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Dear Friends,

Please, email, call and write your congressperson and senators and ask them to vote NO for The Freedom of Choice Act or any similar measure. My reason for this request is my new conviction for the pro-life movement. On January 8, 2008 I held my dead son's body in the palm of my hand. His name is Francis. He was 18 to 20 week old fetus and died of a genetic disease. As I looked at his perfectly formed body, with his two little eyes and tiny mouth; he had ten little fingers and ten little toes, I asked myself, as I cried why did he have to die? At that moment, all I wanted was for him to breathe. But his eight inch, five and half ounce body only lay motionless in my hand. I can't imagine anyone who would want to harm someone so tiny and precious. Many people have this same belief as I do. The abortion rate in this country falling each year, praise God. The abortion industry is not happy about this and has pushed for legislation that would reverse this trend. Pro abortion leaders in congress have introduced the Freedom of Choice Act or FOCA. This act would make abortion an entitlement, which the government must fund and promote. This act would deny parents of pregnant minors any rights to the health care choices for their children. It would also deny the rights of physician and hospitals to choose the services they are willing to perform. It would allow partial-birth abortions to be performed again. And these babies could survive outside the womb, if given the proper medical attention.

Francis would be nine months old now, if he had a normal gestation. A day never goes by when I don't wonder, what kind of person would he be? Would he have my wife's sandy brown hair or my thick dark hair? What silly noises could I make to make him laugh? What gentle song could Lynn sing to cause him to drift off to sleep? In my heart, I know he wanted to live, he was just too sick. I heard his heart beating strongly, when he was 16 weeks old. He was a wonderful person. Please, help recognize him as one. Please go to the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment website to see how you can help. Their website is www.nchla.org. You can also sign a petition at www.fightFOCA.com.

My Precious Prints



Again please voice your concern about the abortion industry.

Thank you and God Bless you,
Bill Hesse

Why Fight FOCA?

The "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) is a radical piece of legislation that creates a "fundamental right" to abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy. No governmental body at any level — federal, state, or local— would be able to "deny or interfere with" this right, or to "discriminate" against its exercise "in the regulation or provision of benefits, services, or information." For the first time, abortion would

become an *entitlement* the government must fund and promote.

FOCA goes far beyond the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade abortion decision of 1973. A broad range of laws currently allowed under Roe would be eliminated — informed consent laws; parental involvement laws; laws promoting maternal health; abortion clinic regulations; government programs and facilities that

support childbirth and other health care without subsidizing abortion; conscience protection laws; laws prohibiting a particular abortion procedure (e.g., partial-birth abortion); laws requiring that abortions only be performed by a licensed physician; and so on. No other piece of legislation would have such a destructive impact on society's ability to limit or regulate abortion. FOCA would impose an

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| PRO-LIFE EVENTS IN SOUTHERN INDIANA | |
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| February | 3 rd Board Meeting |
| | 13 th Deadline for Value for Life Contest |
| March | 5 th Value of Life Contest |
| April | 7 th Board Meeting |
| | 25 th Indiana Right to Life Oratory Contest |
| May | 5 th Board Meeting |
| | 11 th Mother's Day Rose Sale |

Indiana Right to Life Reaction to Executive Order reversing Overseas Abortion Restrictions: Taxpayer Funding for Abortions will Increase, not Decrease Abortions

Indianapolis, IN -- Following is reaction by Indiana Right to Life president and CEO Mike Fichter to an executive order to be signed January 23 by President Barack Obama reversing restrictions on taxpayer funding for overseas abortions: "It is a tragic irony that on a week when America recognizes its first African-American president after many long decades of civil rights struggles, the most helpless and innocent of persons will bear the brunt of one of President Obama's first acts as president.

In choosing to expand overseas funding for abortion, President Obama has opened the pipeline for using millions of our taxpayer dollars to support the killing of unborn children and to advance the promotion of abortion on demand. This funding will dramatically increase the number of unborn children who will die as a result of abortion-driven population control programs. In addition, the measure is expected to siphon millions of dollars away from family planning programs that do not counsel or do abortions.

President Obama has talked about wanting to reduce the number of abortions, but his actions today are in complete contradiction to that goal. It is clear in today's executive order reversing the Mexico City Policy that the Obama Administration is determined to ignore the fundamental human rights of unborn children."

Why Fight FOCA? *(cont. from pg. 1)*

extreme abortion regimen on our country. Despite its misleading name, it would deprive the American people of the freedom they now have to set at least some limits on the abortion industry.

Pro-abortion groups have been trying to pass FOCA since 1989—and now we have a Congress more disposed than any in recent years to pass the bill and a President who has said he will sign it into law.

FOCA embodies the public policy goals of pro-abortion groups. These groups will promote the bill's passage directly, and also advance its agenda by working to reverse pro-life laws one at a time—for example, by overturning existing federal laws against funding and promoting abortion.

