 2001, Perkins gave a speech to a Louisiana chapter of the Council of Conservative Citizens, a white supremacist group. Since joining the FRC, Perkins has taken the group in a harder anti-LGBT direction, using it to publish false propaganda about that community and contending that gay rights advocates intend to round up Christians in ‘boxcars.”” [Southern Poverty Law Center, viewed [11/9/15](#)]

## Subcommittee Member Rep. Diane Black (R-TN)

### REP. DIANE BLACK WAS CHOSEN TO SERVE ON THE SELECT PANEL TO INVESTIGATE PLANNED PARENTHOOD

**Rep. Diane Black Was Selected As A Member Of The Select Panel To Investigate Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, “House Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) rolled out the leaders of his new select panel to investigate the abortion practices of Planned Parenthood, an eight-member group promoting the female members of the Republican Conference. [...] Here’s the full lineup of Republicans on the committee: Marsha Blackburn, Chairman (R-TN) Joe Pitts (R-PA) Diane Black (R-TN) Larry Bucshon (R-IN) Sean Duffy (R-WI) Andy Harris (R-MD) Vicki Hartzler (-MO) Mia Love (R-UT).” [Washington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

### BLACK CALLED PLANNED PARENTHOOD A “SCANDAL-RIDDEN ABORTION MILL” AND HAS INTRODUCED NUMEROUS BILLS TO DEFUND IT

**Black Said The Investigative Panel Would Be Similar To The Benghazi Committee And The Goal Was To Show Definitively That The Law Has Been Broken**

**Black: The Purpose Of The Select Panel Investigating Planned Parenthood Is “To Get Us To That Conclusion Where We Can Show Definitively That The Law Has Been Broken.”** According to an interview of Rep. Diane Black by National Director of Priests for Life, Fr. Frank Pavone, “The speaker has decided to create a select panel for the purpose of investigating this a little more deeply. Suffice it to say that the Speaker is committed to taking this to the next step where we



can really dig in and ask the right questions and have legal stats help to get us to that conclusion where we can show definitively that the law has been broken.” [PriestsforLife.org, [10/21/15](#)]

### **Black Said That The Panel Investigating Planned Parenthood Would Be “Similar” To The Benghazi Committee.**

According to an interview of Rep. Diane Black by National Director of Priests for Life, Fr. Frank Pavone, “I think if you can compare this to what’s going on with Benghazi it will be similar. However it won’t be a full select committee like Benghazi is, it will actually be a subcommittee under the jurisdiction of Energy and Commerce because they do have jurisdiction over this issue. So it will be similar to Benghazi, it may not be quite as large as Benghazi, but it will have a separate staff and I believe that, at least in my conversations with the Speaker’s office up to this point, there will be a dedicated attorney that will be working with the members so they can give it full attention and do what needs to be done to really have a good investigation.” [PriestsforLife.org, [10/21/15](#)]

**Black: Investigating Planned Parenthood Is “A Start. But If We End There, Congress Is Failing To Do Its Job. We Already Know More Than Enough To Defund Planned Parenthood.”** According to an op-ed by Rep. Diane Black for Townhall.com, “Planned Parenthood has blood on its hands. It does not empower women, it misleads them at their most vulnerable and difficult moments. It ‘cares’ about little other than its bottom line – least of all the beating hearts of the unborn babies that it denies the fundamental right to be born. It values convenience over truth and profit over life. Others say to investigate Planned Parenthood, I say that’s a start. But if we end there, Congress is failing to do its job. We already know more than enough to defund Planned Parenthood by passing my legislation today. The only question that remains is whether Washington has the political will needed to act. Time will tell, but the innocent, unborn lives who suffer at the hands of abortionists like Planned Parenthood’s Deborah Nucatola cannot wait much longer.” [Townhall.com, [7/20/15](#)]

### **Black Called Planned Parenthood A “Scandal-Ridden Abortion Mill” And Accused It Of Promoting A “Culture Of Depravity”**

**Black Called Planned Parenthood A “Scandal-Ridden Abortion Mill.”** According to a press release from Rep. Diane Black, “However, a nonpartisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) study released earlier this year found that Planned Parenthood also received \$1.2 billion from Medicaid over a three year window – making it clear that legislation is needed to combat any possible source of federal funding for the scandal-ridden abortion mill.” [Diane Black Press Release, [7/22/15](#)]

**Black: “Planned Parenthood’s Culture Of Depravity Runs Much Deeper Than A Couple Of Videos” And It “Has Made A Business Out Of Destroying That Which God Has Created.”** According to a press release from Rep. Diane Black, “Last night, Congressman Black took to the House floor to speak in support of the Defund Planned Parenthood Act. A full transcript of her remarks as prepared for delivery is provided below, or click here for video. ‘Mister Speaker, Planned Parenthood has blood on its hands. Over the last week, we’ve seen multiple videos showing its employees brazenly discussing the harvesting of aborted babies’ tissue and organs. But the truth is, Planned Parenthood’s culture of depravity runs much deeper than a couple of videos. [...] I eagerly await the findings of this forthcoming investigation, but you know what, Mister Speaker? No matter, what it reveals, here’s the truth – Planned Parenthood has made a business out of destroying that which God has created. It performs over 327,000 abortions a year, all while receiving roughly \$500 million in annual funding from the taxpayer dollar. The one-sided relationship between Planned Parenthood’s ever-growing bank account and American taxpayers must be severed.’” [Diane Black Press Release, [7/22/15](#)]

### **Black Introduced The Defund Planned Parenthood Act Of 2015**

**Black Introduced The Defund Planned Parenthood Act Of 2015.** According to a press release from Rep. Diane Black, “This week, Congressman Diane Black (R-TN-06), a nurse for more than 40 years and member of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, introduced H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015. The legislation has the support of 80 original cosponsors and would place an immediate moratorium on all federal funding of Planned Parenthood for the span of one year while Congress conducts a full investigation into the organization’s activities. Introduction of the bill follows the release of multiple undercover videos showing Planned Parenthood employees discussing the harvesting of aborted babies’ tissue and organs.” [Diane Black Press Release, [7/22/15](#)]

## **Black Introduced The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, Which Would Withhold Title X Grants From Any Health Care Provider That Performs Abortions**

**“Since 2013, Congressman Black Has Sponsored H.R. 217, The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, Which Would Combat One Of Planned Parenthood’s Major Government Revenue Streams.”** According to a press release from Rep. Diane Black, “Since 2013, Congressman Black has sponsored H.R. 217, the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, which would combat one of Planned Parenthood’s major government revenue streams by withholding Title X grants from any health care provider that performs abortions or gives funds to organizations that do. However, a nonpartisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) study released earlier this year found that Planned Parenthood also received \$1.2 billion from Medicaid over a three year window – making it clear that legislation is needed to combat any possible source of federal funding for the scandal-ridden abortion mill.” [Diane Black Press Release, [7/22/15](#)]

**The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act Would Withhold Title X Grants From Any Health Care Provider That Performs Abortions.** According to a press release from Rep. Diane Black, “Since 2013, Congressman Black has sponsored H.R. 217, the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, which would combat one of Planned Parenthood’s major government revenue streams by withholding Title X grants from any health care provider that performs abortions or gives funds to organizations that do. However, a nonpartisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) study released earlier this year found that Planned Parenthood also received \$1.2 billion from Medicaid over a three year window – making it clear that legislation is needed to combat any possible source of federal funding for the scandal-ridden abortion mill.” [Diane Black Press Release, [7/22/15](#)]

**LifeNews: The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, Which “Would Officially De-Fund The Planned Parenthood Abortion Business...Has Been Reintroduced By A Leading Pro-Life Congresswoman. Rep. Marsha Blackburn.”** According to LifeNews, “The legislation that would officially de-fund the Planned Parenthood abortion business by revoking its federal taxpayer funding has been reintroduced by a leading pro-life congresswoman. Rep. Marsha Blackburn, a Tennessee Republican, is picking up the Planned parenthood de-funding mantle from former Congressman Mike Pence, who was elected as Indiana’s governor and was the prime sponsor of the bill House Republicans approved and Senate Democrats defeated. Blackburn informed LifeNews today that she has introduced the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act (H.R. 61), which would stop the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from providing federal family planning assistance under Title X to abortion businesses until they certify they won’t provide and refer for abortions.” [LifeNews, [1/4/13](#)]

**The Bill Would Have Taken “Federal Funds Used By Planned Parenthood To Provide STD Tests, Contraception And Cancer Screenings” And Redirected Them “To Other Health Centers Instead.”** According to the Huffington Post, “[Rep. Marsha] Blackburn sponsored the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act in an attempt to codify the Hyde Amendment into federal law. She also sponsored the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, which aimed to take the federal funds used by Planned Parenthood to provide STD tests, contraception and cancer screenings, and redirect them to other health centers instead. Various states have beaten Congress to the punch by cutting off Planned Parenthood’s Title X funds.” [Huffington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

**The 2013 Act Was Stalled In The House Energy And Commerce Committee And Reintroduced In 2015 And Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, H.R.217 [2013](#), [2015](#) accessed [11/18/15](#)]

## **Black Sponsored The “Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act,” Which Would Place “A Permanent Ban On Taxpayer Funding Of All Abortion Providers, Including Planned Parenthood”**

**Black Sponsored The “Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act of 2015.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) co-sponsored H.R.3197 or Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act of 2015. The act “prohibits federal funding of an entity unless the entity certifies that, during the period of funding, the entity will not perform, and will not provide funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion, except in cases of rape or incest or where a physical condition endangers the woman's life unless an abortion is performed. This applies to a hospital only if the hospital funds a non-hospital entity that performs abortions.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**The Act “Places A Permanent Ban On Taxpayer Funding Of All Abortion Providers, Including Planned Parenthood.”** According to an op-ed by Rep. Thomas Massie for Kentucky Today, “In response to these appalling videos, my colleagues and I have introduced and co-sponsored legislation to sanction Planned Parenthood and stop the flow of Americans’ tax dollars to this unethical organization. For example, I recently co-sponsored Rep. Diane Black’s ‘Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015’ (H.R. 3134), which would immediately cut off federal funds for Planned Parenthood and its affiliates for one year. I am also a co-sponsor of the ‘Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act of 2015’ (H.R. 3197), which places a permanent ban on taxpayer funding of all abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood.” [Kentucky Today, [8/3/15](#)]

**The Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

## **BLACK SPONSORED AND PUSHED RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE LEGISLATION**

### **Black Was An Original Co-Sponsor Of “The Most Restrictive Abortion Bill To Come Out Of Congress In At Least A Decade”**

**Black Was An Original Co-Sponsor Of The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/16/15](#)]

**The Act Was Called “The Most Restrictive Abortion Bill To Come Out Of Congress In At Least A Decade” By The New York Times.** According to The New York Times, “The As the Republican-controlled House of Representatives approved this month the most restrictive abortion bill to come out of Congress in at least a decade [the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act], abortion rights defenders mounted a full-blown campaign to blunt what they instantly labeled ‘a new war on women.’ [...] Representative Marsha Blackburn, Republican of Tennessee, speaking on Fox News last Saturday, brought up a poll showing that some 60 percent of Americans opposed second-trimester abortions. Ms. Blackburn led the anti-abortion legislation on the House floor, though the bill’s author was Representative Trent Franks of Arizona, who enraged some women with a comment that few rapes resulted in pregnancies. But Ms. Blackburn raised eyebrows, too, when she seemed to suggest that the House bill could lead to fewer rapes.” [New York Times, [6/25/13](#)]

**The Bill Originally Had No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest, Until House Republicans Added An Exception Allowing Abortion For Rape Or Incest Victims, But Only If They “Report The Crime To The Authorities First.”** According to CNN, “House Republican leaders are hoping to head off a repeat of last week’s controversy over the issue of whether there should be an exception for cases of rape and incest in a GOP sponsored bill banning late term abortions by adding that exception before the House debates the measure on Tuesday. Republican members on the House Judiciary committee, which marked up the abortion bill last week, voted down a Democratic amendment to allow women who are raped to obtain an abortion beyond 22 weeks into a pregnancy. But House GOP leaders decided to add a slightly different exception to the bill after several GOP members expressed concerns about the issue, according to two House Republican leadership aides. The new language permits an exception for those women who get pregnant through rape or incest to obtain an abortion if they report the crime to the authorities first.” [CNN, [6/17/13](#)]

### **The Same Bill Was “Abruptly Dropped” In 2015 After The Rape And Incest Reporting Requirements Led To “A Revolt By Female GOP Lawmakers”**

**When A 20 Week Abortion Ban Was Introduced Again In 2015 The Same Reporting Requirements Led To “A Revolt By Female GOP Lawmakers.”** According to The Washington Post, “House Republican leaders abruptly dropped plans late Wednesday to vote on an anti-abortion bill amid a revolt by female GOP lawmakers concerned that the legislation’s restrictive language would once again spoil the party’s chances of broadening its appeal to women and younger voters. In recent days, as many as two dozen Republicans had raised concerns with the ‘Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act’ that would ban abortions after the 20th week of a pregnancy. Sponsors said that exceptions would be allowed for a woman who is raped, but she could only get the abortion after reporting the rape to law enforcement.” [Washington Post, [1/21/15](#)]

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- **The Bill Was Later Changed To Require A Woman To Have “Obtained Counseling For The Rape Or Medical Treatment For The Rape Or An Injury Related To The Rape” At Least “48 Hours Prior To The Abortion.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) co-sponsored H.R.36 or the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The act “[p]rohibits an abortion from being performed if the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater, except: [...] (2) where the pregnancy is the result of rape against an adult woman and, at least 48 hours prior to the abortion, such woman has obtained counseling for the rape or medical treatment for the rape or an injury related to the rape; or (3) where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest against a minor and the rape or incest has been reported prior to the abortion to a law enforcement agency or a government agency legally authorized to act on reports of child abuse. Requires the physician, prior to performing such an abortion, to place appropriate documentation in the patient's medical file of the receipt of such medical treatment or counseling or of the reporting of such rape or incest.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]
- **The 2015 Bill With The Changed Language Passed The House 242-184 And Was Introduced In The Senate.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/17/15](#)]

*Black Helped Reach A Compromise On The Reporting Requirements Even Though She Said She Was A “No-Exceptions Person” When It Came To Allowing Victims Of Rape Accessing Abortions Under Abortion Bans*

**Black And Other GOP Members “Hammered Out A Compromise,” On The Bill’s Reporting Requirements, “In Consultation With” Anti-Choice Activist Groups.** According to National Review, “The original version of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act fell apart because several lawmakers, including some of the GOP women who shepherded the legislation through the House in 2013, protested a provision mandating that a victim of rape or incest would have to report the crime to law enforcement in order to qualify for an exception to the 20-week abortion ban. Pro-life activists demanded the requirement stay in place in order to prevent doctors who make money off of abortions from getting around the ban by falsely claiming the woman was raped. [...] A core group of lawmakers — McMorris-Rodgers, Representative Diane Black (R., Tenn.), Representative Trent Franks (R., Ariz.), Representative Vicky Hartzler (R., Mo.), Representative Joe Pitts (R., Penn.), and Representative Chris Smith (R., N.J.) — hammered out a compromise, in consultation with the activist groups. The new legislation modulates the reporting requirements by allowing a rape victim to seek a late-term abortion if she has sought medical treatment or counseling at least 48 hours before the procedure.” [National Review, [5/9/15](#)]

**When Asked About Abortion In The Case Of Rape Black Said That After 20 Weeks “I Am A No-Exceptions Person.”** According to CNSNews.com, “At the Capitol, CNSNews.com asked Black: ‘Does a human being conceived in rape also have a right to life?’ Black said, ‘After 20 weeks, it is a viable -- you know, for me, I am a no-exceptions person.’ ‘But after 20 weeks and what we know, science, there is no doubt about it now,’ she said. ‘This is a human life that can live outside of the womb. It deserves a right to live.’ ‘This is a human rights issue, and as one of only seven [countries] in the entire world that allows abortion after 20 weeks, I think we have to evaluate where we are as a nation in valuing life. And again, science tells us that this is a life,’ Black added.” [CNSNews.com, [5/14/15](#)]

**Black Co-Sponsored An Anti-Choice Bill That Specified “Forcible” Rape As One Of The Few Exceptions To Its Ban On Federal Funding Of Abortions**



**Black Cosponsored The No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act In 2011.** According to Govtrack.us, Diane Black is listed as a co-sponsor to H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act in the 112th Congress. [Govtrack.us, accessed [11/16/15](#)]

**The Act Listed “‘Forcible Rape’ As One Of The Few Exceptions To A Permanent Ban On Using Federal Funds For Abortions.** According to The Washington Post, “Republican lawmakers have removed the term ‘forcible rape’ from an antiabortion bill in Congress after women's groups accused them of trying to change the widely held definition of rape. [...] The bill, called the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, seeks to permanently bar federal funds from being used to subsidize abortions. It allows exceptions in cases in which the pregnancy resulted from incest or when the life of the mother would be threatened if the fetus was carried to term. In the original language, it also allowed exceptions in cases of ‘forcible rape.’ The term provoked an outcry from critics, who said that rape is by definition committed by force and that lawmakers were seeking to exclude from coverage certain kinds of rape by adding the modifier - for example, cases in which the victim was underage or unconscious.” [Washington Post, [2/3/11](#)]

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**The Act Passed the House 242-179 And Was Referred To The Senate Committee on Finance.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/30/15](#)]

### **Black Sponsored A Bill That Would Exempt Any Group Or Company That Objected To Contraception The Obama Administration’s Contraceptive Mandate**

**Black Sponsored The Health Care Conscience Rights Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) co-sponsored H.R.940 or the Health Care Conscience Rights Act. The act “[a]mends title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to declare that nothing in that title requires an individual to purchase individual health insurance coverage that includes coverage of an abortion or other item or service to which the individual has a moral or religious objection, or prevent an issuer from offering coverage excluding such item or service to that individual.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**The Bill Fought Against The Obama Administration’s Contraceptive Mandate, Giving “Any Individual Or Group That Opposes Contraception An Automatic Exemption From The Requirement That Employee Health Insurance Plans Provide Birth Control.”** According to The Tennessean, “Conservative religious groups hope a new bill filed by U.S. Rep. Diane Black, R-Gallatin, will help them in their fight against the Obama administration’s contraceptive mandate. Known as the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, the bill would give any individual or group that opposes contraception an automatic exemption. The bill would also protect health-care workers from having to participate in abortions as part of their work or training.” [The Tennessean, 3/6/13]

**Faith-Based Groups Were Exempted From The Mandate But Radical Groups Pushed For The Passage Of The Conscience Rights Act So Any Group Or Company That Objected To Contraception Could Be Exempt.** According to The Tennessean, “I am proud to introduce the Health Care Conscience Rights Act to protect religious freedom, disempower Obamacare, and stop the administration's assault on Americans' First Amendment rights,” Black said in a prepared statement. Last month the Obama administration released new rules for how the mandate would apply to faith-based groups. Churches are exempt. Other faith-based nonprofits, such as hospitals and schools, got an accommodation. Under that accommodation, the faith-based groups don't have to pay for contraception if they object to it. Instead, their insurance companies would have to provide a separate policy for contraception, at no charge to workers. Critics such as Tony Perkins, president of Washington-based Family Research Council, said the accommodation isn't good enough. He said all faith groups

and for-profit companies should be exempt if they object to contraception. Even groups that believe birth control is moral should oppose the mandate, he said.” [The Tennessean, 3/6/13]

**The 2015 Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

### **Black Co-Sponsored An Act That Would Prohibit School-Based Health Centers From Providing Information About Abortion To Pregnant Students**

**Black Co-Sponsored The “PRO-LIFE Act,” Which Would Prohibit Federal Funding From Going To Schools “That Provide Students With “Abortions, Abortion-Related Materials Or Referrals, Or Directions To Abortion Services.”**

According to Congress.gov, Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) co-sponsored H.R.1122 or the PRO-LIFE Act. The Protecting Life in Funding Education Act or the PRO-LIFE Act would amend “the General Education Provisions Act to prohibit the provision of federal education funding to state or local educational agencies that make health services available to students through school-based health centers, unless those centers certify that they will not provide students with abortions, abortion-related materials or referrals, or directions to abortion services.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/13](#)]

**The Bill “Would Financially Penalize School Districts That Allow School-Based Health Centers To Provide Information About Abortion To Pregnant High School Students.”** According to the Huffington Post, “House Republicans attached language to a major education bill Wednesday night that would financially penalize school districts that allow school-based health centers to provide information about abortion to pregnant high school students. The amendment to the Student Success Act, a GOP overhaul of No Child Left Behind, would withhold federal funding from school districts that contract with health centers unless the center certifies that it will not provide abortions or give students any information about abortion, including directions to the nearest abortion provider. (School-based health centers already do not provide abortion services.) The House Rules Committee slipped the new language into a part of the bill known as the ‘manager’s amendment,’ which is normally reserved for non-controversial fixes to a piece of legislation that are agreed to ahead of time.” [Huffington Post, [2/26/15](#)]

**The PRO-LIFE Act’s Language Was Included In The Education Bill The “Student Success Act.”** According to a press release from Rep. Randy Neugebauer, “Today, the House of Representatives voted to include the language from Rep. Randy Neugebauer’s (TX-19) Protecting Life in Funding Education (PRO-LIFE) Act (H.R. 463) in H.R. 5, the Student Success Act. Neugebauer released the following statement after the House passed H.R. 5: ‘Hardworking taxpayers shouldn’t be footing the bill for political groups and abortion advocates to operate in our nation’s public schools and advance their attack on the unborn. I’m pleased my colleagues in the House adopted the concepts of my Pro-Life Act and committed to protecting the rights of the unborn. This common sense measure would restrict funding to school districts that contract with third party ‘school-based health centers’ unless they certify they won’t perform abortions and won’t provide abortion referrals or materials to students. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to move this forward.’” [Randy Neugebauer Press Release, [7/9/15](#)]

- **The Final Version Of The Education Bill Became Law In December, 2015, And Included Language Prohibiting School-Based Health Centers Providing Abortions But Not From Providing Information On Reproductive Services.** According to The Washington Post’s Answer Sheet blog, “It turns out that the country’s new K-12 education law, the successor to No Child Left Behind which President Obama signed on Thursday, includes language that prohibits school-based health centers from subsidizing abortions — but it has no real effect because the Public Health Service Act already includes such a ban. [...] The original House version of the Every Student Succeeds Act did not have any reference to abortion funding, but it was added before it went to the House floor, along with other provisions, such as one that would have prohibited personnel working in school-based student health centers from even recommending to students a full range of reproductive services.” [Washington Post, [12/11/15](#)]
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Act already includes such a ban. [...]Section 399Z-1 of the Health Service Act says funds awarded for a grant under the section about school-based health centers ‘may not be used to provide abortions.’ As a result, congressional sources said, the language in the Every Student Succeeds Act was not actually necessary to ensure that public funds would not be spent in such a manner.” [Washington Post, [12/11/15](#)]

### **Black Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Require Abortion Providers To Perform An Ultrasound On A Woman Before She Is Allowed To Get An Abortion; Critics Called It “Unnecessary And Intrusive”**

**Black Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Require Abortion Providers To Perform An Obstetric Ultrasound On A Woman Before She Is Allowed To Get An Abortion.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) co-sponsored the H.R.3805 or the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act. The act would amend the “Public Health Service Act to require abortion providers, before a woman gives informed consent to any part of an abortion, to perform an obstetric ultrasound on the pregnant woman, provide a simultaneous explanation of what the ultrasound is depicting, display the ultrasound images so the woman may view them, and provide a complete medical description of the images, including the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, cardiac activity if present and visible, and the presence of external members and internal organs if present and viewable.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**Critics Called The “Controversial” Ultrasound Bill “Unnecessary And Intrusive.”** According to BuzzFeed, “Democratic lawmakers and abortion rights organizations have opened an assault on Rep. Paul Ryan’s support for a controversial bill requiring doctors to perform an ultrasound on a woman before performing an abortion to ensure she can see the fetal image. Abortion foes have fought for versions of the measure around the country, in the hopes of dissuading women from going through with abortions, while critics see it as unnecessary and intrusive. [...] Ryan is one of more than 60 lawmakers who have signed on to the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act in the House.” [BuzzFeed, [8/11/12](#)]

**University of California Assistant Professor of Health Sciences Jen Russo: Laws Forcing A Patient To View An Ultrasound “Violate The Ethical Principle Of Respect For Patient Autonomy, Which Entails That Patients Be Able To Choose Which Treatments They Receive...Without Coercion.”** According to commentary by University of California Assistant Professor of Health Sciences Jen Russo for the AMA Journal of Ethics, “This legislation forces physicians to violate the ethical principle of respect for patient autonomy, which entails that patients be able to choose which treatments they receive and that they be able to make treatment decisions without coercion. Laws requiring that a patient be offered an ultrasound and the opportunity to view the results might be consistent with both the medical evidence on ultrasound viewing in abortion care and ethical medical practice, but laws that require it are not. Furthermore, forcing patients to have unwanted procedures—especially invasive procedures—or to view results against their will may in fact cause harm, violating the ethical principle of nonmaleficence.” [Jen Russo – AMA Journal of Ethics, [April 2014](#)]

**The 2012 Bill Stalled In The House Committee On Energy And Commerce, But Was Reintroduced In 2015 And Referred To The Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** Congress.gov, [H.R.3805](#) and [H.R.492](#) accessed 11/30/15.