So what do you need to do? Write and call your legislators at both the Federal and State level. Sign the "Fight FOCA" Petition—call the office (945-1116) for copies or further information. (See Legislator Contact information below).

Federal Representatives:

Rep. Baron Hill can be reached via email at https://forms.house.gov/baronhill/IMA/issue_subscribe.shtml.

Write:

The Honorable Baron Hill
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Sen. Evan Bayh can be reached via email at <http://bayh.senate.gov/contact/email/>

Sen. Richard Lugar can be reached via email at senator_lugar@lugar.senate.gov

Write:

The Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

U.S. Capitol switchboard: 202-224-3121 (Ask for the office of your Representative or your Senators)

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

State Legislators:

Senator Richard Young (District 47)

Senator Connie Sipes (District 46)

Senator James Lewis (District 45)

Senator Brent Steele (District 44)

Call: 800-382-9467

Representative Terry Goodin (District 66)

Representative Steve Stemler (District 71)

Representative Ed Clere (District 72)

Representative Paul Robertson (District 70)

Representative Dennie Oxley (District 73)

Call: 800-382-9841

Write:

Senator/Representative _____
Indiana General Assembly
200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Website: <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>

6th Annual 'Value of Life' Contest

Right to Life of Southern Indiana is proud to announce the 6th Annual 'Value of Life' Contest to be held Thursday, March 5, 2009. The contest consists of 5 levels of competition giving students from kindergarten through college undergraduates a chance to show their speaking, writing and artistic skills. This contest is designed to encourage young people to research the life issues and develop their pro-life convictions.

The Contest is open to all students attending school or residing in Clark, Crawford, Floyd and Harrison counties, including home-school students.

The Contest will be held at The Center, Providence Retirement Home, 4915 Charlestown Road, New Albany. Complete information, including official contest rules, topics, and application forms for all categories may be obtained by calling the Right to Life of Southern Indiana office at 812-945-1116 or by email at rtlsoin@att.net.

Dear President Obama

Do you think a baby is alive when it has a heart beat? If you do think it is alive when it has a heart beat, then abortion should be illegal. Let me tell you, if I went out on the street and killed someone I would be arrested for murder. Now if a baby has a heart beat at 21 days when that is when a pregnant female usually finds out she is pregnant. So lets say she does not want the baby and she decides to abort it which means kill. If I killed someone out on the street I would be arrested. Let me ask a question and then answer it. When an emergency responder pulls up to a scene where some one is injured really bad what does he check for? A pulse which is a HEART BEAT. About every year there is about 1.3million babies killed/aborted each year. In my mind it is homicide, which has turned to GENOCIDE! Yes, I said genocide. Genocide means a large amount of life forms killed through out a time. In school my teacher Mr. Byers taught us about how the people in Sudan were being killed each day. And as I was thinking well while you're talking I wonder how many babies were being killed. I came home and asked my mom how many babies are killed in one hour and she said about 180 babies are killed in that class time. Mr. President so if you presented with signing the freedom of choice act start thinking about my letter. Think about 1.3million babies that are killed each year. Think about how many babies are being killed before you would sign that law. Think what if that baby that is being killed/aborted is going to be the person that cures some illness or disease. Think upon these things. In the 6th commandment says thou shall not KILL.

Sincerely,
Dennis McCutcheon
14 years old

Second-Guessing Prevention First

<http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=WU09A03&f=PG07J01>

Family Research Council

On the first day of the 111th Congress, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid sent a very clear message about what pro-lifers can expect from the next two years by introducing S. 21, "The Prevention First Act" that would direct hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to the abortion industry, a business that already receives over \$286 million each year from federal taxpayers. It should come as no surprise that Planned Parenthood, the largest supporter of unrestricted abortion, praised the bill. And why not? The abortion merchant will likely be the largest beneficiary of Reid's abortion bailout. Among other things, the legislation would use taxpayer funds to mislead people about the potential of the "morning after pill" (known as Plan B) to act as an abortifacient. It also encourages the use of Plan B for victims of sexual assault yet has no reporting requirement in place for young girls who may have been victims of abuse and/or rape. When you get right down to it, the bill does nothing to support parental involvement--let alone consent--for dispensing the morning after pill and other "contraception" to minors. In addition to funding Plan B, the measure would also: subsidize birth control for college and low-income women; expand Title X, the main federal family planning program that requires abortion referrals; expand Planned Parenthood targeting of low-income women through Medicaid; target teens' with "comprehensive" sex education; and spread emergency contraception.

Mr. President,



Where is my HOPE?

INDIANA RIGHT TO LIFE

2009 Priority Legislation

Initial List 1-19-09

HOSPITAL ADMITTING PRIVILEGES

SB 89 (Miller)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Health and Provider Services. No hearing date.

Requires a physician who performs an abortion to: (1) have admitting privileges at a hospital in the county or in a county adjacent to the county where the abortion is performed; and (2) notify the patient of the hospital location where the patient can receive follow-up care by the physician.