### **Black Co-Sponsored The 2015 Personhood Bill The “Life At Conception” Act, Intended To “Reverse” Roe V. Wade**

**Black Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Declare That Life Begins At Conception.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) co-sponsored H.R.816 or the Life at Conception Act. The bill “[d]eclares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual comes into being. Prohibits this Act from being construed to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.” [Congress.gov, [11/19/15](#)]

- **The Bill’s Primary Sponsor, Rep. Alex Mooney, Said The Bill Would “Reverse” Roe V. Wade.** According to Townhall.com, “As the fallout from the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act still simmers in Congress, Representative Alex Mooney (R-W.Va.) is spearheading a new pro-life legislative effort. Come this Friday, Mooney will introduce the ‘Life at Conception Act,’ which would protect unborn children from their earliest stage of life. [...] When Roe v. Wade was passed in 1973, the judges overrode pro-life state laws and legalized abortion without determining when

exactly human life began. Mooney said his bill would expose their ignorance and reverse that tragic court decision. It would give back power to the states to once again determine their own protections for the unborn.” [Townhall.com, [2/4/15](#)]

**“The Bill Would Ban Abortion And Grant The Unborn All The Legal Protections Of The Fourteenth Amendment, Beginning At ‘The Moment Of Fertilization.’”** According to The New Yorker, “In my recent Profile of Senator Rand Paul, Dr. John Downing, the Senator’s friend and former medical partner, expressed his worries about Paul’s sponsorship of the Life at Conception Act, also known as the personhood law. The bill would ban abortion and grant the unborn all the legal protections of the Fourteenth Amendment, beginning at ‘the moment of fertilization.’ To Downing, who is an ardent Paul supporter, this seemed like political madness. Downing said that he believed Paul’s personhood law would make some common forms of birth control illegal, and thus doom Paul’s Presidential hopes. ‘He’s going to lose half or more of women immediately once they find out what that would do to birth control,’ Downing told me.” [New Yorker, [10/8/14](#)]

**The 2011 Act Stalled In The House Committee On The Judiciary, Was Reintroduced In 2013 And 2015 And Referred To The House Judiciary Subcommittee On The Constitution And Civil Justice.** [Congress.gov, [H.R.374](#), [H.R.1091](#), [H.R.816](#), accessed 11/18/15]

## **BLACK PUSHED ANTI-CHOICE POLICIES AS A STATE SENATOR IN TENNESSEE**

### **Black Pushed A Resolution To Strip The Tennessee Constitution “Of Language Protecting A Woman's Right To An Abortion, And “Beat Back” Efforts To Include Exceptions For “Rape, Incest And Life Of A Mother”**

**Black Pushed A Resolution In The Tennessee Senate To Strip The Tennessee Constitution “Of Language Protecting A Woman's Right To An Abortion.”** According to the Chattanooga Times Free Press, “Some Senate Democrats want to paint Republicans as extremists if they won't include several exceptions to a proposed constitutional amendment aimed at stripping the Tennessee Constitution of language protecting a woman's right to an abortion. [...] Sen. Black pushed the resolution through the Senate Judiciary Committee on Jan. 8, the first day of the legislative session. Republicans in committee beat back efforts on a 5-4 party-line vote to include the rape, incest and life of a mother provisions and then passed the measure 6-2 with one Democrat voting in favor and another abstaining.” [Chattanooga Times Free Press, 1/20/08]

**Black And The Rest Of The Republicans On The Tennessee Senate Judiciary Committee “Beat Back” Efforts To Include Exceptions For “Rape, Incest And Life Of A Mother.”** According to the Chattanooga Times Free Press, “Some Senate Democrats want to paint Republicans as extremists if they won't include several exceptions to a proposed constitutional amendment aimed at stripping the Tennessee Constitution of language protecting a woman's right to an abortion. [...] Sen. Black pushed the resolution through the Senate Judiciary Committee on Jan. 8, the first day of the legislative session. Republicans in committee beat back efforts on a 5-4 party-line vote to include the rape, incest and life of a mother provisions and then passed the measure 6-2 with one Democrat voting in favor and another abstaining.” [Chattanooga Times Free Press, 1/20/08]

**The Amendment To The Constitution Eventually Passed In 2014 And Lawmakers Immediately “Stepped Forward To Propose New Restrictions” On Abortion, Including Waiting Periods And Mandatory Ultrasounds.** According to USA Today, “The legal battle continues over Tennessee's Amendment 1, with opponents of the abortion measure calling the election process ‘tainted’ and asking a federal judge to allow a lawsuit to continue that seeks to either re-count or reject the vote count in favor of the measure. Amendment 1 passed with 53% of the vote Nov. 4. The measure, which gives lawmakers more power to restrict or regulate abortion, was one of the most hotly contested in Tennessee's general election. Since its passage, lawmakers have already stepped forward to propose new restrictions including waiting periods, mandatory ultrasounds and new inspections of abortion clinics. But eight Tennessee voters who oppose the measure almost immediately stepped forward to challenge the state's vote tabulation methods.” [USA Today, [12/31/14](#)]

### **Black Received Tennessee Right To Life’s Legislator Of The Year Award**



**In 2004 Black Received Tennessee Right To Life's Legislator Of The Year Award.** According to a press release from the Susan B. Anthony List, "Mrs. Black is a former clinical care nurse currently serving Tennessee as State Senator for the 18th District and has sponsored a bill that prohibits any health care plan pursuant to the federal health care bill from offering coverage of abortion. She has also taken the lead in pushing a law to de-fund Planned Parenthood from state expenditures and co-sponsored the 'Freedom from Coercion Act.' This bill would require abortion clinics to say to any woman considering an abortion: 'It is against the law for anyone, regardless of the person's relationship to you, to coerce you into having or force you to have an abortion.' For her incomparable efforts on behalf of unborn children, Black received the 2004 Legislator of the Year Award from Tennessee Right to Life." [Susan B. Anthony List Press Release, [7/13/10](#)]

## BLACK WAS SUPPORTED BY RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE GROUPS

### Black Met With Lila Rose And Live Action To Discuss How They Could "Work Together To Defund Planned Parenthood"

**Black Announced That She Had A "Great Meeting With Lila Rose And Staff From Live Action To Discuss How We Can Work Together To Defund Planned Parenthood."** According to a Facebook post by Rep. Diane Black, "Great meeting with Lila Rose and staff from Live Action to discuss how we can work together to defund Planned Parenthood. Grateful to Lila and her organization for their work to rally millennials and students to the #ProLife cause!" [Facebook, [7/22/15](#)]



[Facebook, [7/22/15](#)]

### *Live Action Released Misleading Undercover Videos As Part Of Its Goal To End A Woman's Right To Choose*

**Rose Was The President Of Live Action, A Group She Started At Fifteen Years Old That Was Dedicated To Ending A Woman's Right To Choose.** According to the Live Action website, "Lila Rose is the president of Live Action, a new media nonprofit dedicated to ending abortion and building a culture of life. Lila founded Live Action when she was fifteen years old. The group utilizes investigative journalism to expose the Abortion Industry's threats against the vulnerable and defenseless. Live Action uses the results of these investigations to reveal the humanity of the unborn – to inspire the nation to take action to end abortion in America through new media." [LiveAction.org, accessed [11/9/15](#)]

- **Live Action Was A "New Media Movement Dedicated To Building A Culture Of Life And Ending Abortion."** According to Live Action's about page, "In 2008, Live Action was legally formed as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. The group is a new media movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our time. Live Action uses powerful and dynamic media platforms to educate the public about the humanity of the preborn and investigative journalism to expose the threats against the vulnerable and defenseless [sic]" [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]

- **Live Action Utilized “Undercover Investigations” To Generate Content.** According to Live Action’s about page, “Utilizing undercover investigations, Live Action has documented rampant sexual abuse cover-up, racism, medical misinformation, the willingness to assist sex traffickers, false statements made by Planned Parenthood executives, sex-selective abortion, and infanticide. Live Action’s exposés publicize these abuses, so the whole world can see the horrors going on right in our backyards – and paid for with our tax money.” [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]

*The Founder Of The Center For Medical Progress, David Daleiden, Which Released Undercover Videos Against Planned Parenthood, Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research*

**David Daleiden Founded The Center For Medical Progress, The Group Behind The “Undercover Campaign” Against Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, “[David] Daleiden, 26, is the anti-abortion activist who masterminded the recent undercover campaign aimed at proving that Planned Parenthood illegally sells what he calls aborted ‘baby body parts.’ He captured intimate details of the famously guarded organization, hobnobbing at conferences so secretive that they require background checks and talking his way into a back laboratory at a Colorado clinic where he picked through the remains of aborted fetuses and displayed them luridly for the camera. [...] [Troy] Newman is one of three board members for the nonprofit Daleiden set up, the unassumingly named Center for Medical Progress. Another is Daleiden, and the third is Albin Rhomberg, who made headlines in the 1980s when he broke into the Los Angeles County coroner’s office to photograph aborted fetuses.” [Washington Post, [10/14/15](#)]

**David Daleiden Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research.** According to an archived web page on the Live Action website, “David took on his current role as Director of Research for Live Action in 2008 during the early stages of the Mona Lisa Project. In March 2009, David and a fellow student were banned from sister campus Pomona College after videotaping a Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles speaker denying Planned Parenthood’s responsibility for the cover-up of statutory rape. The ban was soon lifted after intense public scrutiny.” [LiveAction.org via Web.archive.org, [8/17/09](#)]

### **The Susan B. Anthony List Endorsed Black In Her First Campaign And Called Her One Of Its “Rockstar Pro-Life Women”**

**The Susan B. Anthony List Praised Black For Being One Of Its “Rockstar Pro-Life Women.”** According to a post on the Susan B. Anthony List’s Suzy B Blog, “Yesterday, one of the SBA List rockstar pro-life women, Rep. Diane Black (R-TN), introduced H.R. 940, the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (HCCRA). This critical legislation would defend the conscience rights of all Americans against the HHS abortion-inducing drug mandate. SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser applauded Rep. Black for her leadership and criticized the ongoing assault on conscience saying,” [SBA-List.org/Suzy-B-Blog, [3/5/13](#)]

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**The SBA List Endorsed Black In Her First Congressional Campaign In 2010.** According to a press release from the Susan B. Anthony List, “Today the Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund, a national pro-life political action committee, announced its endorsement of Diane Black, candidate for U.S. Representative in Tennessee’s 6th congressional district. ‘Tennessee and all American women deserve the pro-life feminine leadership Diane Black has already evidenced in the state legislature,’ said Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the SBA List Candidate Fund. ‘No one in the nation has done more to advance the true needs of women and their unborn children in the law.’” [Susan B. Anthony List Press Release, [7/13/10](#)]

**SBA List Has Donated \$10,085 To Black In Direct And Bundled Donations.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Rep. Diane Black received \$10,085 from the Susan B. Anthony List from the 2010 cycle to 2016 cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/17/15](#)]

*The Susan B. Anthony List's Top Legislative Priorities Are "Defunding Planned Parenthood" And "Ending All Federal Funding Of Abortion"*

**Susan B. Anthony List's "Sole Aim Is To Abolish Abortion."** According to The New Yorker, "[Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie] Dannenfelser's group is named for the pioneering feminist, and modelled on EMILY's List, the powerful pro-choice organization, but it has little in common with most feminist groups; its sole aim is to abolish abortion. The S.B.A. List supports politicians who are pro-life (this, and not 'anti-abortion,' is their preferred term) and, ideally, female—the better to deflect the old but effective charge that the battle against abortion is necessarily a battle against the half of the population that might potentially undergo one." [New Yorker, [10/27/14](#)]

**SBA List's Top Legislative Priorities Were "Defunding Planned Parenthood" And "Ending All Federal Funding Of Abortion."** According to its website, "SBA List has two main legislative priorities: ending all federal funding of abortion and ending taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood." The "Pro-Life Legislation" section of the website includes individual pages for "Defunding Planned Parenthood" and "H.R. 3 No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act." [SBA-List.org, accessed [4/18/13](#)]

**SBA List Defended Todd Akin Following His "Legitimate Rape" Comments.** According to the Washington Post, "Republican leadership has a not so-subtle-hint for Todd Akin: They would like the Missouri Senate candidate, who remarked that 'legitimate rape' rarely results in pregnancy, out of the race — and sooner rather than later. [...] Pro-life groups, however, have taken a decidedly different take. Both the Susan B. Anthony List and Family Research Council have stood by Akin. They don't see him as a politician who has made a career ending gaffe. In their view, he's a strong abortion right opponent who articulated a tenet of the pro-life movement: Abortion should be illegal in all situations, rape included. 'Todd Akin ... has a record of voting to protect human life,' said Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser, reaffirming her support in a statement. He 'has been an excellent partner in the fight for the unborn.'" [Washington Post, [8/21/12](#)]

### **Priests For Life Told Black That It Would Work With Her "To Achieve Our Common Goal Of Ending The Evils Of Planned Parenthood"**

**Priests For Life National Director Fr. Frank Pavon Told Diane Black That Priests For Life Would Work With Her "To Achieve Our Common Goal Of Ending The Evils Of Planned Parenthood And Ending The Killing Of Unborn Children."** According to Fr. Frank Pavone on a Priests for Life clergy briefing, "Congresswoman Black we're going to let you go but I want to just say this, on behalf of all the clergy and the churches that are represented here. We know as you know that one of the biblical admonitions is to pray for all those in government office and I know I speak for everyone on the call when I say we will certainly be praying for you, as well as standing beside you and working with you to achieve our common goal of ending the evils of Planned Parenthood and ending the killing of unborn children. Thank you so much for standing up for life." [PriestsforLife.org, [10/21/15](#)]

- **Pavone Was One Of The Catholic Church's "Leading Anti-Abortion Crusaders."** According to National Catholic Reporter, "In the latest clash between the Catholic hierarchy and one of the church's leading anti-abortion crusaders, New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan accused Fr. Frank Pavone of continuing to stonewall on financial reforms, and Dolan said he is cutting ties with his group, Priests for Life. In a Nov. 20 letter to other U.S. bishops, Dolan said he did not know if the Vatican would now step in to take action against the New York-based priest, who for years has angered various bishops by rejecting oversight of the organization by church authorities and for refusing to sort out his group's troubled finances." [National Catholic Reporter, [12/15/14](#)]

**The Priests For Life Clergy Briefing Also Featured Operation Rescue President Troy Newman And Pro Life Action League Executive Director Eric Scheidler.** [PriestsforLife.org, [10/21/15](#)]

*Operation Rescue And Pro-Life Action League Are Radical Anti-Choice Groups Known For Their Harassment Of Abortion Providers*

**Operation Rescue Ran A “Multi-Decade Harassment Campaign Of Dr. George Tiller Of Wichita,” That Ended With An Active Member Of The Organization Murdering Tiller.** According to the Nation, “Newman, who is listed as the group’s secretary, is the president of Operation Rescue, a pro-life group that ran the multi-decade harassment campaign of Dr. George Tiller of Wichita, Kansas, a campaign that only ended when Scott Roeder, who was an active part of Operation Rescue activities in Wichita, murdered Tiller in his church in 2009. Though Newman immediately distanced Operation Rescue from Roeder after the killing, Amanda Robb reported in Ms. magazine’s spring 2010 issue that Roeder told her he had gone ‘to lunch with Newman and asked him about using violence to stop abortion.’” [Nation, [7/16/15](#)]

**The Pro-Life Action League Stated That Its Members Will “Confront” Abortion Providers Outside Their Workplaces And Homes And “Infiltrate Their Meetings And Groups.”** According to the Pro-Life Action League website, “The Pro-Life Action League was founded by Joseph M. Scheidler in 1980 with the aim of saving unborn children through non-violent direct action. We are doing all we can to stop the killing and the exploitation. Some of our key activities are: [...] We confront the abortionists and abortion promoters wherever they are. We picket and demonstrate outside abortion facilities, pro-abortion events, the offices of abortion organizations like NOW and Planned Parenthood and even abortionists’ houses. We infiltrate their meetings and groups. Through our programs we’ve closed eight abortion clinics in Chicago alone and nearly a hundred across the country.” [ProLifeAction.org, accessed [12/7/15](#)]

**Black Was Endorsed By National Right To Life And Tennessee Right To Life**

**Black Was Endorsed By National Right To Life And Tennessee Right To Life In 2012.** According to the Associated Press, “Two years ago former state Sen. Diane Black defeated Lou Ann Zelenik by fewer than 400 votes in a GOP primary that pitted Black’s mainstream Republican credentials against Zelenik’s tea party fervor. [...] She has been endorsed by U.S. Reps. Allen West and Michele Bachmann, who has called Black a ‘wonderful tea party representative’ and lauded her record on trying to repeal Obama’s health care program. She also was endorsed by National Right to Life and Tennessee Right to Life, whose president Brian Harris called her the ‘only 100 percent pro-life candidate in this race.’ While serving in the Tennessee General Assembly, Black sponsored legislation placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot in 2014 that could allow the state to impose stricter limits on abortions. She has also worked to defund Planned Parenthood because the women’s health organization performs abortions.” [Associated Press, 7/29/12]

**Tennessee Right To Life President Brian Harris Called Black The “Only 100 Percent Pro-Life Candidate In This Race.”** According to the Associated Press, “Two years ago former state Sen. Diane Black defeated Lou Ann Zelenik by fewer than 400 votes in a GOP primary that pitted Black’s mainstream Republican credentials against Zelenik’s tea party fervor. [...] She has been endorsed by U.S. Reps. Allen West and Michele Bachmann, who has called Black a ‘wonderful tea party representative’ and lauded her record on trying to repeal Obama’s health care program. She also was endorsed by National Right to Life and Tennessee Right to Life, whose president Brian Harris called her the ‘only 100 percent pro-life candidate in this race.’ While serving in the Tennessee General Assembly, Black sponsored legislation placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot in 2014 that could allow the state to impose stricter limits on abortions. She has also worked to defund Planned Parenthood because the women’s health organization performs abortions.” [Associated Press, 7/29/12]

*Black Received A Perfect 100% Voting Record Score From National Right To Life*

**Black Received A Perfect 100% Voting Record In The Scorecard Issued By National Right To Life.** According to the National Right to Life’s website, National Right to Life gave Rep. Diane Black a 100% score on its federal NRLC scorecard for the 114th Congress. [National Right to Life Scorecard, accessed [11/13/15](#)]

*National Right To Life Claimed To Be The “Nation’s Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization”*

**The National Right To Life Committee Called Itself “The Nation’s Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization” That Works To “Protect Innocent Human Life From Abortion.”** According to the National Right to Life Committee’s website, “Founded in 1968, National Right to Life, the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than



3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia.” [NRLC.org/about, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**The NRLC Produced The Silent Scream, Which Claimed To Show “A Sonogram Of A First-Trimester Abortion In Which The Fetus Opened Its Mouth In What The Narrator Said Was A Wounded Cry.”** According to The Atlantic, “The more pragmatic set found early on that abstract arguments about the sanctity of life didn’t resonate as well with lay Evangelicals as did vivid descriptions of the abortion process. The 1984 video The Silent Scream, produced by the NRLC, purported to show a sonogram of a first-trimester abortion in which the fetus opened its mouth in what the narrator said was a wounded cry.” [The Atlantic, [11/18/13](#)]

### **Concerned Women For America Endorsed Black In The 2016 Cycle**

**Concerned Women For America Endorsed Black In The 2016 Cycle.** According to the CWA PAC website Rep. Diane Black was endorsed by Concerned Women for America PAC in the 2016 election cycle. [CWAPAC.org, viewed [11/18/15](#)]

*Concerned Women For America Opposed Abortion And CWA CEO And President Penny Nancy Said It Was “Not Enough For Abortion To Be Illegal. We Should Make It Unthinkable”*

**CWA Was Opposed To Abortion, “Fetal Tissue Experimentation, And Embryonic Research.”** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “We are concerned about...The protection of innocent human life — including protecting the unborn from abortion, fetal tissue experimentation, and embryonic research; and society from euthanasia, cloning, population control and human genetic engineering.” [CWFA.org, accessed [5/21/14](#)]

**CWA CEO And President Penny Nance: “It’s Not Enough For Abortion To Be Illegal. We Should Make It Unthinkable.”** According to an interview of Penny Nance by the National Review, “[CWA CEO And President Penny] Nance: [...] ‘At the same time, Concerned Women members all over this nation volunteer in ministries that exist to help women in crisis. It’s not enough for abortion to be illegal. We should make it unthinkable.’” [National Review, [3/24/15](#)]

### **The Family Research Council Awarded Black Its “True Blue Award”**

**Black Delivered A Lecture On “Health Care and Conscience Rights” At A Family Research Council Event.**

According to a press release from the Family Research Council, “U.S. Rep. Diane Black (R-Tenn.) will speak at the Family Research Council (FRC) on the Department of Health and Human Services mandate related to conscience rights today. Her lecture, which will be broadcast live on the Internet, is entitled, ‘Health Care and Conscience Rights.’ Rep. Black is the sponsor of H.R. 940, the ‘Health Care Conscience Rights Act,’ which would protect Americans from having to choose between their faith and paying huge fines.” [Family Research Council Press Release, [3/27/14](#)]

**Black Was Awarded The Family Research Council’s True Blue’ Award In 2014 “For Unwavering Commitment And Consistent Support Of Faith, Family And Freedom.”** According to a press release from the Family Research Council, “Additionally, Rep. Black will receive FRC Action’s ‘True Blue’ award for unwavering commitment and consistent support of faith, family and freedom. Rep. Black was among 143 representatives and 10 senators who are being honored with the award for the First Session of the 113th Congress, scoring a perfect 100 percent on this year’s scorecard.” [Family Research Council Press Release, [3/27/14](#)]

*Family Research Council Worked Against A Woman’s Right To Choose And Was Designated A Hate Group By The Southern Poverty Law Center*

**The Family Research Council Worked Against A Woman’s Right To Choose.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, “As an independent nonprofit, the FRC continued its work in ‘pro-family’ areas, working against abortion and stem cell research, fighting pornography and homosexuality, and promoting ‘the Judeo-Christian worldview as the basis for a just, free, and stable society.’ That work would establish FRC as one of the most powerful of the far right’s advocacy groups.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [11/6/15](#)]

**The Family Research Council Was Designated “An Anti-LGBT Hate Group” By The Southern Poverty Law Center.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, “Tony Perkins heads the Family Research Council, an anti-LGBT hate group located in Washington, D.C. Perkins has a sordid political history, having once purchased Klansman David Duke’s mailing list for use in a Louisiana political campaign he was managing. In 2001, Perkins gave a speech to a Louisiana chapter of the Council of Conservative Citizens, a white supremacist group. Since joining the FRC, Perkins has taken the group in a harder anti-LGBT direction, using it to publish false propaganda about that community and contending that gay rights advocates intend to round up Christians in ‘boxcars.’” [Southern Poverty Law Center, viewed [11/9/15](#)]

## **Subcommittee Member Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI)**

### **REP. SEAN DUFFY WAS CHOSEN TO SERVE ON THE SELECT PANEL TO INVESTIGATE PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

**Rep. Sean Duffy Was Chosen To Serve On The Select Panel To Investigate Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, “House Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) rolled out the leaders of his new select panel to investigate the abortion practices of Planned Parenthood, an eight-member group promoting the female members of the Republican Conference. [...] Here’s the full lineup of Republicans on the committee: Marsha Blackburn, Chairman (R-TN)[,] Joe Pitts (R-PA)[,] Diane Black (R-TN)[,] Larry Bucshon (R-IN)[,] Sean Duffy (R-WI)[,] Andy Harris (R-MD)[,] Vicki Hartzler (-MO)[,] [sic] [,] Mia Love (R-UT)[.]” [Washington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

### **DUFFY SAID HE IS ANTI-CHOICE WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS, SPONSORED BILLS TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD, AND ACCUSED IT OF “HARVESTING HUMAN ORGANS FOR PROFIT”**

#### **Duffy: Planned Parenthood Is “Harvesting Human Organs For Profit, We Need Every Agency To Investigate This Horror”**

**Duffy: Planned Parenthood Is “Harvesting Human Organs For Profit,” And “We Need Every Agency To Investigate This Horror.”** According to Sean Duffy’s statement at a House Pro-Life Caucus press briefing, “Any person who has had a child knows that time right after a baby is born when those little baby lungs fill up with air and you hear their cry for the first time. It’s absolutely priceless. Now we know that Planned Parenthood has a price on those very same little lungs. They have a price on those little livers, those baby feet, on those heads. This revelation in this video is absolutely, shockingly inhumane - frankly, it’s disgusting. That you have Planned Parenthood - who is harvesting organs for profit. Harvesting human organs for profit. [...] I’m happy that our committees are going to investigate, but it’s also the FBI, it’s DHS, it’s DOJ, we need every agency to investigate this horror. And I know that we have a group here in the House that are committed to making sure that the truth reigns and we protect these little voiceless, defenseless babies.” [Pro-Life Caucus Press Briefing via YouTube, [7/17/15](#)]

**Duffy On Defunding Planned Parenthood: “Health Care Doesn’t Mean Planned Parenthood, And Planned Parenthood Doesn’t Mean Women’s Health Care.”** According to WSAU, “As far as the opponents saying defunding Planned Parenthood takes away women’s health care, Duffy says that simply isn’t true. ‘Health care doesn’t mean Planned Parenthood, and Planned Parenthood doesn’t mean women’s health care. You talk about defunding women’s health care? There is no less money. There is the same amount of money that goes to women’s health care. That’s a false argument.’” [WSAU, [9/10/15](#)]

#### **Duffy Co-Sponsored The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act , Which “Would Officially De-Fund The Planned Parenthood”**

**Duffy Co-Sponsored The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) co-sponsored H.R.217 or the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act. The act “[a]mends the Public Health Service Act

to prohibit the Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) from providing federal family planning assistance to an entity unless the entity certifies that, during the period of assistance, the entity will not perform, and will not provide funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion. Excludes an abortion where: (1) the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest; or (2) a physician certifies that the woman suffered from a physical disorder, injury, or illness that would place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, including a condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy. Excludes hospitals that do not provide funds to non-hospital entities that perform abortions.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**LifeNews: The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, Which “Would Officially De-Fund The Planned Parenthood Abortion Business...Has Been Reintroduced By A Leading Pro-Life Congresswoman. Rep. Marsha Blackburn.”** According to LifeNews, “The legislation that would officially de-fund the Planned Parenthood abortion business by revoking its federal taxpayer funding has been reintroduced by a leading pro-life congresswoman. Rep. Marsha Blackburn, a Tennessee Republican, is picking up the Planned parenthood de-funding mantle from former Congressman Mike Pence, who was elected as Indiana’s governor and was the prime sponsor of the bill House Republicans approved and Senate Democrats defeated. Blackburn informed LifeNews today that she has introduced the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act (H.R. 61), which would stop the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from providing federal family planning assistance under Title X to abortion businesses until they certify they won’t provide and refer for abortions.” [LifeNews, [1/4/13](#)]

**The Bill Would Have Taken “Federal Funds Used By Planned Parenthood To Provide STD Tests, Contraception And Cancer Screenings” And Redirected Them “To Other Health Centers Instead.”** According to the Huffington Post, “[Rep. Marsha] Blackburn sponsored the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act in an attempt to codify the Hyde Amendment into federal law. She also sponsored the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, which aimed to take the federal funds used by Planned Parenthood to provide STD tests, contraception and cancer screenings, and redirect them to other health centers instead. Various states have beaten Congress to the punch by cutting off Planned Parenthood’s Title X funds.” [Huffington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

**The 2015 Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

### **Duffy “Introduced A Bill That Would Allow States To Exclude Planned Parenthood From Their Medicaid Programs”**

**Duffy “Introduced A Bill That Would Allow States To Exclude Planned Parenthood From Their Medicaid Programs.”** According to Huffington Post, “Duffy has said that ‘health care doesn’t mean Planned Parenthood, and Planned Parenthood doesn’t mean women’s health care.’ He introduced a bill that would allow states to exclude Planned Parenthood from their Medicaid programs because it offers abortion, provoking a veto threat from the White House. A number of states are currently defending the terminations of their Medicaid contracts with Planned Parenthood, based on the sting videos, in court.” [Huffington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

**The Bill “Would Allow States To Withhold Medicaid Funding From Health Care Providers That Conduct Abortions.”** According to ABC News, “The GOP is also planning to vote on additional anti-abortion legislation, including a bill authored by Rep. Sean Duffy, R-Wisconsin, that would allow states to withhold Medicaid funding from health care providers that conduct abortions. And House and Senate Republicans have both signaled that they will use the budgetary process known as reconciliation, which speeds up consideration of some tax and spending bills by lowering the bar for passage to a simple majority of 51 votes in the Senate, assuming it passes muster with parliamentarians who must certify that the bill is primarily focused on budgetary matters.” [ABC News, [9/29/15](#)]

**The Bill Would “Repeal A Requirement In Law That Medicaid Patients Be Allowed To Receive Care From Any Qualified Provider Of Their Choice.”** According to the Green Bay Press-Gazette, “Voting 236 for and 193 against, the House on Sept. 29 passed a GOP-drafted bill (HR 3495) allowing states to deny Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood and other medical providers, including doctors, in response to their abortion services. This would repeal a requirement in law that Medicaid patients be allowed to receive care from any qualified provider of their choice. Critics said the bill’s denying Medicaid reimbursements to selected doctors and clinics would take away this right of free choice. Under Roe v. Wade, abortion is legal

with certain exceptions, and under the Hyde Amendment, federal funds cannot be used to pay for it.” [Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/8/15]

### **Duffy Co-Sponsored The “Defund Planned Parenthood Act Of 2015”**

**Duffy Co-Sponsored The “Defund Planned Parenthood Act Of 2015.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) co-sponsored H.R. 3134 or the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015. The act “prohibits, for a one-year period, the availability of federal funds for any purpose to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any of its affiliates or clinics, unless they certify that the affiliates and clinics will not perform, and will not provide any funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion during such period. The restriction will not apply in cases of rape or incest or where a physical condition endangers a woman's life unless an abortion is performed. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture must seek repayment of federal assistance received by Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any affiliate or clinic, if it violates the terms of the certification required by this Act.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

### **Duffy Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Place “A Permanent Ban On Taxpayer Funding Of All Abortion Providers, Including Planned Parenthood”**

**Duffy Co-Sponsored The “Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act of 2015.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) co-sponsored H.R.3197 or Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act of 2015. The act “prohibits federal funding of an entity unless the entity certifies that, during the period of funding, the entity will not perform, and will not provide funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion, except in cases of rape or incest or where a physical condition endangers the woman's life unless an abortion is performed. This applies to a hospital only if the hospital funds a non-hospital entity that performs abortions.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**The Act “Places A Permanent Ban On Taxpayer Funding Of All Abortion Providers, Including Planned Parenthood.”** According to an op-ed by Rep. Thomas Massie for Kentucky Today, “In response to these appalling videos, my colleagues and I have introduced and co-sponsored legislation to sanction Planned Parenthood and stop the flow of Americans’ tax dollars to this unethical organization. For example, I recently co-sponsored Rep. Diane Black’s ‘Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015’ (H.R. 3134), which would immediately cut off federal funds for Planned Parenthood and its affiliates for one year. I am also a co-sponsor of the ‘Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act of 2015’ (H.R. 3197), which places a permanent ban on taxpayer funding of all abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood.” [Kentucky Today, [8/3/15](#)]

**The Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

### **Duffy Said He Was “100 Percent Prolife Without Exceptions,” Except The Life Of The Mother**

**Duffy: “I Am 100 Percent Prolife Without Exceptions” But “I Believe That If We Have The Life Of A Mother As An Issue, The Mother’s Life Takes Priority.”** According to The Catholic Times, “[Sean] Duffy sees the issue of abortion as a straightforward case of legal protection for the most vulnerable. ‘I am 100 percent prolife without exceptions,’ he said. ‘It’s pretty straightforward. To qualify, I believe that if we have the life of a mother as an issue, the mother’s life takes priority, but we must make every effort to save the life of the child.’” [Catholic Times, [10/21/10](#)]

- **Duffy: “I Believe In Life At Conception.”** According to remarks Rep. Sean Duffy made on the House floor, “I believe in life at conception, I know my colleagues are not going to agree with me on that.” [Sean Duffy Remarks via YouTube.com, [5/13/15](#)]

## **DUFFY SPONSORED RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE BILLS**

### **Duffy Co-Sponsored An Anti-Choice Bill That Specified “Forcible” Rape As One Of The Few Exceptions To Its Ban On Federal Funding Of Abortions**



**The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act Listed “Forcible Rape” As One Of The Few Exceptions To A Permanent Ban On Using Federal Funds For Abortions.** According to The Washington Post, “Republican lawmakers have removed the term ‘forcible rape’ from an antiabortion bill in Congress after women's groups accused them of trying to change the widely held definition of rape. [...] The bill, called the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, seeks to permanently bar federal funds from being used to subsidize abortions. It allows exceptions in cases in which the pregnancy resulted from incest or when the life of the mother would be threatened if the fetus was carried to term. In the original language, it also allowed exceptions in cases of ‘forcible rape.’ The term provoked an outcry from critics, who said that rape is by definition committed by force and that lawmakers were seeking to exclude from coverage certain kinds of rape by adding the modifier - for example, cases in which the victim was underage or unconscious.” [Washington Post, [2/3/11](#)]

**Republicans Changed The “Forcible Rape” Language, “After Women's Groups Accused Them Of Trying To Change The Widely Held Definition Of Rape.”** According to The Washington Post, “Republican lawmakers have removed the term ‘forcible rape’ from an antiabortion bill in Congress after women's groups accused them of trying to change the widely held definition of rape. [...] The bill, called the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, seeks to permanently bar federal funds from being used to subsidize abortions. It allows exceptions in cases in which the pregnancy resulted from incest or when the life of the mother would be threatened if the fetus was carried to term. In the original language, it also allowed exceptions in cases of ‘forcible rape.’ The term provoked an outcry from critics, who said that rape is by definition committed by force and that lawmakers were seeking to exclude from coverage certain kinds of rape by adding the modifier - for example, cases in which the victim was underage or unconscious.” [Washington Post, [2/3/11](#)]

- **ABC 9 WAOW: Even Though The Rape Language Was Changed, “Duffy's Name Was Attached To A Bill That Would Have Changed The Definition Of The Crime As It Relates To Some Women Seeking Abortions.”** According to North Central Wisconsin ABC-affiliate WAOW, “As Republicans and Democrats continue to condemn Missouri U.S. Senate candidate Todd Akin for his controversial remarks on rape, Wisconsin Rep. Sean Duffy (R-7th District) is distancing himself from his role in co-sponsoring a bill that critics say would have redefined rape. He's also trying to correct the notion that any vote was taken to do that. H.R. 3, which was introduced at the beginning of 2011, sought to prohibit federal money from being spent on abortions. Duffy was one of 227 co-sponsors. The original bill provided an exemption for victims of ‘forcible rape.’ That language was later changed to ‘rape,’ and the House passed the bill 251-175. The Senate has not voted on it. [...] The bill passed by the House in May 2011 did not include the term ‘forcible rape.’ No vote was taken on the bill with that language intact. Still, Duffy's name was attached to a bill that would have changed the definition of the crime as it relates to some women seeking abortions.” [WAOW, [8/28/12](#)]

**The Act Passed the House 242-179 And Was Referred To The Senate Committee on Finance.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/30/15](#)]

### **Duffy Co-Sponsored A Bill That Banned Abortion After 20 Weeks, And Only Allowed Exceptions For Women Who Were The Victims Of Rape Or Incest And Reported The Crime**

**Duffy Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Prohibit Women From Having An Abortion After 20 Weeks Except For Cases Of Rape, Incest Or If The Woman's Life Is In Danger.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) co-sponsored H.R.36 or the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The act “[p]rohibits an abortion from being performed if the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater, except: (1) where necessary to save the life of a pregnant woman whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness, or injury, excluding psychological or emotional conditions; (2) where the pregnancy is the result of rape against an adult woman and, at least 48 hours prior to the abortion, such woman has obtained counseling for the rape or medical treatment for the rape or an injury related to the rape; or (3) where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest against a minor and the rape or incest has been reported prior to the abortion to a law enforcement agency or a government agency legally authorized to act on reports of child abuse. Requires the physician, prior to performing such an abortion, to place appropriate documentation in the patient's medical file of the receipt of such medical treatment or counseling or of the reporting of such rape or incest.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**The Bill Was “Abruptly Dropped” After A Provision Stating That Only Women Who Were The Victims Of Rape And Reported The Crime Would Be Allowed To Obtain An Abortion Led To “A Revolt By Female GOP Lawmakers.”** According to The Washington Post, “House Republican leaders abruptly dropped plans late Wednesday to

vote on an anti-abortion bill amid a revolt by female GOP lawmakers concerned that the legislation's restrictive language would once again spoil the party's chances of broadening its appeal to women and younger voters. In recent days, as many as two dozen Republicans had raised concerns with the 'Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act' that would ban abortions after the 20th week of a pregnancy. Sponsors said that exceptions would be allowed for a woman who is raped, but she could only get the abortion after reporting the rape to law enforcement." [Washington Post, [1/21/15](#)]

- **The Bill Was Later Changed To Require A Woman To Have “Obtained Counseling For The Rape Or Medical Treatment For The Rape Or An Injury Related To The Rape” At Least “48 Hours Prior To The Abortion.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) co-sponsored H.R.36 or the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The act “[p]rohibits an abortion from being performed if the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater, except: [...] (2) where the pregnancy is the result of rape against an adult woman and, at least 48 hours prior to the abortion, such woman has obtained counseling for the rape or medical treatment for the rape or an injury related to the rape; or (3) where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest against a minor and the rape or incest has been reported prior to the abortion to a law enforcement agency or a government agency legally authorized to act on reports of child abuse. Requires the physician, prior to performing such an abortion, to place appropriate documentation in the patient's medical file of the receipt of such medical treatment or counseling or of the reporting of such rape or incest.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]
- **The 2015 Bill With The Changed Language Passed The House 242-184 And Was Introduced In The Senate.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/17/15](#)]

### **Duffy Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Prohibit The Use Of Fetal Tissue From Abortions In Research**

**Duffy Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Prohibit The Use Of Fetal Tissue From Abortions In Research.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) co-sponsored H.R.3729 or the Safe RESEARCH Act. The bill “amends the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the use of tissue from a spontaneous or induced abortion in research conducted or supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). (A spontaneous abortion is the death of a fetus before the age of viability, also known as a miscarriage.) Research with human fetal tissue conducted or supported by the NIH must meet requirements, including informed consent requirements for the donor and researcher, currently applied only to research on the transplantation of human fetal tissue for therapeutic purposes.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

- **H.R.3729, The “SAFE Research Act” Would “Limit The Types Of Human Fetal Tissue That Can Used For Medical Research.”** According to a press release from the Association of American Medical Colleges, “Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) Oct. 8 introduced legislation to limit the types of human fetal tissue that can used for medical research. The Safe Responsible Ethical Scientific Endeavors Assuring Research for Compassionate Healthcare Act (Safe RESEARCH Act, H.R. 3729) would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct or support research with human fetal tissue. However, the tissue may only be obtained pursuant to a still birth.” [Association of American Medical Colleges Press Release, [10/16/15](#)]

**The Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

*New York Times: Fetal-Tissue Donation “Is Legal And Critical For Medical Research”*

**New York Times Editorial: Fetal-Tissue Donation “Is Legal And Critical For Medical Research.”** According to an editorial by the New York Times, “Congressional Republicans are again playing brinkmanship with the budget — some are even threatening to shut down the government — in order to score ideological and political points. On Tuesday, the Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, introduced a bill to keep the government running for a few months past the end of this fiscal year on Sept. 30 — as long as Democrats agree to cut off money for Planned Parenthood. [...] But in the meantime he will have drawn public attention to his party’s political campaign against Planned Parenthood. The latest phase of this campaign began in July with deceptive videos by anti-abortion activists. The videos showed Planned Parenthood officials discussing fetal-tissue donation, which is legal and critical for medical research. Republicans say the videos are evidence that

Planned Parenthood illegally profits by selling aborted fetuses and should therefore be stripped of federal money.” [Editorial - New York Times, [9/24/15](#)]

**“Fetal Tissue Experiments Remain Important To Vaccine Development, As Well As Work On Treatments For A Broad Range Of Diseases, Including HIV, Dengue Fever, Flu And Hepatitis B And C.”** According to Politico, “Research on fetal tissue is a relatively niche field — with a budget of roughly \$30 billion, NIH funded \$76 million worth of fetal tissue projects in 2014. But it has yielded some major discoveries — the polio vaccine was developed using cultured fetal kidney cells. Fetal tissue experiments remain important to vaccine development, as well as work on treatments for a broad range of diseases, including HIV, dengue fever, flu and hepatitis B and C, according to NIH. It’s also used by researchers who study early brain development and associated cognitive disorders, as well as Down syndrome and congenital heart defects.” [Politico, [10/2/15](#)]

### **Duffy Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Exempt Any Group Or Company That Objected To Contraception The Obama Administration’s Contraceptive Mandate**

**Duffy Co-Sponsored The Health Care Conscience Rights Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) co-sponsored H.R.940 or the Health Care Conscience Rights Act. The act “[a]mends title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to declare that nothing in that title requires an individual to purchase individual health insurance coverage that includes coverage of an abortion or other item or service to which the individual has a moral or religious objection, or prevent an issuer from offering coverage excluding such item or service to that individual.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**The Bill Fought Against The Obama Administration’s Contraceptive Mandate, Giving “Any Individual Or Group That Opposes Contraception An Automatic Exemption From The Requirement That Employee Health Insurance Plans Provide Birth Control.”** According to The Tennessean, “Conservative religious groups hope a new bill filed by U.S. Rep. Diane Black, R-Gallatin, will help them in their fight against the Obama administration’s contraceptive mandate. Known as the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, the bill would give any individual or group that opposes contraception an automatic exemption. The bill would also protect health-care workers from having to participate in abortions as part of their work or training.” [The Tennessean, 3/6/13]

**Faith-Based Groups Were Exempted From The Mandate But Radical Groups Pushed For The Passage Of The Conscience Rights Act So Any Group Or Company That Objected To Contraception Could Be Exempt.** According to The Tennessean, “‘I am proud to introduce the Health Care Conscience Rights Act to protect religious freedom, disempower Obamacare, and stop the administration's assault on Americans' First Amendment rights,’ Black said in a prepared statement. Last month the Obama administration released new rules for how the mandate would apply to faith-based groups. Churches are exempt. Other faith-based nonprofits, such as hospitals and schools, got an accommodation. Under that accommodation, the faith-based groups don't have to pay for contraception if they object to it. Instead, their insurance companies would have to provide a separate policy for contraception, at no charge to workers. Critics such as Tony Perkins, president of Washington-based Family Research Council, said the accommodation isn't good enough. He said all faith groups and for-profit companies should be exempt if they object to contraception. Even groups that believe birth control is moral should oppose the mandate, he said.” [The Tennessean, 3/6/13]

**The 2015 Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

### **Duffy Co-Sponsored The 2011 Personhood Bill, The “Life At Conception Act”**

**Duffy Co-Sponsored The Life At Conception Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) co-sponsored H.R.374 or the Life at Conception Act. The bill “[d]eclares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being beginning at the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual comes into being. Prohibits construing this Act to require the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**“The Bill Would Ban Abortion And Grant The Unborn All The Legal Protections Of The Fourteenth Amendment, Beginning At ‘The Moment Of Fertilization.’”** According to The New Yorker, “In my recent Profile of Senator Rand Paul, Dr. John Downing, the Senator’s friend and former medical partner, expressed his worries about Paul’s sponsorship of the Life at Conception Act, also known as the personhood law. The bill would ban abortion and grant the unborn all the legal protections of the Fourteenth Amendment, beginning at ‘the moment of fertilization.’ To Downing, who is an ardent Paul supporter, this seemed like political madness. Downing said that he believed Paul’s personhood law would make some common forms of birth control illegal, and thus doom Paul’s Presidential hopes. ‘He’s going to lose half or more of women immediately once they find out what that would do to birth control,’ Downing told me.” [New Yorker, [10/8/14](#)]

**The 2011 Act Stalled In The House Committee On The Judiciary, Was Reintroduced In 2013 And 2015 And Referred To The House Judiciary Subcommittee On The Constitution And Civil Justice.** [Congress.gov, [H.R.374](#), [H.R.1091](#), [H.R.816](#), accessed 11/18/15]

### **Duffy Co-Sponsored A Bill That Could Have Caused Thousands Of Women Who Work For Religious Organizations To Be Denied Contraceptive Coverage In Their Health Care Plans**

**Duffy Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would “Permit A Health Plan To Decline Coverage Of Specific Items And Services That Are Contrary To The Religious Beliefs Of The Sponsor, Issuer, Or Other Entity.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) co-sponsored H.R.1179 or the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011. The bill “[a]mends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to permit a health plan to decline coverage of specific items and services that are contrary to the religious beliefs of the sponsor, issuer, or other entity offering the plan or the purchaser or beneficiary (in the case of individual coverage) without penalty. Declares that such plans are still considered to: (1) be providing the essential health benefits package or preventive health services, (2) be a qualified health plan, and (3) have fulfilled other requirements under PPACA.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**If The Bill Had Passed, “Thousands Of Women Who Work For Catholic Organizations, Even If The Women Are Not Personally Catholic, Would Be Denied The Preventative Health Coverage Options Available To Most Other Women In America.”** According to the Huffington Post, “[Richard] Doerflinger worked with Rep. Jeffrey Fortenberry (R-Neb.) on the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, which would impose a giant religious exemption onto the new HHS recommendations, preempting the Obama administration. The bill would allow insurance companies to ‘decline coverage of specific items and services that are contrary to the religious beliefs of the sponsor, issuer, or other entity offering the plan,’ meaning that thousands of women who work for Catholic organizations, even if the women are not personally Catholic, would be denied the preventative health coverage options available to most other women in America.” [Huffington Post, [1/21/12](#)]

**The 2011 Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/30/15](#)]

### **DUFFY WAS SUPPORTED BY RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE GROUPS AND RECEIVED OVER \$25,000 FROM ANTI-CHOICE GROUPS AND DONORS**

#### **Duffy Hosted An Open House Event For The Annual March For Life That Featured Lila Rose, The President Of Live Action**

**In 2015, Duffy Hosted An “Open House In Conjunction With The Annual March For Life” That Featured “Pro-Life Advocate” Lila Rose.** According to a press release from Rep. Sean Duffy’s office, “Rep. Duffy will also once again host a pro-life open house in conjunction with the annual March for Life later this month. This year’s event will feature pro-life advocate Lila Rose. All residents and neighbors of Wisconsin’s 7th Congressional District who are attending the March for Life are welcome to stop by; event details are below.” [Sean Duffy Press Release, [1/9/15](#)]

*Live Action Released Misleading Undercover Videos As Part Of Its Goal To End A Woman’s Right To Choose*



**Rose Was The President Of Live Action, A Group She Started At Fifteen Years Old That Was Dedicated To Ending A Woman's Right To Choose.** According to the Live Action website, "Lila Rose is the president of Live Action, a new media nonprofit dedicated to ending abortion and building a culture of life. Lila founded Live Action when she was fifteen years old. The group utilizes investigative journalism to expose the Abortion Industry's threats against the vulnerable and defenseless. Live Action uses the results of these investigations to reveal the humanity of the unborn – to inspire the nation to take action to end abortion in America through new media." [LiveAction.org, accessed [11/9/15](#)]

- **Live Action Was A "New Media Movement Dedicated To Building A Culture Of Life And Ending Abortion."** According to Live Action's about page, "In 2008, Live Action was legally formed as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. The group is a new media movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our time. Live Action uses powerful and dynamic media platforms to educate the public about the humanity of the preborn and investigative journalism to expose the threats against the vulnerable and defenseless [sic]" [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]
- **Live Action Utilized "Undercover Investigations" To Generate Content.** According to Live Action's about page, "Utilizing undercover investigations, Live Action has documented rampant sexual abuse cover-up, racism, medical misinformation, the willingness to assist sex traffickers, false statements made by Planned Parenthood executives, sex-selective abortion, and infanticide. Live Action's exposés publicize these abuses, so the whole world can see the horrors going on right in our backyards – and paid for with our tax money." [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]

*The Founder Of The Center For Medical Progress, David Daleiden, Which Released Undercover Videos Against Planned Parenthood, Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research*

**David Daleiden Founded The Center For Medical Progress, The Group Behind The "Undercover Campaign" Against Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, "[David] Daleiden, 26, is the anti-abortion activist who masterminded the recent undercover campaign aimed at proving that Planned Parenthood illegally sells what he calls aborted 'baby body parts.' He captured intimate details of the famously guarded organization, hobnobbing at conferences so secretive that they require background checks and talking his way into a back laboratory at a Colorado clinic where he picked through the remains of aborted fetuses and displayed them luridly for the camera. [...] [Troy] Newman is one of three board members for the nonprofit Daleiden set up, the unassumingly named Center for Medical Progress. Another is Daleiden, and the third is Albin Rhomberg, who made headlines in the 1980s when he broke into the Los Angeles County coroner's office to photograph aborted fetuses." [Washington Post, [10/14/15](#)]

- **David Daleiden Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research.** According to an archived web page on the Live Action website, "David took on his current role as Director of Research for Live Action in 2008 during the early stages of the Mona Lisa Project. In March 2009, David and a fellow student were banned from sister campus Pomona College after videotaping a Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles speaker denying Planned Parenthood's responsibility for the cover-up of statutory rape. The ban was soon lifted after intense public scrutiny." [LiveAction.org via Web.archive.org, [8/17/09](#)]

### **Duffy Was Endorsed By Susan B. Anthony List, A Group That Wanted To Eliminate A Woman's Right To Choose**

**Duffy Was Endorsed By Susan B. Anthony List To Represent Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District.** According to a press release from Susan B. Anthony List, "Today the Susan B. Anthony List announced its endorsement of Sean Duffy, candidate for Wisconsin's 7th congressional district against Julie Lassa. 'Sean Duffy is the better candidate for women and all Wisconsin families,' said SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser. 'The contrast between he [sic] and Julie Lassa is clear. Sean Duffy has spent his career protecting Wisconsin families in the courtroom and will continue to do so on the floor of Congress. Julie Lassa, has been backed by the abortion lobby and would be its advocate in the fight for taxpayer funding of abortion. EMILY's List and Planned Parenthood have made this race a high priority because they know what is at stake if Sean Duffy wins.'" [Susan B. Anthony List Press Release, [10/14/10](#)]

*The Susan B. Anthony List's Top Legislative Priorities Are "Defunding Planned Parenthood" And "Ending All Federal Funding Of Abortion"*

**Susan B. Anthony List's "Sole Aim Is To Abolish Abortion."** According to The New Yorker, "[Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie] Dannenfelter's group is named for the pioneering feminist, and modelled on EMILY's List, the powerful pro-choice organization, but it has little in common with most feminist groups; its sole aim is to abolish abortion. The S.B.A. List supports politicians who are pro-life (this, and not 'anti-abortion,' is their preferred term) and, ideally, female—the better to deflect the old but effective charge that the battle against abortion is necessarily a battle against the half of the population that might potentially undergo one." [New Yorker, [10/27/14](#)]

**SBA List's Top Legislative Priorities Were "Defunding Planned Parenthood" And "Ending All Federal Funding Of Abortion."** According to its website, "SBA List has two main legislative priorities: ending all federal funding of abortion and ending taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood." The "Pro-Life Legislation" section of the website includes individual pages for "Defunding Planned Parenthood" and "H.R. 3 No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act." [SBA-List.org, accessed [4/18/13](#)]

**SBA List Defended Todd Akin Following His "Legitimate Rape" Comments.** According to The Washington Post, "Republican leadership has a not so-subtle-hint for Todd Akin: They would like the Missouri Senate candidate, who remarked that 'legitimate rape' rarely results in pregnancy, out of the race — and sooner rather than later. [...] Pro-life groups, however, have taken a decidedly different take. Both the Susan B. Anthony List and Family Research Council have stood by Akin. They don't see him as a politician who has made a career ending gaffe. In their view, he's a strong abortion right opponent who articulated a tenet of the pro-life movement: Abortion should be illegal in all situations, rape included. 'Todd Akin ... has a record of voting to protect human life,' said Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelter, reaffirming her support in a statement. He 'has been an excellent partner in the fight for the unborn.'" [Washington Post, [8/21/12](#)]

**Duffy Was Endorsed By National Right To Life And Received "A Perfect 100% Pro-Life Voting Record In The Scorecard Issued By National Right To Life"**

**Duffy Was Endorsed By National Right To Life For His Re-Election To Congress During The 2014 Election Cycle.** According to a letter from National Right to Life, "Dear Rep. Duffy: National Right to Life is pleased to endorse you for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives. During the 113th Congress, you have earned a perfect 100% pro-life voting record in the scorecard issued by National Right to Life." [National Right to Life Letter, [9/17/14](#)]

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- **Duffy Attended The 2010 Wisconsin Right To Life Convention.** According to the National Right to Life's News & Views newsletter, "Enthusiastic right-to-lifers from around the state attended the 2010 Wisconsin Right to Life convention held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin on April 17. Congressional candidate Sean Duffy delighted the crowd with his presence. Duffy is attracting nationwide attention as a viable opponent to Rep. David Obey, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and one of Speaker Nancy Pelosi's most loyal lieutenants." [NRLC.org, [4/19/10](#)]

**National Right To Life Political Action Committee Made A Total Of \$17,591 In Independent Political Expenditures In Favor Of Duffy's Campaign Between The 2010 And 2014 Election Cycles**

**National Right To Life Victory Fund Made \$4,465 In Independent Political Expenditures In Favor Of Rep. Sean Duffy's Campaign During The 2014 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Right to Life Victory Fund contributed \$4,465 in independent political expenditures in favor of Rep. Sean Duffy's campaign during the 2014 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/5/15](#)]

**National Right To Life Political Action Committee Made \$5,086 In Independent Political Expenditures In Favor Of Sean Duffy's Campaign During The 2012 Election Cycle.** According to Political MoneyLine, the National Right To Life Political Action Committee made \$5,086 in independent political expenditures in favor of Sean Duffy's campaign during the 2012 election cycle. [PoliticalMoneyLine.com, accessed [11/6/15](#)]

**National Right To Life Political Action Committee Made \$8,040 In Independent Political Expenditures In Favor Of Sean Duffy's Campaign During The 2010 Election Cycle.** According to Political MoneyLine, the National Right To Life Political Action Committee made \$8,040 in independent political expenditures in favor of Sean Duffy's campaign during the 2010 election cycle. [PoliticalMoneyLine.com, accessed [11/6/15](#)]

*National Right To Life Claimed To Be The "Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization"*

**The National Right To Life Committee Called Itself "The Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization" That Works To "Protect Innocent Human Life From Abortion."** According to the National Right to Life Committee's website, "Founded in 1968, National Right to Life, the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia." [NRLC.org/about, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**The NRLC Produced The Silent Scream, Which Claimed To Show "A Sonogram Of A First-Trimester Abortion In Which The Fetus Opened Its Mouth In What The Narrator Said Was A Wounded Cry."** According to The Atlantic, "The more pragmatic set found early on that abstract arguments about the sanctity of life didn't resonate as well with lay Evangelicals as did vivid descriptions of the abortion process. The 1984 video The Silent Scream, produced by the NRLC, purported to show a sonogram of a first-trimester abortion in which the fetus opened its mouth in what the narrator said was a wounded cry." [The Atlantic, [11/18/13](#)]

### **Wisconsin Right To Life Contributed \$468 In Favor Of Rep. Sean Duffy's Campaign During The 2014 Election Cycle**

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### **GOP Mega Donors Lynn And Foster Friess Contributed A Total Of \$7,600 To The Duffy For Congress Committee; Foster Friess Said Women Should Just Put Aspirin "Between Their Knees" For Contraception**

**"Mega Donor" Foster Friess On Women: "Back In My Days, They Used Bayer Aspirin For Contraception. The Gals Put It Between Their Knees, And It Wasn't That Costly."** According to Politico's Burns & Haberman Blog, "Foster Friess, the mega donor behind the pro-Rick Santorum Super PAC, dismissed questions about his patron's controversial views on women in combat, contraception and gay marriage. [...] He went on: 'On this contraceptive thing, my Gosh it's such [sic] inexpensive,' he added. 'You know, back in my days, they used Bayer aspirin for contraception. The gals put it between their knees, and it wasn't that costly.' Host Andrea Mitchell interjected, 'Excuse me, I'm just trying to catch my breath from that, Mr. Friess, frankly,' she said after a long pause. 'Let's change the subject.'" [Politico, [2/16/12](#)]

*Friess Contributed A Total Of \$4,100 To The Duffy For Congress Committee*

**Foster Friess Contributed \$2,600 To The Duffy For Congress Committee During The 2014 Election Cycle.** According to a financial disclosure form that was filed with the Federal Election Commission, Foster Friess of Jackson Wyoming contributed \$2,600 to the Duffy for Congress committee during the 2014 election cycle. [Financial Disclosure Form via FEC.gov, [10/15/14](#)]

**Foster Friess Contributed \$1,500 To The Duffy For Congress Committee During The 2010 Election Cycle.** According to a financial disclosure form that was filed with the Federal Election Commission, Foster Friess of Jackson Wyoming

contributed \$1,500 to the Duffy for Congress committee during the 2010 election cycle. [Financial Disclosure Form via FEC.gov, [10/11/10](#)]

*Lynn Friess Contributed A Total Of \$3,500 To The Duffy For Congress Committee*

**Lynnette Friess Contributed \$2,000 To The Duffy For Congress Committee During The 2012 Election Cycle.**

According to a financial disclosure form that was filed with the Federal Election Commission, Lynette Friess of Jackson Wyoming contributed \$2,000 to the Duffy for Congress committee during the 2012 election cycle. [Financial Disclosure Form via FEC.gov, [7/30/12](#)]

**Lynnette Friess Contributed \$1,500 To The Duffy For Congress Committee During The 2010 Election Cycle.**

According to a financial disclosure form that was filed with the Federal Election Commission, Lynette Friess of Jackson Wyoming contributed \$1,500 to the Duffy for Congress committee during the 2010 election cycle. [Financial Disclosure Form via FEC.gov, [10/11/12](#)]

*The Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation Have A History Of Funding Anti-Choice And Anti-Contraception Groups*

**The Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation Has Given \$50,000 To The Family Research Council.** According to the Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation's 990s, the Friess Family Foundation has given \$50,000 to the Family Research Council since 2002. [Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation IRS Forms 990, 2002, 2010]

- **The Family Research Council Worked Against A Women's Right To Choose.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, "As an independent nonprofit, the FRC continued its work in 'pro-family' areas, working against abortion and stem cell research, fighting pornography and homosexuality, and promoting 'the Judeo-Christian worldview as the basis for a just, free, and stable society.' That work would establish FRC as one of the most powerful of the far right's advocacy groups." [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [11/6/15](#)]

**Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation Gave \$550,000 To The Becket Fund Between 2002 And 2004.** According to tax records, the Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation gave \$550,000 to the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty between 2002 and 2004. [IRS Form 990, 2002-2004]

- **The Becket Fund Represented Hobby Lobby In Its Contraceptive Challenge.** According to Bloomberg, "The justices will hear the Hobby Lobby case alongside a similar dispute involving Conestoga Wood Specialties, a woodworking business owned by a Mennonite family. The companies' lawsuits are among at least 47 filed by for-profit businesses opposed to the contraception requirement, according to the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which represents Hobby Lobby." [Bloomberg, [3/20/14](#)]

## Subcommittee Member Rep. Mia Love (R-UT)

### REP. MIA LOVE WAS CHOSEN TO SERVE ON THE SELECT PANEL TO INVESTIGATE PLANNED PARENTHOOD

**Rep. Mia Love Was Chosen To Serve On The Select Panel To Investigate Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, "A day after his other special committee had trouble unveiling new information in the September 2012 Benghazi attacks, the outgoing speaker doubled down on the process of crowning new committees to investigate controversial actions. Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), a veteran conservative who has been outspoken in criticism of Planned Parenthood, will chair the select subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Three other female members — Reps. Diane Black (R-Tenn.), Vicki Hartzler (R-Mo.) and Mia Love (R-Utah) will also serve among the eight Republicans on the panel." [Washington Post, [10/23/15](#)]



## **LOVE ACCUSED PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF “KILLING BABIES” AND DEMANDED THAT FEDERAL FUNDS “BE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN” FROM THE ORGANIZATION**

### **Love Accused Planned Parenthood Of “Killing Babies” And Called For The Congressional Black Caucus To Oppose The Organization**

**Love Accused Planned Parenthood Of “Killing Babies.”** According to an interview of Rep. Mia Love by Sean Hannity, “Have we become so desensitized that we can laugh about killing babies, harvesting body parts to sell like commodities on the street? If this is the reality it’s certainly something I’m unwilling to accept, it’s absolutely horrific. [...] We need to do everything we can to make sure the American people so not forget what’s happening. Now, watch, this is what’s going to happen. The left and those who want to protect this organization are going to turn this conversation from killing of babies to shutdowns, women’s health issues, everything to kind of distort, distract, and divide Americans into thinking what’s actually happening isn’t happening, the fact that they are actually taking brain tissue from live babies. These are American babies.” [Hannity – Fox News, [8/24/15](#)]

### **Love Called On The Congressional Black Caucus To Go After Planned Parenthood: “If They’re Going To Do Everything They Can To Help The Black Race,” They Should “Oppose Planned Parenthood” And Abortion.**

According to an interview of Rep. Mia Love by Sean Hannity, “We’re accepting the fact that black Americans make 12 -make up 12 percent of the population yet Planned Parenthood aborts 78 percent of minorities in this country. This is an issue that should be something that we’re both on the same side of. [...] We make up 12 percent of the population, and, yet, let’s look at who they’re aborting. This is an issue that the CBC should be taking on as far as I’m concerned. It should be something that, as an organization, if they’re going to do everything they can to help the black race they should be on top of this issue and oppose Planned Parenthood and the practice of aborting of these babies.” [Hannity – Fox News, [8/24/15](#)]

### **Love Demanded That Federal Funds “Be Completely Withdrawn” From Planned Parenthood**

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According to The Washington Post, “House Republican leaders abruptly dropped plans late Wednesday to vote on an anti-abortion bill amid a revolt by female GOP lawmakers concerned that the legislation's restrictive language would once again spoil the party's chances of broadening its appeal to women and younger voters. In recent days, as many as two dozen Republicans had raised concerns with the ‘Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act’ that would ban abortions after the 20th week of a pregnancy. Sponsors said that exceptions would be allowed for a woman who is raped, but she could only get the abortion after reporting the rape to law enforcement.” [Washington Post, [1/21/15](#)]

**Love’s Spokesperson Said She Would Have Supported The Original Bill Before It Was Pulled.** According to Breitbart, “On the eve of the March for Life in January in Washington, D.C., the Pain Capable bill – which would prohibit abortions past the fifth month of pregnancy – was pulled from the House floor when Ellmers and some colleagues decided that the bill they had approved and passed in 2013 was no longer a bill they could support. Ellmers claimed they were concerned about the measure’s rape reporting language, though it became readily apparent they were more concerned about the political consequences of possibly turning off women and millennials. [...] Richard Platt, communications director for Utah Rep. Mia Love (R-UT), a member of the Republican Women’s Policy Committee, tells Breitbart News that Love has not reviewed Rep. Ellmers’ new bill in any form, and so could not comment on what the bill might or might not be. ‘However, the Congresswoman is pro-life, and would have supported the original bill before it was pulled,’ he added.” [Breitbart, [4/16/15](#)]

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### **Love Was Endorsed By The Susan B. Anthony List, A Group That Wanted To Eliminate A Woman’s Right To Choose**

**Love Was Endorsed By The Susan B. Anthony List For Utah’s Fourth District.** According to LifeNews.com, “Today the Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund, a national pro-life political action committee, announced its endorsement of Mia Love for Utah’s 4th Congressional District. ‘The SBA List is proud to endorse Mia Love for Utah’s fourth district. We hope to help send this rising star to Washington in the fall. She will be an ideal advocate for women and unborn children,’ said Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund President Marjorie Dannenfelser. ‘Throughout her political career, Mia has kept the pro-life cause close to her heart. Her unique voice will be an excellent addition to the House Pro-life Women’s Caucus.’” [LifeNews.com, [3/17/14](#)]

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**Susan B. Anthony List's "Sole Aim Is To Abolish Abortion."** According to The New Yorker, "[Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie] Dannenfelser's group is named for the pioneering feminist, and modelled on EMILY's List, the powerful pro-choice organization, but it has little in common with most feminist groups; its sole aim is to abolish abortion. The S.B.A. List supports politicians who are pro-life (this, and not 'anti-abortion,' is their preferred term) and, ideally, female—the better to deflect the old but effective charge that the battle against abortion is necessarily a battle against the half of the population that might potentially undergo one." [New Yorker, [10/27/14](#)]

**SBA List's Top Legislative Priorities Were "Defunding Planned Parenthood" And "Ending All Federal Funding Of Abortion."** According to its website, "SBA List has two main legislative priorities: ending all federal funding of abortion and ending taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood." The "Pro-Life Legislation" section of the website includes individual pages for "Defunding Planned Parenthood" and "H.R. 3 No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act." [SBA-List.org, accessed [4/18/13](#)]

**SBA List Defended Todd Akin Following His "Legitimate Rape" Comments.** According to the Washington Post, "Republican leadership has a not so-subtle-hint for Todd Akin: They would like the Missouri Senate candidate, who remarked that 'legitimate rape' rarely results in pregnancy, out of the race — and sooner rather than later. [...] Pro-life groups, however, have taken a decidedly different take. Both the Susan B. Anthony List and Family Research Council have stood by Akin. They don't see him as a politician who has made a career ending gaffe. In their view, he's a strong abortion right opponent who articulated a tenet of the pro-life movement: Abortion should be illegal in all situations, rape included. 'Todd Akin ... has a record of voting to protect human life,' said Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser, reaffirming her support in a statement. He 'has been an excellent partner in the fight for the unborn.'" [Washington Post, [8/21/12](#)]

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**Love Was Endorsed By The National Right to Life Committee To Represent The 4th Congressional District Of Utah.** According to a blog post on Rep. Mia Love's campaign website, "I am grateful for the endorsement of the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the nation's oldest and largest pro-life organization. My commitment to pro-life policies is unwavering, and I look forward to working with others in Congress to protect the right to life. In a letter announcing the endorsement, the NRLC wrote the following: National Right to Life is pleased to endorse you for election to the U.S. House of Representatives, to represent the 4th Congressional District of Utah. This endorsement reflects your commitment to strengthening a culture of life throughout the nation and in the U.S. Congress. We look forward to working with you to protect the most vulnerable members of the human family." [Love4Utah.com, [9/15/14](#)]

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**The National Right To Life Committee Called Itself "The Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization" That Works To "Protect Innocent Human Life From Abortion."** According to the National Right to Life Committee's website, "Founded in 1968, National Right to Life, the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia." [NRLC.org/about, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**The NRLC Produced The Silent Scream, Which Claimed To Show "A Sonogram Of A First-Trimester Abortion In Which The Fetus Opened Its Mouth In What The Narrator Said Was A Wounded Cry."** According to The Atlantic, "The more pragmatic set found early on that abstract arguments about the sanctity of life didn't resonate as well with lay Evangelicals as did vivid descriptions of the abortion process. The 1984 video The Silent Scream, produced by the NRLC, purported to show a sonogram of a first-trimester abortion in which the fetus opened its mouth in what the narrator said was a wounded cry." [The Atlantic, [11/18/13](#)]

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**National Pro-Life Alliance Wanted To Overturn Roe v. Wade.** According to the National Pro-Life Alliance's website, "Ever since the dreadful Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, more than 55 million precious unborn babies have lost their lives. The National Pro-Life Alliance's members, staff and volunteers are dedicated to halting this slaughter once and for all. And despite the many remaining obstacles, there is light at the end of the tunnel." [ProLifeAlliance.com, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

## Subcommittee Member Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO)

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**Rep. Vicky Hartzler Was Chosen To Serve On The Select Panel To Investigate Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, “A day after his other special committee had trouble unveiling new information in the September 2012 Benghazi attacks, the outgoing speaker doubled down on the process of crowning new committees to investigate controversial actions. Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), a veteran conservative who has been outspoken in criticism of Planned Parenthood, will chair the select subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Three other female members — Reps. Diane Black (R-Tenn.), Vicki Hartzler (R-Mo.) and Mia Love (R-Utah) will also serve among the eight Republicans on the panel.” [Washington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

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**Hartzler: Planned Parenthood “Must Be Stopped... I Urge Support For Congressman Black’s Legislation That Prohibits All Federal Funds To Planned Parenthood.”** According to House floor remarks by Rep. Vicky Hartzler, “Last week and this morning, new videos were released detailing how Planned Parenthood harvests and sells the body parts of aborted children. [...] Planned Parenthood has received over \$200 million in federal funds since 2012. It is clear that Planned Parenthood places profit not women’s health and safety ahead of all else. They must be stopped. I urge support for Congressman Black’s legislation that prohibits all federal funds to Planned Parenthood. Federal dollars cannot continue to flow to any entity that has such a blatant and heartless disregard for human life.” [Vicky Hartzler Remarks, [7/22/15](#)]

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**Hartzler Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Require Abortion Providers To Perform An Obstetric Ultrasound On A Woman Before She Is Allowed To Get An Abortion.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO) co-sponsored the H.R.3805 or the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act. The act would amend the “Public Health Service Act to require abortion providers, before a woman gives informed consent to any part of an abortion, to perform an obstetric ultrasound on the pregnant woman, provide a simultaneous explanation of what the ultrasound is depicting, display the ultrasound images so the woman may view them, and provide a complete medical description of the images, including the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, cardiac activity if present and visible, and the presence of external members and internal organs if present and viewable.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**Critics Called The “Controversial” Ultrasound Bill “Unnecessary And Intrusive.”** According to BuzzFeed, “Democratic lawmakers and abortion rights organizations have opened an assault on Rep. Paul Ryan’s support for a controversial bill requiring doctors to perform an ultrasound on a woman before performing an abortion to ensure she can see the fetal image. Abortion foes have fought for versions of the measure around the country, in the hopes of dissuading women from going through with abortions, while critics see it as unnecessary and intrusive. [...] Ryan is one of more than 60 lawmakers who have signed on to the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act in the House.” [BuzzFeed, [8/11/12](#)]

**University of California Assistant Professor of Health Sciences Jen Russo: Laws Forcing A Patient To View An Ultrasound “Violate The Ethical Principle Of Respect For Patient Autonomy, Which Entails That Patients Be Able To Choose Which Treatments They Receive...Without Coercion.”** According to commentary by University of California Assistant Professor of Health Sciences Jen Russo for the AMA Journal of Ethics, “This legislation forces physicians to violate the ethical principle of respect for patient autonomy, which entails that patients be able to choose which treatments they receive and that they be able to make treatment decisions without coercion. Laws requiring that a patient be offered an ultrasound and the opportunity to view the results might be consistent with both the medical evidence on ultrasound viewing in abortion care and ethical medical practice, but laws that require it are not. Furthermore, forcing patients to have unwanted



procedures—especially invasive procedures—or to view results against their will may in fact cause harm, violating the ethical principle of nonmaleficence.” [Jen Russo – AMA Journal of Ethics, [April 2014](#)]

**The 2012 Bill Stalled In The House Committee On Energy And Commerce, But Was Reintroduced In 2015 And Referred to The Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** Congress.gov, [H.R.3805](#) and [H.R.492](#) accessed 11/30/15.

### **Hartzler Co-Sponsored A Bill That Banned Abortion After 20 Weeks, And Only Allowed Exceptions For Women Who Were The Victims Of Rape Or Incest And Reported The Crime**

**Hartzler Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Prohibit Women From Having An Abortion After 20 Weeks Except For Cases Of Rape, Incest Or If The Woman’s Life Is In Danger.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO) co-sponsored H.R.36 or the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The act “[p]rohibits an abortion from being performed if the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater, except: (1) where necessary to save the life of a pregnant woman whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness, or injury, excluding psychological or emotional conditions; (2) where the pregnancy is the result of rape against an adult woman and, at least 48 hours prior to the abortion, such woman has obtained counseling for the rape or medical treatment for the rape or an injury related to the rape; or (3) where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest against a minor and the rape or incest has been reported prior to the abortion to a law enforcement agency or a government agency legally authorized to act on reports of child abuse. Requires the physician, prior to performing such an abortion, to place appropriate documentation in the patient's medical file of the receipt of such medical treatment or counseling or of the reporting of such rape or incest.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/16/15](#)]

**The Bill Was “Abruptly Dropped” After A Provision Stating That Only Women Who Were The Victims Of Rape And Reported The Crime Would Be Allowed To Obtain An Abortion Led To “A Revolt By Female GOP Lawmakers.”** According to The Washington Post, “House Republican leaders abruptly dropped plans late Wednesday to vote on an anti-abortion bill amid a revolt by female GOP lawmakers concerned that the legislation's restrictive language would once again spoil the party's chances of broadening its appeal to women and younger voters. In recent days, as many as two dozen Republicans had raised concerns with the ‘Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act’ that would ban abortions after the 20th week of a pregnancy. Sponsors said that exceptions would be allowed for a woman who is raped, but she could only get the abortion after reporting the rape to law enforcement.” [Washington Post, [1/21/15](#)]

- **The Bill Was Later Changed To Require A Woman To Have “Obtained Counseling For The Rape Or Medical Treatment For The Rape Or An Injury Related To The Rape” At Least “48 Hours Prior To The Abortion.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) co-sponsored H.R.36 or the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The act “[p]rohibits an abortion from being performed if the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater, except: [...] (2) where the pregnancy is the result of rape against an adult woman and, at least 48 hours prior to the abortion, such woman has obtained counseling for the rape or medical treatment for the rape or an injury related to the rape; or (3) where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest against a minor and the rape or incest has been reported prior to the abortion to a law enforcement agency or a government agency legally authorized to act on reports of child abuse. Requires the physician, prior to performing such an abortion, to place appropriate documentation in the patient's medical file of the receipt of such medical treatment or counseling or of the reporting of such rape or incest.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/16/15](#)]
- **The 2015 Bill With The Changed Language Passed The House 242-184 And Was Introduced In The Senate.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/17/15](#)]

### **Hartzler Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Ban Doctors From Using “A Common Procedure Used In Nearly All Second-Trimester Abortions” And Was Based On Model Legislation From National Right To Life**

**Hartzler Co-Sponsored The Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act Of 2015.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO) co-sponsored H.R.3515 or the Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act of 2015. [Congress.gov, accessed [11/16/15](#)]

- **The Bill Would Ban Doctors From Using The Dilation And Evacuation Procedure During An Abortion.**  
According to a press release from National Right to Life, “The Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act (H.R. 3515) was introduced in the House by Congressman Chris Smith (R-N.J.), a veteran legislator who is co-chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, with Vicki Hartzler (R-Mo.), Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.), and Trent Franks (R-Az.) as original cosponsors. [...] This definition largely overlaps with what those in the abortion trade currently refer to as ‘dilation and evacuation’ or ‘dilation and extraction’ (D&E) abortions. The method is commonly used starting at about 14 weeks of pregnancy, and extending into the third trimester.” [National Right to Life Press Release, [9/16/15](#)]
- **Dilation And Evacuation Was “A Common Procedure Used In Nearly All Second-Trimester Abortions.”**  
According to Politico, “What this gruesome-sounding explanation means, in essence, is that H.B. 1241 would make it against the law to perform what is known as a D&E (dilation and evacuation) abortion, a common procedure used in nearly all second-trimester abortions.” [Politico, [2/17/14](#)]
- **The Bill Was “Based On A Model State Bill Proposed By National Right To Life, Which Has Already Been Enacted This Year In Kansas And Oklahoma.”** According to a press release from National Right to Life, “The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) heralded today’s introduction in the U.S. House of Representatives of legislation to nationally ban dismemberment abortion, an abortion method that involves using steel tools to tear apart a well-developed unborn child by brute force. The Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act (H.R. 3515) was introduced in the House by Congressman Chris Smith (R-N.J.), a veteran legislator who is co-chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, with Vicki Hartzler (R-Mo.), Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.), and Trent Franks (R-Az.) as original cosponsors. The legislation is based on a model state bill proposed by National Right to Life, which has already been enacted this year in Kansas and Oklahoma.” [National Right to Life Press Release, [9/16/15](#)]

### **Hartzler Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Prohibit Federal Funding For Schools That Provide Students With Information About Abortion**

**Hartzler Co-Sponsored The “PRO-LIFE Act,” Which Would Prohibit Federal Funding From Going To Schools “That Provide Students With “Abortions, Abortion-Related Materials Or Referrals, Or Directions To Abortion Services.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-UT) co-sponsored H.R.1122 or the PRO-LIFE Act. The Protecting Life in Funding Education Act or the PRO-LIFE Act would amend “the General Education Provisions Act to prohibit the provision of federal education funding to state or local educational agencies that make health services available to students through school-based health centers, unless those centers certify that they will not provide students with abortions, abortion-related materials or referrals, or directions to abortion services.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**The Bill “Would Financially Penalize School Districts That Allow School-Based Health Centers To Provide Information About Abortion To Pregnant High School Students.”** According to the Huffington Post, “House Republicans attached language to a major education bill Wednesday night that would financially penalize school districts that allow school-based health centers to provide information about abortion to pregnant high school students. The amendment to the Student Success Act, a GOP overhaul of No Child Left Behind, would withhold federal funding from school districts that contract with health centers unless the center certifies that it will not provide abortions or give students any information about abortion, including directions to the nearest abortion provider. (School-based health centers already do not provide abortion services.) The House Rules Committee slipped the new language into a part of the bill known as the ‘manager’s amendment,’ which is normally reserved for non-controversial fixes to a piece of legislation that are agreed to ahead of time.” [Huffington Post, [2/26/15](#)]

**The PRO-LIFE Act’s Language Was Included In The Education Bill The “Student Success Act.”** According to a press release from Rep. Randy Neugebauer, “Today, the House of Representatives voted to include the language from Rep. Randy Neugebauer’s (TX-19) Protecting Life in Funding Education (PRO-LIFE) Act (H.R. 463) in H.R. 5, the Student Success Act. Neugebauer released the following statement after the House passed H.R. 5: ‘Hardworking taxpayers shouldn’t be footing the bill for political groups and abortion advocates to operate in our nation’s public schools and advance their attack on the unborn. I’m pleased my colleagues in the House adopted the concepts of my Pro-Life Act and committed to protecting the rights of the unborn. This common sense measure would restrict funding to school districts that contract with third party

'school-based health centers' unless they certify they won't perform abortions and won't provide abortion referrals or materials to students. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to move this forward.” [Randy Neugebauer Press Release, [7/9/15](#)]

- **The Final Version Of The Education Bill Became Law In December, 2015, And Included Language Prohibiting School-Based Health Centers Providing Abortions But Not From Providing Information On Reproductive Services.** According to The Washington Post’s Answer Sheet blog, “It turns out that the country’s new K-12 education law, the successor to No Child Left Behind which President Obama signed on Thursday, includes language that prohibits school-based health centers from subsidizing abortions — but it has no real effect because the Public Health Service Act already includes such a ban. [...]The original House version of the Every Student Succeeds Act did not have any reference to abortion funding, but it was added before it went to the House floor, along with other provisions, such as one that would have prohibited personnel working in school-based student health centers from even recommending to students a full range of reproductive services.” [Washington Post, [12/11/15](#)]
- **The Language “Has No Real Effect Because The Public Health Service Act Already Includes Such A Ban.”** According to The Washington Post’s Answer Sheet blog, “It turns out that the country’s new K-12 education law, the successor to No Child Left Behind which President Obama signed on Thursday, includes language that prohibits school-based health centers from subsidizing abortions — but it has no real effect because the Public Health Service Act already includes such a ban. [...]Section 399Z-1 of the Health Service Act says funds awarded for a grant under the section about school-based health centers ‘may not be used to provide abortions.’ As a result, congressional sources said, the language in the Every Student Succeeds Act was not actually necessary to ensure that public funds would not be spent in such a manner.” [Washington Post, [12/11/15](#)]

### **Hartzler Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Exempt Any Group Or Company That Objected To Contraception The Obama Administration’s Contraceptive Mandate**

**Hartzler Co-Sponsored The Health Care Conscience Rights Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-UT) co-sponsored H.R.940 or the Health Care Conscience Rights Act. The act “[a]mends title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to declare that nothing in that title requires an individual to purchase individual health insurance coverage that includes coverage of an abortion or other item or service to which the individual has a moral or religious objection, or prevent an issuer from offering coverage excluding such item or service to that individual.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**The Bill Fought Against The Obama Administration’s Contraceptive Mandate, Giving “Any Individual Or Group That Opposes Contraception An Automatic Exemption From The Requirement That Employee Health Insurance Plans Provide Birth Control.”** According to The Tennessean, “Conservative religious groups hope a new bill filed by U.S. Rep. Diane Black, R-Gallatin, will help them in their fight against the Obama administration’s contraceptive mandate. Known as the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, the bill would give any individual or group that opposes contraception an automatic exemption. The bill would also protect health-care workers from having to participate in abortions as part of their work or training.” [Tennessean, 3/6/13]

**Faith-Based Groups Were Exempted From The Mandate But Radical Groups Pushed For The Passage Of The Conscience Rights Act So Any Group Or Company That Objected To Contraception Could Be Exempt.** According to The Tennessean, “I am proud to introduce the Health Care Conscience Rights Act to protect religious freedom, disempower Obamacare, and stop the administration's assault on Americans' First Amendment rights,” Black said in a prepared statement. Last month the Obama administration released new rules for how the mandate would apply to faith-based groups. Churches are exempt. Other faith-based nonprofits, such as hospitals and schools, got an accommodation. Under that accommodation, the faith-based groups don't have to pay for contraception if they object to it. Instead, their insurance companies would have to provide a separate policy for contraception, at no charge to workers. Critics such as Tony Perkins, president of Washington-based Family Research Council, said the accommodation isn't good enough. He said all faith groups and for-profit companies should be exempt if they object to contraception. Even groups that believe birth control is moral should oppose the mandate, he said.” [Tennessean, 3/6/13]

**The 2015 Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

### **Hartzler Co-Sponsored An Anti-Choice Bill That Specified “Forcible” Rape As One Of The Few Exceptions To Its Ban On Federal Funding Of Abortions**

**Hartzler Co-Sponsored The No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act In 2011.** According to Govtrack.us, Vicky Hartzler was listed as a co-sponsor to H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act in the 112th Congress. [Govtrack.us, accessed [11/16/15](#)]

**The Act Listed “‘Forcible Rape’ As One Of The Few Exceptions To A Permanent Ban On Using Federal Funds For Abortions.** According to The Washington Post, “Republican lawmakers have removed the term ‘forcible rape’ from an antiabortion bill in Congress after women's groups accused them of trying to change the widely held definition of rape. [...] The bill, called the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, seeks to permanently bar federal funds from being used to subsidize abortions. It allows exceptions in cases in which the pregnancy resulted from incest or when the life of the mother would be threatened if the fetus was carried to term. In the original language, it also allowed exceptions in cases of ‘forcible rape.’ The term provoked an outcry from critics, who said that rape is by definition committed by force and that lawmakers were seeking to exclude from coverage certain kinds of rape by adding the modifier - for example, cases in which the victim was underage or unconscious.” [Washington Post, [2/3/11](#)]

**Republicans Changed The “Forcible Rape” Language, “After Women's Groups Accused Them Of Trying To Change The Widely Held Definition Of Rape.”** According to The Washington Post, “Republican lawmakers have removed the term ‘forcible rape’ from an antiabortion bill in Congress after women's groups accused them of trying to change the widely held definition of rape. [...] The bill, called the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, seeks to permanently bar federal funds from being used to subsidize abortions. It allows exceptions in cases in which the pregnancy resulted from incest or when the life of the mother would be threatened if the fetus was carried to term. In the original language, it also allowed exceptions in cases of ‘forcible rape.’ The term provoked an outcry from critics, who said that rape is by definition committed by force and that lawmakers were seeking to exclude from coverage certain kinds of rape by adding the modifier - for example, cases in which the victim was underage or unconscious.” [Washington Post, [2/3/11](#)]

**The Act Passed the House 242-179 And Was Referred To The Senate Committee on Finance.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/30/15](#)]

## **HARTZLER WAS SUPPORTED BY EXTREME ANTI-CHOICE ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Hartzler Was Associated With Concerned Women Of America, Which Opposed Abortion And Not Only Wanted To Make Abortion Illegal, But “Unthinkable”**

**Hartzler “Met With Concerned Women Or America To Update Efforts To De-Fund Planned Parenthood” In 2011.** According to a press release from Rep. Vicky Hartzler’s office, “Pro-life Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (MO-4) has marked the anniversary of the landmark Roe v. Wade abortion case by joining fellow pro-lifers who had ventured to Washington, D.C. to take part in the 38th Annual March for Life. She met with Concerned Women for America to update efforts to de-fund Planned Parenthood before joining about 200 Missourians at a pro-life event known as the Missouri Big Meeting.” [Vicky Hartzler Press Release, [1/24/11](#)]

**In 2010, Concerned Women For America Legislative Action Committee “Led Efforts To Mobilize Behind Principled Candidates Like” Vicky Hartzler.** According to a blog post from the Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee, “In response to the 2010 mid-term election results, Penny Nance, CEO of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee, stated: ‘Conservative women spoke loud and clear in the 2010 elections. Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee led efforts to mobilize behind principled candidates like Rand Paul and Marco Rubio in the Senate and Vickie [sic] Hartzler and Kristi Noem and many others in the House.’” [CWFA.org, [11/3/10](#)]



*Concerned Women For America Opposed Abortion And CWA CEO And President Penny Nancy Said It Was “Not Enough For Abortion To Be Illegal. We Should Make It Unthinkable”*

**CWA Was Opposed To Abortion, “Fetal Tissue Experimentation, And Embryonic Research.”** According to the Concerned Women for America website, “We are concerned about...The protection of innocent human life — including protecting the unborn from abortion, fetal tissue experimentation, and embryonic research; and society from euthanasia, cloning, population control and human genetic engineering.” [CWFA.org, accessed [5/21/14](#)]

**CWA CEO And President Penny Nance: “It’s Not Enough For Abortion To Be Illegal. We Should Make It Unthinkable.”** According to an interview of Penny Nance by the National Review, “[CWA CEO And President Penny Nance: [...]] ‘At the same time, Concerned Women members all over this nation volunteer in ministries that exist to help women in crisis. It’s not enough for abortion to be illegal. We should make it unthinkable.’” [National Review, [3/24/15](#)]

### **Hartzler Was Given The “True Blue Award” From Family Research Council, Which Worked Against A Woman’s Right To Choose**

**Hartzler Was Given The “True Blue Award From Family Research Council Action And Focus On The Family Action.”** According to a press release from Rep. Vicky Hartzler’s office, “Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (MO-4) has been presented with the True Blue Award from Family Research Council Action and Focus on the Family Action. The True Blue award honors Members of Congress who have exhibited extraordinary leadership and commitment to the defense of family, faith, and freedom. ‘I am honored to receive this award,’ said Hartzler. ‘As someone who has stood for pro-family issues and for the defense of life, I am humbled to be recognized for efforts to strengthen the American family.’” [Vicky Hartzler Press Release, [2/12/13](#)]

*Family Research Council Worked Against A Woman’s Right To Choose And Was Designated A Hate Group By The Southern Poverty Law Center*

**The Family Research Council Worked Against A Woman’s Right To Choose.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, “As an independent nonprofit, the FRC continued its work in ‘pro-family’ areas, working against abortion and stem cell research, fighting pornography and homosexuality, and promoting ‘the Judeo-Christian worldview as the basis for a just, free, and stable society.’ That work would establish FRC as one of the most powerful of the far right’s advocacy groups.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [11/6/15](#)]

**The Family Research Council Was Designated “An Anti-LGBT Hate Group” By The Southern Poverty Law Center.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, “Tony Perkins heads the Family Research Council, an anti-LGBT hate group located in Washington, D.C. Perkins has a sordid political history, having once purchased Klansman David Duke’s mailing list for use in a Louisiana political campaign he was managing. In 2001, Perkins gave a speech to a Louisiana chapter of the Council of Conservative Citizens, a white supremacist group. Since joining the FRC, Perkins has taken the group in a harder anti-LGBT direction, using it to publish false propaganda about that community and contending that gay rights advocates intend to round up Christians in ‘boxcars.’” [Southern Poverty Law Center, viewed [11/9/15](#)]

### **Hartzler Was “Endorsed By Missouri Right To Life, The Leading Pro-Life Organization In Missouri”**

**Hartzler Was “Endorsed By Missouri Right To Life, The Leading Pro-Life Organization In Missouri.”** According to a web post on Rep. Vicky Hartzler’s campaign website, “Vicky Hartzler has been endorsed by Missouri Right to Life, the leading pro-life organization in Missouri, representing over 250,000 pro-life Missourians. Hartzler said: ‘It is an honor to stand strong for life and to be recognized by this great organization.’ ‘This endorsement [*sic*] comes in stark contrast with the democrat general election opponent, who was recently endorsed by EMILY’s List, the largest pro-abortion group in the country.’” [VickyHartzler.com, accessed [11/12/15](#)]

### **Hartzler Was Endorsed By The National Right To Life Committee And Received A Perfect 100% Pro-Life Voting Record On The Scorecard Issued By National Right To Life**

**Hartzler Was Endorsed By The National Right To Life Committee In 2014.** According to a Facebook post on Rep. Vicky Hartzler's Facebook page, the National Right to Life Committee endorsed Rep. Vicky Hartzler in 2014. [Facebook.com, [9/22/14](#)]

**Hartzler Received A Perfect 100% Pro-Life Voting Record In The Scorecard Issued By National Right To Life.** According to the National Right to Life's website, National Right to Life gave Rep. Vicky Hartzler a 100% score on its federal NRLC scorecard for the 114th Congress. [National Right to Life Scorecard, accessed [11/10/15](#)]

*National Right To Life Claimed To Be The "Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization"*

**The National Right To Life Committee Called Itself "The Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization" That Works To "Protect Innocent Human Life From Abortion."** According to the National Right to Life Committee's website, "Founded in 1968, National Right to Life, the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia." [NRLC.org/about, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**The NRLC Produced The Silent Scream, Which Claimed To Show "A Sonogram Of A First-Trimester Abortion In Which The Fetus Opened Its Mouth In What The Narrator Said Was A Wounded Cry."** According to The Atlantic, "The more pragmatic set found early on that abstract arguments about the sanctity of life didn't resonate as well with lay Evangelicals as did vivid descriptions of the abortion process. The 1984 video The Silent Scream, produced by the NRLC, purported to show a sonogram of a first-trimester abortion in which the fetus opened its mouth in what the narrator said was a wounded cry." [The Atlantic, [11/18/13](#)]

### **Hartzler Was Endorsed By The Republican National Coalition for Life**

**Hartzler Was Endorsed By The Republican National Coalition for Life.** According to the Republican National Coalition for Life's website, Rep. Vicky Hartzler was endorsed by the RNC for Life in 2012. [RNCLife.org, [11/2/12](#)]

### **Hartzler Was Endorsed By Susan B. Anthony List**

**Hartzler Was Endorsed By Susan B. Anthony List.** According to the Susan B. Anthony List's website, Rep. Vicky Hartzler was "[e]ndorsed by the Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund." [SBA-List.org, accessed [11/12/15](#)]

*The Susan B. Anthony List's Top Legislative Priorities Were "Defunding Planned Parenthood" And "Ending All Federal Funding Of Abortion"*

**Susan B. Anthony List's "Sole Aim Is To Abolish Abortion."** According to The New Yorker, "[Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie] Dannenfelser's group is named for the pioneering feminist, and modelled on EMILY's List, the powerful pro-choice organization, but it has little in common with most feminist groups; its sole aim is to abolish abortion. The S.B.A. List supports politicians who are pro-life (this, and not 'anti-abortion,' is their preferred term) and, ideally, female—the better to deflect the old but effective charge that the battle against abortion is necessarily a battle against the half of the population that might potentially undergo one." [New Yorker, [10/27/14](#)]

**SBA List's Top Legislative Priorities Were "Defunding Planned Parenthood" And "Ending All Federal Funding Of Abortion."** According to its website, "SBA List has two main legislative priorities: ending all federal funding of abortion and ending taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood." The "Pro-Life Legislation" section of the website includes individual pages for "Defunding Planned Parenthood" and "H.R. 3 No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act." [SBA-List.org, accessed [4/18/13](#)]

**SBA List Defended Todd Akin Following His "Legitimate Rape" Comments.** According to the Washington Post, "Republican leadership has a not so-subtle-hint for Todd Akin: They would like the Missouri Senate candidate, who remarked that 'legitimate rape' rarely results in pregnancy, out of the race — and sooner rather than later. [...] Pro-life groups, however,

have taken a decidedly different take. Both the Susan B. Anthony List and Family Research Council have stood by Akin. They don't see him as a politician who has made a career ending gaffe. In their view, he's a strong abortion right opponent who articulated a tenet of the pro-life movement: Abortion should be illegal in all situations, rape included. 'Todd Akin ... has a record of voting to protect human life,' said Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser, reaffirming her support in a statement. He 'has been an excellent partner in the fight for the unborn.'" [Washington Post, [8/21/12](#)]

### **Hartzler Participated In A Press Conference That Was Sponsored By Live Action, A Group Connected To The Center For Medical Progress, Which Released "Undercover" Videos Against Planned Parenthood**

**In 2011, Hartzler Participated In A Press Conference Sponsored By Live Action And The Susan B. Anthony List That Was About Defunding Planned Parenthood.** According to a press release from the Susan B. Anthony List, "Today, in the wake of six videos released showing Planned Parenthood employees in several states aiding and abetting in the alleged sex trafficking of minors, the Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List) and Live Action will hold a press conference Thursday, February 10, at 11:30am ET at 441 Cannon House Office Building in Washington, DC featuring the Pro-Life Women's Caucus and pro-life Members of Congress who will call on their colleagues to defund Planned Parenthood. [...] Led by SBA List and Live Action, the Expose Planned Parenthood coalition of 25 state and national pro-life groups have called for February 10 to be a national call day when grassroots urge their Members of Congress to support the 'Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act' to defund Planned Parenthood. [...]WHO: Marjorie Dannenfelser, President of the Susan B. Anthony List[,] Lila Rose, President of Live Action, responsible for the undercover footage[,] Penny Nance, CEO of Concerned Women for America[,] Rep. Mike Pence, sponsor of the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act[,] Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-OH)[/] Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)[/] Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO)[/] Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-NC)[/] Rep. Ann Marie Buerkle (R-NY)[/] Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD)[/]" [Susan B. Anthony List Press Release, [2/9/11](#)]

*Live Action Released Misleading Undercover Videos As Part Of Its Goal To End A Woman's Right To Choose*

**Live Action That Was Dedicated To Ending A Woman's Right To Choose.** According to the Live Action website, "Lila Rose is the president of Live Action, a new media nonprofit dedicated to ending abortion and building a culture of life. Lila founded Live Action when she was fifteen years old. The group utilizes investigative journalism to expose the Abortion Industry's threats against the vulnerable and defenseless. Live Action uses the results of these investigations to reveal the humanity of the unborn – to inspire the nation to take action to end abortion in America through new media." [LiveAction.org, accessed [11/9/15](#)]

- **Live Action Was A "New Media Movement Dedicated To Building A Culture Of Life And Ending Abortion."** According to Live Action's about page, "In 2008, Live Action was legally formed as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. The group is a new media movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our time. Live Action uses powerful and dynamic media platforms to educate the public about the humanity of the preborn and investigative journalism to expose the threats against the vulnerable and defenseless [sic]" [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]
- **Live Action Utilized "Undercover Investigations" To Generate Content.** According to Live Action's about page, "Utilizing undercover investigations, Live Action has documented rampant sexual abuse cover-up, racism, medical misinformation, the willingness to assist sex traffickers, false statements made by Planned Parenthood executives, sex-selective abortion, and infanticide. Live Action's exposés publicize these abuses, so the whole world can see the horrors going on right in our backyards – and paid for with our tax money." [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]

*The Founder Of The Center For Medical Progress, David Daleiden, Which Released Undercover Videos Against Planned Parenthood, Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research*

**David Daleiden Founded The Center For Medical Progress, The Group Behind The "Undercover Campaign" Against Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, "[David] Daleiden, 26, is the anti-abortion activist who masterminded the recent undercover campaign aimed at proving that Planned Parenthood illegally sells what he calls aborted 'baby body parts.' He captured intimate details of the famously guarded organization, hobnobbing at conferences so secretive that they require background checks and talking his way into a back laboratory at a Colorado clinic where he picked through

the remains of aborted fetuses and displayed them luridly for the camera. [...] [Troy] Newman is one of three board members for the nonprofit Daleiden set up, the unassumingly named Center for Medical Progress. Another is Daleiden, and the third is Albin Rhomberg, who made headlines in the 1980s when he broke into the Los Angeles County coroner's office to photograph aborted fetuses." [Washington Post, [10/14/15](#)]

- **David Daleiden Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research.** According to an archived web page on the Live Action website, "David took on his current role as Director of Research for Live Action in 2008 during the early stages of the Mona Lisa Project. In March 2009, David and a fellow student were banned from sister campus Pomona College after videotaping a Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles speaker denying Planned Parenthood's responsibility for the cover-up of statutory rape. The ban was soon lifted after intense public scrutiny." [LiveAction.org via Web.archive.org, [8/17/09](#)]

## **HARTZLER VOTED AGAINST THE BIPARTISAN 2013 REAUTHORIZATION OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT**

**Hartzler Voted Against The Bipartisan 2013 Reauthorization Of The Violence Against Women Act.** According to McClatchy DC, "The Violence Against Women Act authorizes \$659 million in funding over five years to prosecute crimes of sexual assault and domestic abuse and to provide survivors with legal aid, temporary housing and other assistance. Democrats had accused Republicans of stalling the legislation for almost a year. [...] For Hartzler and other Republicans, voting for the House amendment allowed them to declare their support for women while still voting to reject the Senate bill that ultimately passed. Although Hartzler's statement notes that she voted for a 'House bill,' it doesn't clarify that the GOP amendment she supported had been defeated, nor does the statement mention that she'd voted against the bipartisan Senate bill." [McClatchy DC, [3/6/13](#)]

## **HARTZLER BENEFITED FROM OVER \$30,000 IN FUNDING AND INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES FROM ANTI-CHOICE GROUPS**

### **Susan B Anthony List Contributed \$21,000 To Rep. Vicky Hartzler's Campaign Between The 2010 And 2014 Election Cycles**

**Susan B Anthony List Contributed \$6,000 To Rep. Vicky Hartzler's Campaign During The 2014 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Pro-Life Alliance contributed \$6,000 to Rep. Vicky Hartzler's campaign during the 2014 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/11/15](#)]

**Susan B Anthony List Contributed \$10,015 To Rep. Vicky Hartzler's Campaign During The 2012 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Pro-Life Alliance contributed \$10,015 to Rep. Vicky Hartzler's campaign during the 2012 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/11/15](#)]

**Susan B Anthony List Contributed \$5,000 To Rep. Vicky Hartzler's Campaign During The 2010 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Pro-Life Alliance contributed \$5,000 to Rep. Vicky Hartzler's campaign during the 2010 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/11/15](#)]

### **National Right To Life Made \$3,394 In Independent Contributions In Favor Of Rep. Vicky Hartzler's Campaign During The 2012 Election Cycle**

**National Right To Life Made \$3,394 In Independent Contributions In Favor Of Rep. Vicky Hartzler's Campaign During The 2012 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Right To Life contributed \$500 in favor of Rep. Vicky Hartzler's campaign during the 2012 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/11/15](#)]

*National Right To Life Claimed To Be The "Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization"*



**The National Right To Life Committee Called Itself “The Nation’s Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization” That Works To “Protect Innocent Human Life From Abortion.”** According to the National Right to Life Committee’s website, “Founded in 1968, National Right to Life, the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia.” [NRLC.org/about, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**The NRLC Produced The Silent Scream, Which Claimed To Show “A Sonogram Of A First-Trimester Abortion In Which The Fetus Opened Its Mouth In What The Narrator Said Was A Wounded Cry.”** According to The Atlantic, “The more pragmatic set found early on that abstract arguments about the sanctity of life didn’t resonate as well with lay Evangelicals as did vivid descriptions of the abortion process. The 1984 video The Silent Scream, produced by the NRLC, purported to show a sonogram of a first-trimester abortion in which the fetus opened its mouth in what the narrator said was a wounded cry.” [The Atlantic, [11/18/13](#)]

### **National Pro-Life Alliance List Contributed \$2,000 To Rep. Vicky Hartzler’s Campaign Between The 2010 And 2014 Election Cycles**

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**National Pro-Life Alliance Contributed \$1,000 To Rep. Vicky Hartzler’s Campaign During The 2010 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Pro-Life Alliance contributed \$1,000 to Rep. Vicky Hartzler’s campaign during the 2010 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/11/15](#)]

*The National Pro-Life Alliance’s “Singular Focus” Was To Lobby For Anti-Choice Legislation*

**The National Pro-Life Alliance’s “Singular Focus” Was To Lobby For “Pro-Life Legislation” Including Legislation That Defines “‘Personhood’ As Beginning At The Moment Of Conception.”** According to the National Pro-Life Alliance’s website, “The National Pro-Life Alliance occupies a unique and important role in the pro-life movement. The focus of many other pro-life organizations is research, publications or counseling. These are all important and worthy activities, but the National Pro-Life Alliance is singular in its focus on passing pro-life legislation that will protect the unborn from the moment of conception onward. We believe that it is not sufficient to merely support minor regulations on abortion in a few outrageous cases. Instead, members of the National Pro-Life Alliance lobby both incumbents and candidates for office to come out clearly for measure like a Life at Conception Act to legislatively define constitutionally-protected ‘personhood’ as beginning at the moment of conception.” [ProLifeAlliance.com, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**National Pro-Life Alliance Wanted To Overturn Roe v. Wade.** According to the National Pro-Life Alliance’s website, “Ever since the dreadful Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, more than 55 million precious unborn babies have lost their lives. The National Pro-Life Alliance's members, staff and volunteers are dedicated to halting this slaughter once and for all. And despite the many remaining obstacles, there is light at the end of the tunnel.” [ProLifeAlliance.com, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

### **Republican National Coalition For Life Contributed \$4,500 To Rep. Vicky Hartzler’s Campaign Between The 2010 And 2012 Election Cycles**

**Republican National Coalition For Life Contributed \$2,000 To Rep. Vicky Hartzler’s Campaign During The 2012 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the Republican National Coalition for Life contributed \$2,000 to Rep. Vicky Hartzler’s campaign during the 2012 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/11/15](#)]

**Republican National Coalition For Life Contributed \$2,500 To Rep. Vicky Hartzler's Campaign During The 2010 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the Republican National Coalition for Life contributed \$2,500 to Rep. Vicky Hartzler's campaign during the 2010 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/11/15](#)]

## Subcommittee Member Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD)

### REP. ANDY HARRIS WAS CHOSEN TO SERVE ON THE SELECT PANEL TO INVESTIGATE PLANNED PARENTHOOD

**Rep. Andy Harris Was Chosen To Serve On The Select Panel To Investigate Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, "House Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) rolled out the leaders of his new select panel to investigate the abortion practices of Planned Parenthood, an eight-member group promoting the female members of the Republican Conference. [...] Here's the full lineup of Republicans on the committee: Marsha Blackburn, Chairman (R-TN)[,] Joe Pitts (R-PA)[,] Diane Black (R-TN)[,] Larry Bucshon (R-IN)[,] Sean Duffy (R-WI)[,] Andy Harris (R-MD)[,] Vicki Hartzler (-MO)[,] [sic] [,] Mia Love (R-UT)[,]" [Washington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

### HARRIS WAS "A LONGTIME FOE" OF WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, SAID "WE HAVE TO DEFUND" PLANNED PARENTHOOD

**Harris Was "A Longtime Foe Of Abortion Rights."** According to Delmarva Now, "Rep. Andy Harris, a longtime foe of abortion rights, was among eight House Republicans named Friday to serve on a special panel created to investigate the handling of fetal tissue by Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers." [Delmarva Now, [10/23/15](#)]

**Harris: "We Have To Investigate And We Have To Defund" Planned Parenthood.** According to a video of Rep. Andy Harris at a Concerned Women For America rally, "HARRIS: Planned Parenthood is for profit, not for women. The war on women is occurring at Planned Parenthood clinics every day as they take advantage of women and their babies. The bottom-line is, we have to investigate and we have to defund." [Andy Harris remarks via YouTube.com, [6/29/15](#)]

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### Harris Co-Sponsored The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act , Which "Would Officially De-Fund The Planned Parenthood"

**Harris Co-Sponsored The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) co-sponsored H.R.217 or the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act. The act "[a]mends the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) from providing federal family planning assistance to an entity unless the entity certifies that, during the period of assistance, the entity will not perform, and will not provide funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion. Excludes an abortion where: (1) the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest; or (2) a physician certifies that the woman suffered from a physical disorder, injury, or illness that would place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, including a condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy. Excludes hospitals that do not provide funds to non-hospital entities that perform abortions." [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**LifeNews: The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, Which "Would Officially De-Fund The Planned Parenthood Abortion Business...Has Been Reintroduced By A Leading Pro-Life Congresswoman. Rep. Marsha Blackburn."** According to LifeNews, "The legislation that would officially de-fund the Planned Parenthood abortion business by revoking its federal taxpayer funding has been reintroduced by a leading pro-life congresswoman. Rep. Marsha Blackburn, a Tennessee Republican, is picking up the Planned parenthood de-funding mantle from former Congressman Mike Pence, who was elected as Indiana's governor and was the prime sponsor of the bill House Republicans approved and Senate Democrats defeated. Blackburn informed LifeNews today that she has introduced the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act (H.R.

61), which would stop the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from providing federal family planning assistance under Title X to abortion businesses until they certify they won't provide and refer for abortions." [LifeNews, [1/4/13](#)]

**The Bill Would Have Taken "Federal Funds Used By Planned Parenthood To Provide STD Tests, Contraception And Cancer Screenings" And Redirected Them "To Other Health Centers Instead."** According to the Huffington Post, "[Rep. Marsha] Blackburn sponsored the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act in an attempt to codify the Hyde Amendment into federal law. She also sponsored the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, which aimed to take the federal funds used by Planned Parenthood to provide STD tests, contraception and cancer screenings, and redirect them to other health centers instead. Various states have beaten Congress to the punch by cutting off Planned Parenthood's Title X funds." [Huffington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

**The 2015 Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

### **Harris Co-Sponsored The "Defund Planned Parenthood Act Of 2015"**

**Harris Co-Sponsored The "Defund Planned Parenthood Act Of 2015."** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) co-sponsored H.R. 3134 or the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015. The act "prohibits, for a one-year period, the availability of federal funds for any purpose to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any of its affiliates or clinics, unless they certify that the affiliates and clinics will not perform, and will not provide any funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion during such period. The restriction will not apply in cases of rape or incest or where a physical condition endangers a woman's life unless an abortion is performed. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture must seek repayment of federal assistance received by Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any affiliate or clinic, if it violates the terms of the certification required by this Act." [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

### **Harris Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Place "A Permanent Ban On Taxpayer Funding Of All abortion Providers, Including Planned Parenthood"**

**Harris Co-Sponsored The "Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act of 2015."** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) co-sponsored H.R.3197 or Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act of 2015. The act "prohibits federal funding of an entity unless the entity certifies that, during the period of funding, the entity will not perform, and will not provide funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion, except in cases of rape or incest or where a physical condition endangers the woman's life unless an abortion is performed. This applies to a hospital only if the hospital funds a non-hospital entity that performs abortions." [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**The Act "Places A Permanent Ban On Taxpayer Funding Of All Abortion Providers, Including Planned Parenthood."** According to an op-ed by Rep. Thomas Massie for Kentucky Today, "In response to these appalling videos, my colleagues and I have introduced and co-sponsored legislation to sanction Planned Parenthood and stop the flow of Americans' tax dollars to this unethical organization. For example, I recently co-sponsored Rep. Diane Black's "Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015" (H.R. 3134), which would immediately cut off federal funds for Planned Parenthood and its affiliates for one year. I am also a co-sponsor of the 'Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act of 2015' (H.R. 3197), which places a permanent ban on taxpayer funding of all abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood." [Kentucky Today, [8/3/15](#)]

**The Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

## **HARRIS SPONSORED RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE BILLS**

### **Harris Co-Sponsored A Bill That Banned Abortion After 20 Weeks, And Only Allowed Exceptions For Women Who Were The Victims Of Rape Or Incest And Reported The Crime**

**Harris Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Prohibit Women From Having An Abortion After 20 Weeks Except For Cases Of Rape, Incest Or If The Woman's Life Is In Danger.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) co-sponsored H.R.36 or the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The act “[p]rohibits an abortion from being performed if the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater, except: (1) where necessary to save the life of a pregnant woman whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness, or injury, excluding psychological or emotional conditions; (2) where the pregnancy is the result of rape against an adult woman and, at least 48 hours prior to the abortion, such woman has obtained counseling for the rape or medical treatment for the rape or an injury related to the rape; or (3) where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest against a minor and the rape or incest has been reported prior to the abortion to a law enforcement agency or a government agency legally authorized to act on reports of child abuse. Requires the physician, prior to performing such an abortion, to place appropriate documentation in the patient's medical file of the receipt of such medical treatment or counseling or of the reporting of such rape or incest.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**The Bill Was Abruptly Dropped” After A Provision Stating That Only Women Who Were The Victims Of Rape And Reported The Crime Would Be Allowed To Obtain An Abortion Led To “A Revolt By Female GOP Lawmakers.”**

According to The Washington Post, “House Republican leaders abruptly dropped plans late Wednesday to vote on an anti-abortion bill amid a revolt by female GOP lawmakers concerned that the legislation's restrictive language would once again spoil the party's chances of broadening its appeal to women and younger voters. In recent days, as many as two dozen Republicans had raised concerns with the ‘Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act’ that would ban abortions after the 20th week of a pregnancy. Sponsors said that exceptions would be allowed for a woman who is raped, but she could only get the abortion after reporting the rape to law enforcement.” [Washington Post, [1/21/15](#)]

- **The Bill Was Later Changed To Require A Woman To Have “Obtained Counseling For The Rape Or Medical Treatment For The Rape Or An Injury Related To The Rape” At Least “48 Hours Prior To The Abortion.”**  
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- **The 2015 Bill With The Changed Language Passed The House 242-184 And Was Introduced In The Senate.**  
[Congress.gov, accessed [11/17/15](#)]

**Harris Co-Sponsored An Anti-Choice Bill That Specified “Forcible” Rape As One Of The Few Exceptions To Its Ban On Federal Funding Of Abortions**

**Harris Co-Sponsored The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, Which Would Prevent Federal Funding From Being Used To Cover Abortion Except In A Few Limited Cases.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) co-sponsored H.R.3 or the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. The bill “[p]rohibits the expenditure of funds authorized or appropriated by federal law or funds in any trust fund to which funds are authorized or appropriated by federal law (federal funds) for any abortion. Prohibits federal funds from being used for any health benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. (Currently, federal funds cannot be used for abortion services and plans receiving federal funds must keep federal funds segregated from any funds for abortion services.) Prohibits the inclusion of abortion in any health care service furnished by a federal or District of Columbia health care facility or by any physician or other individual employed by the federal government or the District. Excludes from such prohibitions an abortion if: (1) the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest; or (2) the woman suffers from a physical disorder, injury, or illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, as certified by a physician.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]



**The No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act Listed “‘Forcible Rape’ As One Of The Few Exceptions To A Ban On Federal Funding Of Abortions.”** According to The Tennessean, “Akin’s phrase ‘legitimate rape’ rekindled controversy over a 2011 House bill that, in its original version, listed cases of ‘forcible rape’ as one of the few exceptions to a ban on federal funding of abortions. Blackburn, like presumptive GOP vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan, signed on as a co-sponsor of that bill in its original form. The bill, HR3, was changed a few weeks later because of a flurry of protests from women’s groups and abortion-rights organizations about language that seemed to suggest there are different types of rape.” [The Tennessean, 8/23/12]

**The Anti-Choice Bill’s Language Was Later Altered From “Forcible Rape” To “Rape.”** According to North Central Wisconsin ABC-affiliate WAOW, “H.R. 3, which was introduced at the beginning of 2011, sought to prohibit federal money from being spent on abortions. Duffy was one of 227 co-sponsors. The original bill provided an exemption for victims of ‘forcible rape.’ That language was later changed to ‘rape,’ and the House passed the bill 251-175. The Senate has not voted on it. [...]The bill passed by the House in May 2011 did not include the term ‘forcible rape.’ No vote was taken on the bill with that language intact.” [WAOW, [8/28/12](#)]

**The Act Passed the House 242-179 And Was Referred To The Senate Committee on Finance.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/30/15](#)]

### **Harris Co-Sponsored A Bill That Could Have Caused Thousands Of Women Who Work For Religious Organizations To Be Denied Contraceptive Coverage In Their Health Care Plans**

**Harris Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would “Permit A Health Plan To Decline Coverage Of Specific Items And Services That Are Contrary To The Religious Beliefs Of The Sponsor, Issuer, Or Other Entity.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) co-sponsored H.R.1179 or the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011. The bill “[a]mends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to permit a health plan to decline coverage of specific items and services that are contrary to the religious beliefs of the sponsor, issuer, or other entity offering the plan or the purchaser or beneficiary (in the case of individual coverage) without penalty. Declares that such plans are still considered to: (1) be providing the essential health benefits package or preventive health services, (2) be a qualified health plan, and (3) have fulfilled other requirements under PPACA.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**If The Bill Had Passed, “Thousands Of Women Who Work For Catholic Organizations, Even If The Women Are Not Personally Catholic, Would Be Denied The Preventative Health Coverage Options Available To Most Other Women In America.”** According to the Huffington Post, “[Richard] Doerflinger worked with Rep. Jeffrey Fortenberry (R-Neb.) on the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, which would impose a giant religious exemption onto the new HHS recommendations, preempting the Obama administration. The bill would allow insurance companies to ‘decline coverage of specific items and services that are contrary to the religious beliefs of the sponsor, issuer, or other entity offering the plan,’ meaning that thousands of women who work for Catholic organizations, even if the women are not personally Catholic, would be denied the preventative health coverage options available to most other women in America.” [Huffington Post, [1/21/12](#)]

**The 2011 Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/30/15](#)]

### **Harris Co-Sponsored The 2011 Personhood Bill, The “Life At Conception Act”**

**Harris Co-Sponsored The Life At Conception Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) co-sponsored H.R.374 or the Life at Conception Act. The bill “[d]eclares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being beginning at the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual comes into being. Prohibits construing this Act to require the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**“The Bill Would Ban Abortion And Grant The Unborn All The Legal Protections Of The Fourteenth Amendment, Beginning At ‘The Moment Of Fertilization.’”** According to The New Yorker, “In my recent Profile of Senator Rand

Paul, Dr. John Downing, the Senator's friend and former medical partner, expressed his worries about Paul's sponsorship of the Life at Conception Act, also known as the personhood law. The bill would ban abortion and grant the unborn all the legal protections of the Fourteenth Amendment, beginning at 'the moment of fertilization.' To Downing, who is an ardent Paul supporter, this seemed like political madness. Downing said that he believed Paul's personhood law would make some common forms of birth control illegal, and thus doom Paul's Presidential hopes. 'He's going to lose half or more of women immediately once they find out what that would do to birth control,' Downing told me." [New Yorker, [10/8/14](#)]

**The 2011 Act Stalled In The House Committee On The Judiciary, Was Reintroduced In 2013 And 2015 And Referred To The House Judiciary Subcommittee On The Constitution And Civil Justice.** [Congress.gov, [H.R.374](#), [H.R.1091](#), [H.R.816](#), accessed 11/18/15]

**Harris Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Allow Any Individual Or Group That Opposed Contraception An Automatic Exemption From The Requirement That Employee Health Insurance Plans Provide Birth Control**

**Harris Co-Sponsored The Health Care Conscience Rights Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) co-sponsored H.R.940 or the Health Care Conscience Rights Act. The act "[a]mends title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to declare that nothing in that title requires an individual to purchase individual health insurance coverage that includes coverage of an abortion or other item or service to which the individual has a moral or religious objection, or prevent an issuer from offering coverage excluding such item or service to that individual." [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**The Bill Fought Against The Obama Administration's Contraceptive Mandate, Giving "Any Individual Or Group That Opposes Contraception An Automatic Exemption From The Requirement That Employee Health Insurance Plans Provide Birth Control."** According to The Tennessean, "Conservative religious groups hope a new bill filed by U.S. Rep. Diane Black, R-Gallatin, will help them in their fight against the Obama administration's contraceptive mandate. Known as the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, the bill would give any individual or group that opposes contraception an automatic exemption. The bill would also protect health-care workers from having to participate in abortions as part of their work or training." [The Tennessean, 3/6/13]

**Faith-Based Groups Were Exempted From The Mandate But Radical Groups Pushed For The Passage Of The Conscience Rights Act So Any Group Or Company That Objected To Contraception Could Be Exempt.** According to The Tennessean, "I am proud to introduce the Health Care Conscience Rights Act to protect religious freedom, disempower Obamacare, and stop the administration's assault on Americans' First Amendment rights,' Black said in a prepared statement. Last month the Obama administration released new rules for how the mandate would apply to faith-based groups. Churches are exempt. Other faith-based nonprofits, such as hospitals and schools, got an accommodation. Under that accommodation, the faith-based groups don't have to pay for contraception if they object to it. Instead, their insurance companies would have to provide a separate policy for contraception, at no charge to workers. Critics such as Tony Perkins, president of Washington-based Family Research Council, said the accommodation isn't good enough. He said all faith groups and for-profit companies should be exempt if they object to contraception. Even groups that believe birth control is moral should oppose the mandate, he said." [The Tennessean, 3/6/13]

**The 2015 Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**Harris Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Require Abortion Providers To Perform An Ultrasound On A Woman Before She Is Allowed To Get An Abortion; Critics Called It "Unnecessary And Intrusive"**

**Harris Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would Require Abortion Providers To Perform An Obstetric Ultrasound On A Woman Before She Is Allowed To Get An Abortion.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) co-sponsored the H.R.3805 or the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act. The act would amend the "Public Health Service Act to require abortion providers, before a woman gives informed consent to any part of an abortion, to perform an obstetric ultrasound on the pregnant woman, provide a simultaneous explanation of what the ultrasound is depicting, display the ultrasound images so the woman may view them, and provide a complete medical description of the images, including the dimensions of the

embryo or fetus, cardiac activity if present and visible, and the presence of external members and internal organs if present and viewable.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**Critics Called The “Controversial” Ultrasound Bill “Unnecessary And Intrusive.”** According to BuzzFeed, “Democratic lawmakers and abortion rights organizations have opened an assault on Rep. Paul Ryan’s support for a controversial bill requiring doctors to perform an ultrasound on a woman before performing an abortion to ensure she can see the fetal image. Abortion foes have fought for versions of the measure around the country, in the hopes of dissuading women from going through with abortions, while critics see it as unnecessary and intrusive. [...] Ryan is one of more than 60 lawmakers who have signed on to the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act in the House.” [BuzzFeed, [8/11/12](#)]

**University of California Assistant Professor of Health Sciences Jen Russo: Laws Forcing A Patient To View An Ultrasound “Violate The Ethical Principle Of Respect For Patient Autonomy, Which Entails That Patients Be Able To Choose Which Treatments They Receive...Without Coercion.”** According to commentary by University of California Assistant Professor of Health Sciences Jen Russo for the AMA Journal of Ethics, “This legislation forces physicians to violate the ethical principle of respect for patient autonomy, which entails that patients be able to choose which treatments they receive and that they be able to make treatment decisions without coercion. Laws requiring that a patient be offered an ultrasound and the opportunity to view the results might be consistent with both the medical evidence on ultrasound viewing in abortion care and ethical medical practice, but laws that require it are not. Furthermore, forcing patients to have unwanted procedures—especially invasive procedures—or to view results against their will may in fact cause harm, violating the ethical principle of nonmaleficence.” [Jen Russo – AMA Journal of Ethics, [April 2014](#)]

**The 2012 Bill Stalled In The House Committee On Energy And Commerce, But Was Reintroduced In 2015 And Referred To The Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** Congress.gov, [H.R.3805](#) and [H.R.492](#) accessed 11/30/15.

## **HARRIS WAS SUPPORTED BY AND CONNECTED TO RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE GROUPS**

### **Harris Participated In A Press Conference Sponsored By Live Action, A Group Connected To The Center For Medical Progress, Which Released “Undercover” Videos Against Planned Parenthood**

**In 2011, Harris Participated In A Press Conference Sponsored By Live Action And The Susan B. Anthony List That Was About Defunding Planned Parenthood.** According to a press release from the Susan B. Anthony List, “Today, in the wake of six videos released showing Planned Parenthood employees in several states aiding and abetting in the alleged sex trafficking of minors, the Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List) and Live Action will hold a press conference Thursday, February 10, at 11:30am ET at 441 Cannon House Office Building in Washington, DC featuring the Pro-Life Women’s Caucus and pro-life Members of Congress who will call on their colleagues to defund Planned Parenthood. [...] Led by SBA List and Live Action, the Expose Planned Parenthood coalition of 25 state and national pro-life groups have called for February 10 to be a national call day when grassroots urge their Members of Congress to support the ‘Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act’ to defund Planned Parenthood. [...]WHO: Marjorie Dannenfelser, President of the Susan B. Anthony List[,] Lila Rose, President of Live Action, responsible for the undercover footage[,] Penny Nance, CEO of Concerned Women for America[,] Rep. Mike Pence, sponsor of the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act[,] Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-OH)[\_] Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)[\_] Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO)[\_] Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-NC)[\_] Rep. Ann Marie Buerkle (R-NY)[\_] Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD)[\_]” [Susan B. Anthony List Press Release, [2/9/11](#)]

### ***Live Action Released Misleading Undercover Videos As Part Of Its Goal To End A Woman’s Right To Choose***

**Live Action That Was Dedicated To Ending A Woman’s Right To Choose.** According to the Live Action website, “Lila Rose is the president of Live Action, a new media nonprofit dedicated to ending abortion and building a culture of life. Lila founded Live Action when she was fifteen years old. The group utilizes investigative journalism to expose the Abortion Industry’s threats against the vulnerable and defenseless. Live Action uses the results of these investigations to reveal the humanity of the unborn – to inspire the nation to take action to end abortion in America through new media.” [LiveAction.org, accessed [11/9/15](#)]

- **Live Action Was A “New Media Movement Dedicated To Building A Culture Of Life And Ending Abortion.”** According to Live Action’s about page, “In 2008, Live Action was legally formed as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. The group is a new media movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our time. Live Action uses powerful and dynamic media platforms to educate the public about the humanity of the preborn and investigative journalism to expose the threats against the vulnerable and defenseless [sic]” [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]
- **Live Action Utilized “Undercover Investigations” To Generate Content.** According to Live Action’s about page, “Utilizing undercover investigations, Live Action has documented rampant sexual abuse cover-up, racism, medical misinformation, the willingness to assist sex traffickers, false statements made by Planned Parenthood executives, sex-selective abortion, and infanticide. Live Action’s exposés publicize these abuses, so the whole world can see the horrors going on right in our backyards – and paid for with our tax money.” [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]

*The Founder Of The Center For Medical Progress, David Daleiden, Which Released Undercover Videos Against Planned Parenthood, Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research*

**David Daleiden Founded The Center For Medical Progress, The Group Behind The “Undercover Campaign” Against Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, “[David] Daleiden, 26, is the anti-abortion activist who masterminded the recent undercover campaign aimed at proving that Planned Parenthood illegally sells what he calls aborted ‘baby body parts.’ He captured intimate details of the famously guarded organization, hobnobbing at conferences so secretive that they require background checks and talking his way into a back laboratory at a Colorado clinic where he picked through the remains of aborted fetuses and displayed them luridly for the camera. [...] [Troy] Newman is one of three board members for the nonprofit Daleiden set up, the unassumingly named Center for Medical Progress. Another is Daleiden, and the third is Albin Rhomberg, who made headlines in the 1980s when he broke into the Los Angeles County coroner’s office to photograph aborted fetuses.” [Washington Post, [10/14/15](#)]

- **David Daleiden Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research.** According to an archived web page on the Live Action website, “David took on his current role as Director of Research for Live Action in 2008 during the early stages of the Mona Lisa Project. In March 2009, David and a fellow student were banned from sister campus Pomona College after videotaping a Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles speaker denying Planned Parenthood’s responsibility for the cover-up of statutory rape. The ban was soon lifted after intense public scrutiny.” [LiveAction.org via Web.archive.org, [8/17/09](#)]

### **Harris Spoke At A Banquet Hosted By Students For Life, Which Equated Abortion With The Holocaust**

**Harris Was Expected To Speak At The Students For Life Spring Banquet In 2011.** According to a web post on the Students For Life website, “These are the last words of Sophie Scholl, a student who was executed with her brother, Hans, for speaking out and organizing against the Nazi regime in Germany during WWII. It is through their leadership in speaking out against injustice students on their campus were able to know about the truth about the Holocaust. Today, there are students just like Sophie and Hans across the country that continue to speak out against injustice on their campus. This Thursday, the same week as the anniversary of the passage of Obamacare, Students for Life of America will host the 2nd Spring Banquet on Thursday, March 24th at 7pm at the Top of the Town in Arlington, Virginia (1400 14th Street North). We will honor one such student while also featuring national pro-life leaders: Congressman Andy Harris (R-MD) and David Bereit, National Director of 40 Days for Life.” [StudentsForLife.org, [3/21/11](#)]

- **Students For Life Equated Abortion With The Holocaust.** According to a web post on the Students For Life website, “These are the last words of Sophie Scholl, a student who was executed with her brother, Hans, for speaking out and organizing against the Nazi regime in Germany during WWII. It is through their leadership in speaking out against injustice students on their campus were able to know about the truth about the Holocaust. Today, there are students just like Sophie and Hans across the country that continue to speak out against injustice on their campus.” [StudentsForLife.org, [3/21/11](#)]



## **Harris Was Endorsed By The National Right To Life Committee And Received A Perfect 100% Pro-Life Voting Record; NRLC Contributed \$2,000 To Harris's Campaign**

**Harris Was Endorsed By The National Right To Life Committee In 2014.** According to a flyer on the National Right to Life's website, the National Right to Life Committee endorsed Rep. Andy Harris in 2014. [NRLPAC.org, accessed [11/13/15](#)]

- **Harris Received A Perfect 100% Pro-Life Voting Record In The Scorecard Issued By National Right To Life.** According to the National Right to Life's website, National Right to Life gave Rep. Andy Harris a 100% score on its federal NRLC scorecard for the 114th Congress. [CapWiz.com/NRLC/Scorecard, accessed [11/13/15](#)]

*National Right To Life Claimed To Be The "Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization"*

**The National Right To Life Committee Called Itself "The Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization" That Works To "Protect Innocent Human Life From Abortion."** According to the National Right to Life Committee's website, "Founded in 1968, National Right to Life, the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia." [NRLC.org/about, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**The NRLC Produced The Silent Scream, Which Claimed To Show "A Sonogram Of A First-Trimester Abortion In Which The Fetus Opened Its Mouth In What The Narrator Said Was A Wounded Cry."** According to The Atlantic, "The more pragmatic set found early on that abstract arguments about the sanctity of life didn't resonate as well with lay Evangelicals as did vivid descriptions of the abortion process. The 1984 video The Silent Scream, produced by the NRLC, purported to show a sonogram of a first-trimester abortion in which the fetus opened its mouth in what the narrator said was a wounded cry." [The Atlantic, [11/18/13](#)]

*National Pro-Life Alliance List Contributed \$2,000 To Rep. Andy Harris's Campaign Between The 2010 And 2014 Election Cycles*

**National Pro-Life Alliance Contributed \$500 To Rep. Andy Harris's Campaign During The 2014 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Pro-Life Alliance contributed \$500 to Rep. Andy Harris's campaign during the 2014 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/13/15](#)]

**National Pro-Life Alliance Contributed \$500 To Rep. Andy Harris's Campaign During The 2012 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Pro-Life Alliance contributed \$500 to Rep. Andy Harris's campaign during the 2012 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/13/15](#)]

**National Pro-Life Alliance Contributed \$1,000 To Rep. Andy Harris's Campaign During The 2010 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Pro-Life Alliance contributed \$1,000 to Rep. Andy Harris's campaign during the 2010 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/13/15](#)]

## **The Family Research Council Gave Harris 100% On Their Vote Scorecard**

**Family Research Council Gave Harris 100% On Their Vote Scorecard For The First Session Of The 113th Congress.** According to the Family Research Council Action's Vote Scorecard for the first session of the 113th Congress, FRC Action gave Rep. Andy Harris 100% on its vote scorecard. [FRC Action Vote Scorecard, [2/28/14](#)]

*Family Research Council Worked Against A Woman's Right To Choose And Was Designated A Hate Group By The Southern Poverty Law Center*

**The Family Research Council Worked Against A Woman's Right To Choose.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, "As an independent nonprofit, the FRC continued its work in 'pro-family' areas, working against abortion and stem cell research, fighting pornography and homosexuality, and promoting 'the Judeo-Christian worldview as the basis for a just,

free, and stable society.’ That work would establish FRC as one of the most powerful of the far right’s advocacy groups.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [11/6/15](#)]

**The Family Research Council Was Designated “An Anti-LGBT Hate Group” By The Southern Poverty Law Center.** According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, “Tony Perkins heads the Family Research Council, an anti-LGBT hate group located in Washington, D.C. Perkins has a sordid political history, having once purchased Klansman David Duke’s mailing list for use in a Louisiana political campaign he was managing. In 2001, Perkins gave a speech to a Louisiana chapter of the Council of Conservative Citizens, a white supremacist group. Since joining the FRC, Perkins has taken the group in a harder anti-LGBT direction, using it to publish false propaganda about that community and contending that gay rights advocates intend to round up Christians in ‘boxcars.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, viewed [11/9/15](#)]

## **HARRIS OPPOSED EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH**

### **As A Maryland State Senator, Harris “Worked To Enlist Republicans And Antiabortion Democrats To Engage In A Filibuster” Against An Embryonic Stem Cell Research Bill**

**As A Maryland State Senator, Harris “Worked To Enlist Republicans And Antiabortion Democrats To Engage In A Filibuster” Against An Embryonic Stem Cell Research Bill.** According to The Washington Post, “Sen. Andrew P. Harris (R-Baltimore County) examined the ongoing debate over embryonic stem cell research in the Maryland General Assembly, where he has worked to enlist Republicans and antiabortion Democrats to engage in a filibuster, according to The Washington Post.” [Washington Post, [5/10/05](#)]

- **Harris On Maryland’s Embryonic Stem Cell Research Bill: “We Would Be Dealing With Living Human Embryos, And Killing Them For Research Purposes.”** According to a Washington Post interview with then-State Senator Andy Harris, “washingtonpost.com: The Washington Post quoted you on the bill in a recent article: ‘Harris, the minority whip and the chamber’s only doctor, said the bill “crosses the ethical divide” in his view. Moreover, Harris said, “it makes no sense for Maryland to get in the business of funding this research. For states to delve into this is very much beyond the role of state government.”’ Can you define what you meant by the ‘ethical divide’ and further explain your remarks? Sen. Andrew P. Harris (R-Baltimore County): We would be dealing with living human embryos, and killing them for research purposes. Additionally, the bill as introduced would allow cloning for research purposes. I think that’s a true ‘ethical divide.’ As to funding, serious medical research funding, and that’s in the 10’s of billions of dollars annually, comes from the NIH (the federal government) and the private sector. They are best prepared to look at all the proposals nationwide, and fund the most promising. That’s the most efficient use of tax dollars - and the most likely way to get the answers we need.” [Washington Post, [5/10/05](#)]

## **HARRIS VOTED AGAINST THE BIPARTISAN 2013 REAUTHORIZATION OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT**

**Harris Voted Against The Bipartisan 2013 Reauthorization Of The Violence Against Women Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) voted “no” on S.47 or the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

## **HARRIS LIKENED THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION CONTRACEPTIVE MANDATE TO RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION**

### **Harris Likened The Contraceptive Mandate To Communist “Religious Persecution”**

**Harris Likened The ACA’s Contraceptive Mandate To The Churches His Mother Saw Being Burned By Government Agents In Ukraine.** According to an op-ed by Rep. Andy Harris for Delmarva Now, “The holiday season always makes me think of how fortunate we are to be able to celebrate whatever religious holidays we choose, or to be able to choose our place of worship — liberties that many take for granted here in America. But growing up in the Ukraine, my mother saw churches burned by government agents who had no respect for freedom of religion. After World War II, she met

my father, a Hungarian fleeing Communist oppression, in a displaced persons camp in Austria. Together, they fled their native countries for the United States, where they could enjoy the freedom of religion. What Americans see happening today to religious freedom in America is tantamount to what my mother witnessed in the Ukraine. The Obama administration is attacking this freedom — not with a torch, but with a mandate. That mandate is the contraceptive and abortifacient mandate of the Affordable Care Act, which forces employers to pay for all 20 FDA-approved forms of contraception, including the ‘morning-after pill’ and other abortion-causing drugs.” [Andy Harris – Delmarva Now, [12/26/13](#)]

**Harris On Contraceptive Mandate: “My Parents Came From Communist Countries, They Actually Escaped Religious Persecution Like This, Only Now To Have It Happen Here, Right Here In America.”** According to an interview with Rep. Andy Harris by Concerned Women For America on the Affordable Care Act’s contraceptive mandate, “Harris: What we need is—we need civil action. We need people to be talking about it, really expressing outrage to their friends and neighbors at how this could be happening in America. You know, my parents came from Communist countries, they actually escaped religious persecution like this, only now to have it happen here, right here in America.” [CWALAC.org via web.archive.org, [5/4/12](#); RightWingWatch.org, [3/2/12](#)]

## Subcommittee Member Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)

### REP. LARRY BUCSHON WAS CHOSEN TO SERVE ON THE SELECT PANEL TO INVESTIGATE PLANNED PARENTHOOD

**Rep. Larry Bucshon Was Chosen To Serve On The Select Panel To Investigate Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, “House Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) rolled out the leaders of his new select panel to investigate the abortion practices of Planned Parenthood, an eight-member group promoting the female members of the Republican Conference. [...] Here’s the full lineup of Republicans on the committee: Marsha Blackburn, Chairman (R-TN)[,] Joe Pitts (R-PA)[,] Diane Black (R-TN)[,] Larry Bucshon (R-IN)[,] Sean Duffy (R-WI)[,] Andy Harris (R-MD)[,] Vicki Hartzler (-MO)[sic] [,] Mia Love (R-UT)[.]” [Washington Post, [10/23/15](#)]

### BUCSHON HAS “ALWAYS SUPPORTED ENDING FEDERAL FUNDING TO ABORTION CLINICS LIKE PLANNED PARENTHOOD”

#### Bucshon: “Abortion, Of Course, For Any Reason Is Wrong”

**Bucshon: “Abortion, Of Course, For Any Reason Is Wrong.”** According to a video of floor remarks by Rep. Larry Bucshon, “BUCSHON: Abortion, of course, for any reason is wrong, but this situation that I have personal experience with is particularly distressing for me because I am a physician and also I’m a father of four.” [Larry Bucshon Floor Remarks, [2/17/11](#)]

**Bucshon: “I Oppose All Late-Term Abortions.”** According to the Bucshon for Congress website, “I am anti-abortion, but do believe an exception should be made in the rare and extreme circumstances of rape, incest, and to save the life of the mother. As a surgeon who has operated on babies as young as 22 or 23 weeks, I oppose all late-term abortions.” [BucshonForCongress.com, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

#### Bucshon: “I’ve Always Supported Ending Federal Funding To Abortion Clinics Like Planned Parenthood”

**Bucshon: “I’ve Always Supported Ending Federal Funding To Abortion Clinics Like Planned Parenthood.”** According to a press release from Rep. Larry Bucshon’s office, “Eighth District Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. released the follow statement in response to a video that surfaced this week documenting Planned Parenthood’s inhumane practice of selling the organs and limbs of unborn children following abortions: ‘As a father of four and physician who operated on babies as young as 22 weeks gestation, I find this callous disregard for human life absolutely appalling. I’ve always supported ending federal funding to abortion clinics like Planned Parenthood. Now that we have evidence of this organization profiting off of the death of unborn children, this effort has never been more important. I’m happy to see Congressional leaders call for

an investigation and will do everything I can to make sure those involved are held accountable.” [Larry Bucshon Press Release, [7/15/15](#)]

**Bucshon: “While In Congress, I Have Worked To Deny Taxpayer Funds From Contributing To Domestic Or International Organizations That Support Abortion.”** According to Rep. Larry Bucshon’s House website, “The unborn child has a fundamental right to life that must be recognized. While I am strongly pro-life, I do believe exceptions should be made in extreme cases of rape and incest and to save the life of the mother in a truly life-threatening pregnancy or delivery. While in Congress, I have worked to deny taxpayer funds from contributing to domestic or international organizations that support abortion.” [Bucshon.House.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

### **Bucshon Co-Sponsored The “Defund Planned Parenthood Act Of 2015”**

**Bucshon Co-Sponsored The “Defund Planned Parenthood Act Of 2015.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN) co-sponsored H.R. 3134 or the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015. The act “prohibits, for a one-year period, the availability of federal funds for any purpose to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any of its affiliates or clinics, unless they certify that the affiliates and clinics will not perform, and will not provide any funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion during such period. The restriction will not apply in cases of rape or incest or where a physical condition endangers a woman's life unless an abortion is performed. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture must seek repayment of federal assistance received by Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any affiliate or clinic, if it violates the terms of the certification required by this Act.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

### **Bucshon Was A Co-Sponsor Of The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act , Which “Would Officially De-Fund The Planned Parenthood”**

**Bucshon Co-Sponsored The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN) co-sponsored H.R.217 or the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act. The act “[a]mends the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) from providing federal family planning assistance to an entity unless the entity certifies that, during the period of assistance, the entity will not perform, and will not provide funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion. Excludes an abortion where: (1) the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest; or (2) a physician certifies that the woman suffered from a physical disorder, injury, or illness that would place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, including a condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy. Excludes hospitals that do not provide funds to non-hospital entities that perform abortions.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**LifeNews: The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, Which “Would Officially De-Fund The Planned Parenthood Abortion Business...Has Been Reintroduced By A Leading Pro-Life Congresswoman. Rep. Marsha Blackburn.”** According to LifeNews, “The legislation that would officially de-fund the Planned Parenthood abortion business by revoking its federal taxpayer funding has been reintroduced by a leading pro-life congresswoman. Rep. Marsha Blackburn, a Tennessee Republican, is picking up the Planned parenthood de-funding mantle from former Congressman Mike Pence, who was elected as Indiana’s governor and was the prime sponsor of the bill House Republicans approved and Senate Democrats defeated. Blackburn informed LifeNews today that she has introduced the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act (H.R. 61), which would stop the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from providing federal family planning assistance under Title X to abortion businesses until they certify they won’t provide and refer for abortions.” [LifeNews, [1/4/13](#)]

**The Bill Would Have Taken “Federal Funds Used By Planned Parenthood To Provide STD Tests, Contraception And Cancer Screenings” And Redirected Them “To Other Health Centers Instead.”** According to the Huffington Post, “[Rep. Marsha] Blackburn sponsored the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act in an attempt to codify the Hyde Amendment into federal law. She also sponsored the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, which aimed to take the federal funds used by Planned Parenthood to provide STD tests, contraception and cancer screenings, and redirect them to other health centers instead. Various states have beaten Congress to the punch by cutting off Planned Parenthood’s Title X funds.” [Huffington Post, [10/23/15](#)]



**The 2015 Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

### **Bucshon Opposed Embryonic Stem Cell Research**

**Bucshon: Research Using Embryonic Stem Cells Takes “A Life In The Hope Of Enhancing Or Saving A Life.”**

According to the Bucshon for Congress website, “As your representative I have, and will continue, to: [...] Deny federal funds for research or therapies using embryonic stem cells (derived from embryos) that take a life in the hope of enhancing or saving a life. I do support ongoing research and therapies from adult stem cells (derived from fat cells or blood cord tissue) that show great promise in many difficult medical conditions.” [BucshonForCongress.com, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

## **BUCSHON SPONSORED RADICAL ANTI-CHOICE BILLS**

**Bucshon Co-Sponsored The 2013 “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act,” Called By The New York Times, “The Most Restrictive Abortion Bill To Come Out Of Congress In At Least A Decade”**

**Bucshon Co-Sponsored The 2013 “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.** According to Govtrack.us, Rep. Larry Bucshon co-sponsored H.R. 1797 the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, introduced April 26, 2013. [Govtrack.us, accessed [11/12/15](#)]

**The 2013 “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act,” Was Called By The New York Times, “The Most Restrictive Abortion Bill To Come Out Of Congress In At Least A Decade.”** According to The New York Times, “The As the Republican-controlled House of Representatives approved this month the most restrictive abortion bill to come out of Congress in at least a decade [the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act], abortion rights defenders mounted a full-blown campaign to blunt what they instantly labeled ‘a new war on women.’ [...] Representative Marsha Blackburn, Republican of Tennessee, speaking on Fox News last Saturday, brought up a poll showing that some 60 percent of Americans opposed second-trimester abortions. Ms. Blackburn led the anti-abortion legislation on the House floor, though the bill’s author was Representative Trent Franks of Arizona, who enraged some women with a comment that few rapes resulted in pregnancies. But Ms. Blackburn raised eyebrows, too, when she seemed to suggest that the House bill could lead to fewer rapes.” [New York Times, [6/25/13](#)]

*The Bill Banned Abortion After 22 Weeks, Allowing Exceptions For Women Who Were Raped Or The Victim Of Incest, But Only If They “Report The Crime To The Authorities First”*

**The Bill Banned Abortion After 22 Weeks, Allowing Exceptions For Women Who Were Raped Or The Victim Of Incest, But Only If They “Report The Crime To The Authorities First.”** According to CNN, “House Republican leaders are hoping to head off a repeat of last week’s controversy over the issue of whether there should be an exception for cases of rape and incest in a GOP sponsored bill banning late term abortions by adding that exception before the House debates the measure on Tuesday. Republican members on the House Judiciary committee, which marked up the abortion bill last week, voted down a Democratic amendment to allow women who are raped to obtain an abortion beyond 22 weeks into a pregnancy. But House GOP leaders decided to add a slightly different exception to the bill after several GOP members expressed concerns about the issue, according to two House Republican leadership aides. The new language permits an exception for those women who get pregnant through rape or incest to obtain an abortion if they report the crime to the authorities first.” [CNN, [6/25/13](#)]

**When A 20 Week Abortion Ban Was Introduced Again In 2015 The Same Reporting Requirements Led To “A Revolt By Female GOP Lawmakers.”** According to The Washington Post, “House Republican leaders abruptly dropped plans late Wednesday to vote on an anti-abortion bill amid a revolt by female GOP lawmakers concerned that the legislation’s restrictive language would once again spoil the party’s chances of broadening its appeal to women and younger voters. In recent days, as many as two dozen Republicans had raised concerns with the ‘Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act’ that would ban abortions after the 20th week of a pregnancy. Sponsors said that exceptions would be allowed for a woman who is raped, but she could only get the abortion after reporting the rape to law enforcement.” [Washington Post, [1/21/15](#)]

- **The Bill Was Later Changed To Require A Woman To Have “Obtained Counseling For The Rape Or Medical Treatment For The Rape Or An Injury Related To The Rape” At Least “48 Hours Prior To The Abortion.”**  
According to Congress.gov, Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN) co-sponsored H.R.36 or the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. The act “[p]rohibits an abortion from being performed if the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater, except: [...] (2) where the pregnancy is the result of rape against an adult woman and, at least 48 hours prior to the abortion, such woman has obtained counseling for the rape or medical treatment for the rape or an injury related to the rape; or (3) where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest against a minor and the rape or incest has been reported prior to the abortion to a law enforcement agency or a government agency legally authorized to act on reports of child abuse. Requires the physician, prior to performing such an abortion, to place appropriate documentation in the patient's medical file of the receipt of such medical treatment or counseling or of the reporting of such rape or incest.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]
- **The 2015 Bill With The Changed Language Passed The House 242-184 And Was Introduced In The Senate.**  
[Congress.gov, accessed [11/17/15](#)]

### **Bucshon Co-Sponsored The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, Which Would Prevent Federal Funding From Being Used To Cover Abortion Except In A Few Limited Cases**

**Bucshon Co-Sponsored The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, Which Would Prevent Federal Funding From Being Used To Cover Abortion Except In A Few Limited Cases.** According to Congress.gov, Larry Bucshon (R-IN) co-sponsored H.R.3 or the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. The bill “[p]rohibits the expenditure of funds authorized or appropriated by federal law or funds in any trust fund to which funds are authorized or appropriated by federal law (federal funds) for any abortion. Prohibits federal funds from being used for any health benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. (Currently, federal funds cannot be used for abortion services and plans receiving federal funds must keep federal funds segregated from any funds for abortion services.) Prohibits the inclusion of abortion in any health care service furnished by a federal or District of Columbia health care facility or by any physician or other individual employed by the federal government or the District. Excludes from such prohibitions an abortion if: (1) the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest; or (2) the woman suffers from a physical disorder, injury, or illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, as certified by a physician.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**The No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act Listed “‘Forcible Rape’ As One Of The Few Exceptions To A Ban On Federal Funding Of Abortions.”** According to The Tennessean, “Akin’s phrase ‘legitimate rape’ rekindled controversy over a 2011 House bill that, in its original version, listed cases of ‘forcible rape’ as one of the few exceptions to a ban on federal funding of abortions. Blackburn, like presumptive GOP vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan, signed on as a co-sponsor of that bill in its original form. The bill, HR3, was changed a few weeks later because of a flurry of protests from women’s groups and abortion-rights organizations about language that seemed to suggest there are different types of rape.” [The Tennessean, 8/23/12]

**The Anti-Choice Bill’s Language Was Later Altered From “Forcible Rape” To “Rape.”** According to North Central Wisconsin ABC-affiliate WAOW, “H.R. 3, which was introduced at the beginning of 2011, sought to prohibit federal money from being spent on abortions. Duffy was one of 227 co-sponsors. The original bill provided an exemption for victims of ‘forcible rape.’ That language was later changed to ‘rape,’ and the House passed the bill 251-175. The Senate has not voted on it. [...]The bill passed by the House in May 2011 did not include the term ‘forcible rape.’ No vote was taken on the bill with that language intact.” [WAOW, [8/28/12](#)]

**The Act Passed the House 242-179 And Was Referred To The Senate Committee on Finance.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/30/15](#)]

### **Bucshon Co-Sponsored A Bill That Could Have Caused Thousands Of Women Who Work For Religious Organizations To Be Denied Contraceptive Coverage In Their Health Care Plans**

**Bucshon Co-Sponsored The Respect For Rights Of Conscience Act Of 2011.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Larry Bucshon co-sponsored H.R. 1179 the Respect For Rights Of Conscience Act Of 2011. [Congress.gov, accessed [11/16/15](#)]

**Bucshon Co-Sponsored A Bill That Would “Permit A Health Plan To Decline Coverage Of Specific Items And Services That Are Contrary To The Religious Beliefs Of The Sponsor, Issuer, Or Other Entity.”** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN) co-sponsored H.R.1179 or the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011. The bill “[a]mends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to permit a health plan to decline coverage of specific items and services that are contrary to the religious beliefs of the sponsor, issuer, or other entity offering the plan or the purchaser or beneficiary (in the case of individual coverage) without penalty. Declares that such plans are still considered to: (1) be providing the essential health benefits package or preventive health services, (2) be a qualified health plan, and (3) have fulfilled other requirements under PPACA.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/19/15](#)]

**If The Bill Had Passed, “Thousands Of Women Who Work For Catholic Organizations, Even If The Women Are Not Personally Catholic, Would Be Denied The Preventative Health Coverage Options Available To Most Other Women In America.”** According to the Huffington Post, “[Richard] Doerflinger worked with Rep. Jeffrey Fortenberry (R-Neb.) on the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, which would impose a giant religious exemption onto the new HHS recommendations, preempting the Obama administration. The bill would allow insurance companies to ‘decline coverage of specific items and services that are contrary to the religious beliefs of the sponsor, issuer, or other entity offering the plan,’ meaning that thousands of women who work for Catholic organizations, even if the women are not personally Catholic, would be denied the preventative health coverage options available to most other women in America.” [Huffington Post, [1/21/12](#)]

**The 2011 Act Was Referred To The House Energy And Commerce Subcommittee On Health.** [Congress.gov, accessed [11/30/15](#)]

### **Bucshon Co-Sponsored The 2011 Personhood Bill, The “Life At Conception Act”**

**Bucshon Co-Sponsored The Life At Conception Act.** According to Congress.gov, Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN) co-sponsored H.R.374 or the Life at Conception Act. The bill “[d]eclares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being beginning at the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual comes into being. Prohibits construing this Act to require the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.” [Congress.gov, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**“The Bill Would Ban Abortion And Grant The Unborn All The Legal Protections Of The Fourteenth Amendment, Beginning At ‘The Moment Of Fertilization.’”** According to The New Yorker, “In my recent Profile of Senator Rand Paul, Dr. John Downing, the Senator’s friend and former medical partner, expressed his worries about Paul’s sponsorship of the Life at Conception Act, also known as the personhood law. The bill would ban abortion and grant the unborn all the legal protections of the Fourteenth Amendment, beginning at “the moment of fertilization.” To Downing, who is an ardent Paul supporter, this seemed like political madness. Downing said that he believed Paul’s personhood law would make some common forms of birth control illegal, and thus doom Paul’s Presidential hopes. ‘He’s going to lose half or more of women immediately once they find out what that would do to birth control,’ Downing told me.” [New Yorker, [10/8/14](#)]

**The 2011 Act Stalled In The House Committee On The Judiciary, Was Reintroduced In 2013 And 2015 And Referred To The House Judiciary Subcommittee On The Constitution And Civil Justice.** [Congress.gov, [H.R.374](#), [H.R.1091](#), [H.R.816](#), accessed 11/18/15]

## **BUCSHON WAS ENDORSED AND SUPPORTED BY ANTI-CHOICE GROUPS**

### **National Right To Life Endorsed Bucshon**

**National Right To Life Committee Endorsed Rep. Larry Bucshon In 2014.** According to a flyer from the National Right to Life Committee, National Right to Life Committee endorsed Rep. Larry Bucshon in 2014. [NRLPAC.org, [2014](#)]

- **Bucshon Received A Perfect 100% Pro-Life Voting Record In The Scorecard Issued By National Right To Life.** According to the National Right to Life's website, National Right to Life gave Rep. Larry Bucshon a 100% score on its federal NRLC scorecard for the 114th Congress. [CapWiz.com/NRLC/Scorecard, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

*National Right To Life Made \$8,902 In Independent Contributions In Favor Of Rep. Larry Bucshon's Campaign Between The 2010 And 2012 Election Cycles*

**National Right To Life Made \$4,460 In Independent Contributions In Favor Of Rep. Larry Bucshon's Campaign During The 2012 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Right To Life contributed \$4,460 in favor of Rep. Larry Bucshon's campaign during the 2012 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**National Right To Life Made \$4,442 In Independent Contributions In Favor Of Rep. Larry Bucshon's Campaign During The 2010 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Right To Life contributed \$4,442 in favor of Rep. Larry Bucshon's campaign during the 2010 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

*National Right To Life Claimed To Be The "Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization"*

**The National Right To Life Committee Called Itself "The Nation's Oldest And Largest Grassroots Pro-Life Organization" That Works To "Protect Innocent Human Life From Abortion."** According to the National Right to Life Committee's website, "Founded in 1968, National Right to Life, the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia." [NRLC.org/about, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

**The NRLC Produced The Silent Scream, Which Claimed To Show "A Sonogram Of A First-Trimester Abortion In Which The Fetus Opened Its Mouth In What The Narrator Said Was A Wounded Cry."** According to The Atlantic, "The more pragmatic set found early on that abstract arguments about the sanctity of life didn't resonate as well with lay Evangelicals as did vivid descriptions of the abortion process. The 1984 video The Silent Scream, produced by the NRLC, purported to show a sonogram of a first-trimester abortion in which the fetus opened its mouth in what the narrator said was a wounded cry." [The Atlantic, [11/18/13](#)]

**National Pro-Life Alliance Contributed \$1,500 To Rep. Larry Bucshon's Campaign Between The 2010 And 2014 Election Cycles**

**National Pro-Life Alliance Contributed \$500 To Rep. Larry Bucshon's Campaign During The 2014 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Pro-Life Alliance contributed \$500 to Rep. Larry Bucshon's campaign during the 2014 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

**National Pro-Life Alliance Contributed \$1,000 To Rep. Larry Bucshon's Campaign During The 2010 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Pro-Life Alliance contributed \$1,000 to Rep. Larry Bucshon's campaign during the 2010 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

*The National Pro-Life Alliance's "Singular Focus" Was To Lobby For Anti-Choice Legislation*

**The National Pro-Life Alliance's "Singular Focus" Was To Lobby For "Pro-Life Legislation" Including Legislation That Defines "'Personhood' As Beginning At The Moment Of Conception."** According to the National Pro-Life Alliance's website, "The National Pro-Life Alliance occupies a unique and important role in the pro-life movement. The focus of many other pro-life organizations is research, publications or counseling. These are all important and worthy activities, but the National Pro-Life Alliance is singular in its focus on passing pro-life legislation that will protect the unborn from the moment of conception onward. We believe that it is not sufficient to merely support minor regulations on abortion in a few outrageous cases. Instead, members of the National Pro-Life Alliance lobby both incumbents and candidates for office to come out clearly for measure like a Life at Conception Act to legislatively define constitutionally-protected 'personhood' as beginning at the moment of conception." [ProLifeAlliance.com, accessed [11/20/15](#)]



**National Pro-Life Alliance Wanted To Overturn Roe v. Wade.** According to the National Pro-Life Alliance's website, "Ever since the dreadful Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, more than 55 million precious unborn babies have lost their lives. The National Pro-Life Alliance's members, staff and volunteers are dedicated to halting this slaughter once and for all. And despite the many remaining obstacles, there is light at the end of the tunnel." [ProLifeAlliance.com, accessed [11/20/15](#)]

### **Republican National Coalition For Life Contributed \$2,000 To Rep. Larry Bucshon's Campaign During The 2010 Election Cycle**

**Republican National Coalition For Life Contributed \$2,000 To Rep. Larry Bucshon's Campaign During The 2010 Election Cycle.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the Republican National Coalition for Life contributed \$2,000 to Rep. Larry Bucshon's campaign during the 2010 election cycle. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [11/18/15](#)]

### **Bucshon Met With Southwest Indiana Right To Life And "Told The Group He's Been Advocating For Anti-Abortion Legislation"**

**Bucshon Met With Southwest Indiana Right To Life And "Told The Group He's Been Advocating For Anti-Abortion Legislation."** According to the Scripps Howard Foundation Wire, "Southwest Indiana Right to Life joined thousands of abortion opponents at the annual March for Life protest that marks the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that granted women the right to have an abortion. [...] The anti-abortion group met with Rep. Larry D. Bucshon, R-Ind., after the march. He told the group he's been advocating for anti-abortion legislation." [Scripps Howard Foundation Wire, [1/25/11](#)]

### **Bucshon's Re-Election Campaign Was A "Corporate Sponsor" Of A Banquet Headlined By The President Of Live Action, Lila Rose**

**Bucshon's Re-Election Campaign Was A Corporate Sponsor Of Thursday Night's Annual Right To Life Of Southwest Indiana Spring Banquet, Where He Was Recognized As An "Extraordinary Leader For Life"** According to the Evansville Courier & Press, "The second-term congressman's re-election campaign was a corporate sponsor of Thursday night's annual Right to Life of Southwest Indiana spring banquet in Evansville, an event attended by nearly 2,000 people. Bucshon's \$550 'Life Warrior Sponsorship' entitled Bucshon for Congress to a full-page ad in the banquet's program, including a photograph of the 8th District representative with his family and a strong anti-abortion message. McNeil, who says he is firmly anti-abortion, also attended the Right to Life banquet. But he said his tight campaign budget dictated that he forego a corporate sponsorship. The challenger was forced to sit helplessly as Bucshon realized yet another advantage of incumbency at the banquet. While recognizing elected officials in attendance, Gov. Mike Pence, with whom Bucshon served in Congress, singled him out from the podium as 'an extraordinary leader for life.'" [Evansville Courier & Press, [4/27/14](#)]

**The Banquet Was Headlined By Live Action President Lila Rose.** According to the Evansville Courier & Press, "Lila Rose, a self-styled investigative journalist for the anti-abortion cause, will headline Right to Life of Southwest Indiana's annual banquet in Evansville Thursday. Rose is president of Live Action, a Washington, D.C.-area based, 'new media nonprofit' whose website says she 'leads undercover investigations into America's most notorious abortion facilities.' [...] 8th District U.S. Rep. Larry Bucshon and Bucshon's challenger in a May 6 Republican primary election, Andrew McNeil, are expected to attend the banquet. Tom Spangler, the presumptive Democratic nominee for the 8th District seat, also will be on hand." [Evansville Courier & Press, [4/20/14](#)]

### ***Live Action Released Misleading Undercover Videos As Part Of Its Goal To End A Woman's Right To Choose***

**Live Action That Was Dedicated To Ending A Woman's Right To Choose.** According to the Live Action website, "Lila Rose is the president of Live Action, a new media nonprofit dedicated to ending abortion and building a culture of life. Lila founded Live Action when she was fifteen years old. The group utilizes investigative journalism to expose the Abortion Industry's threats against the vulnerable and defenseless. Live Action uses the results of these investigations to reveal the humanity of the unborn – to inspire the nation to take action to end abortion in America through new media." [LiveAction.org, accessed [11/9/15](#)]

- **Live Action Was A “New Media Movement Dedicated To Building A Culture Of Life And Ending Abortion.”** According to Live Action’s about page, “In 2008, Live Action was legally formed as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. The group is a new media movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion, the greatest human rights injustice of our time. Live Action uses powerful and dynamic media platforms to educate the public about the humanity of the preborn and investigative journalism to expose the threats against the vulnerable and defenseless [sic]” [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]
- **Live Action Utilized “Undercover Investigations” To Generate Content.** According to Live Action’s about page, “Utilizing undercover investigations, Live Action has documented rampant sexual abuse cover-up, racism, medical misinformation, the willingness to assist sex traffickers, false statements made by Planned Parenthood executives, sex-selective abortion, and infanticide. Live Action’s exposés publicize these abuses, so the whole world can see the horrors going on right in our backyards – and paid for with our tax money.” [Liveaction.org/about, Accessed [7/15/15](#)]

*The Founder Of The Center For Medical Progress, David Daleiden, Which Released Undercover Videos Against Planned Parenthood, Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research*

**David Daleiden Founded The Center For Medical Progress, The Group Behind The “Undercover Campaign” Against Planned Parenthood.** According to The Washington Post, “[David] Daleiden, 26, is the anti-abortion activist who masterminded the recent undercover campaign aimed at proving that Planned Parenthood illegally sells what he calls aborted ‘baby body parts.’ He captured intimate details of the famously guarded organization, hobnobbing at conferences so secretive that they require background checks and talking his way into a back laboratory at a Colorado clinic where he picked through the remains of aborted fetuses and displayed them luridly for the camera. [...] [Troy] Newman is one of three board members for the nonprofit Daleiden set up, the unassumingly named Center for Medical Progress. Another is Daleiden, and the third is Albin Rhomberg, who made headlines in the 1980s when he broke into the Los Angeles County coroner’s office to photograph aborted fetuses.” [Washington Post, [10/14/15](#)]

- **David Daleiden Previously Worked At Live Action As The Director Of Research.** According to an archived web page on the Live Action website, “David took on his current role as Director of Research for Live Action in 2008 during the early stages of the Mona Lisa Project. In March 2009, David and a fellow student were banned from sister campus Pomona College after videotaping a Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles speaker denying Planned Parenthood’s responsibility for the cover-up of statutory rape. The ban was soon lifted after intense public scrutiny.” [LiveAction.org via Web.archive.org, [8/17/09](#)]