WRITTEN CONSENT FETAL PAIN, ADOPTION, LIFE BEGINS AT FERTILIZATION

SB 90 (Miller)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Health and Provider Services. No hearing date.

Provides that for consent to an abortion to be voluntary and informed, a physician must inform the pregnant woman that there is differing medical evidence concerning when a fetus feels pain. Provides that notice must be given to a pregnant woman in writing at least 18 hours before an abortion: (1) concerning the availability of adoptions and that certain adoption-related expenses may be borne by the adoptive parents; (2) concerning physical risks to the woman in having an abortion; and (3) stating that an embryo formed by the fertilization of a human ovum by a human sperm immediately begins to divide and grow as human physical life.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL "FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT"

To be authored by Representative Peggy Welch in the House of Representatives

No bill number yet.

This resolution will act as a communication from the Indiana General Assembly and Indiana's elected members of Congress to ask them to vote "NO" on FOCA.

ADOPTION OF ABANDONED EMBRYO

SB 192 (Miller)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Judiciary. No hearing date.

Adoption of abandoned embryo. Allows an abandoned embryo to be adopted for implantation by another individual under specified circumstances. States that a person who knowingly or intentionally destroys or discards an abandoned human embryo commits unlawful destruction of an embryo, a Class A misdemeanor.

ULTRASOUND BEFORE ABORTION

SB 417 (Leising)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Health and Provider Services. No hearing date set.

Ultrasound before an abortion. Requires that at least 18 hours before an abortion that a pregnant woman seeking an abortion must obtain fetal ultrasound imaging, hear the auscultation of the fetal heart tone if audible, and view and receive a copy of the fetal ultrasound imaging. Specifies that the pregnant woman is responsible for the cost of the fetal ultrasound imaging.

NEGLECT OF AN UNBORN CHILD

SB 360 (Stutzman)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Judiciary. No hearing date.

Specifies that, for purposes of the statute governing neglect of a dependent, a dependent includes an unborn child at any stage of development, and that a person "having the care of a dependent" includes a person carrying an unborn child. Makes conforming amendments.

IRTL Opposes These Bills:

DEFINITION OF 'CONTRACEPTION'

SB 103 (Tallian)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Health and Provider Services. No hearing date.

Defines "contraception" as a drug or device that has been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy and provides that contraception is not subject to or governed by the abortion statutes.

MEDICALLY ACCURATE INFORMATION

SB 309 (Tallian)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Education and Career Development. No hearing date.

Requires instruction in accredited schools on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases to be based on information that is factual, medically accurate, and age appropriate.

PARENTAL NOTICE OF ABSTINENCE-ONLY EDUCATION

HB 1317 (Lawson)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Education

Requires a principal to send notice to parents if the school is providing abstinence-only human sexuality courses. Specifies the language of the notice. Allows a parent to have the parent's child excused from abstinence-only courses. Provides an appeals process for a parent who does not receive notice of the parent's right to address the governing body concerning curriculum.

PARENTAL NOTICE OF ABSTINENCE-ONLY EDUCATION

SB 258 (Breux)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Education and Career Development. No hearing date.

Requires a principal to send notice to parents if the school is providing abstinence-only human sexuality courses. Specifies the language of the notice. Allows a parent to have the parent's child excused from abstinence-only courses. Provides an appeals process for a parent who does not receive notice of the parent's right to address the governing body concerning curriculum.

DISPENSING DRUGS BY PHARMACIES

SB 20 (Errington)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Health and Provider Services. No hearing date.

Imposes a duty on a pharmacy to fill a contraceptive prescription drug or device in stock in a timely manner. Requires a pharmacy to take specified steps if the pharmacy does not have: (1) a contraceptive prescription drug or device; or (2) an over-the-counter contraceptive; in stock. Requires a pharmacy to ensure that the pharmacy's customers are not intimidated, threatened, or harassed in the delivery of services. Allows a person to file a complaint with the board of pharmacy or commence a civil action for a violation by a pharmacy. Requires the board of pharmacy to investigate a complaint and determine whether a violation has occurred. Allows the attorney general to file a civil action for a violation by a pharmacy, and sets forth the maximum civil penalties that may be awarded by the court.

DISPENSING DRUGS BY PHARMACIES

HB 1238 (Summers)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures. No hearing date.

Imposes a duty on a pharmacy to fill a contraceptive prescription drug or device in stock in a timely manner. Requires a pharmacy to take specified steps if the pharmacy does not have: (1) a contraceptive prescription drug or device; or (2) an over-the-counter contraceptive; in stock. Requires a pharmacy to ensure that the pharmacy's customers are not intimidated, threatened, or harassed in the delivery of services. Allows a person to file a complaint with the board of pharmacy or commence a civil action for a violation by a pharmacy. Requires the board of pharmacy to investigate a complaint and determine whether a violation has occurred. Allows the attorney general to file a civil action for a violation by a pharmacy, and sets forth the maximum civil penalties that may be awarded by the court.

Please call or write your Indiana legislators: