

November 25, 2015

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
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The Honorable John Cornyn  
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Dear Leader McConnell and Whip Cornyn:

We, the undersigned representing millions of Americans, are writing to express our unflagging support for H.R. 3762, the *Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015*. Word from the Senate Parliamentarian that the bill is privileged in the Senate and that the language effectively diverting funds away from Planned Parenthood for one year would pass the Byrd test is testament to the care which was taken in the drafting of this bill in the House. The Senate should now take up the bill without delay.

We have long supported efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, the scandal-riddled organization responsible for the deaths of approximately 330,000 unborn children every year. We have also opposed troubling provisions within the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* that subsidize elective abortion through premium credits.

While the House bill retains our full support, we would be supportive of efforts in the Senate to improve the House bill by adding language on the Senate floor that would repeal Obamacare premium subsidies. The answer to the reconciliation debates lies not in removing the abortion provider provision, or by indefinitely delaying the vote which will accomplish nothing. Rather, serious pro-life Senators must consider how they may strengthen the bill, and then move quickly to pass the strongest bill possible.

The bill should be sent to the President in order to place on him the moral responsibility of sending our tax dollars to Planned Parenthood. A potential veto should do nothing to weaken the resolve of efforts to move this bill through the Senate. In fact, passing the bill in the Senate under the Byrd Rule and sending it to the President's desk would set important precedent in Senate parliamentary procedure of what can be accomplished under a pro-life president.

The pro-life community stands united in its desire to see the reconciliation bill remove funding for abortion providers and is supportive of efforts to improve the Obamacare repeal provisions. The pro-life community will continue to work to defund Planned Parenthood on spending bills. However, the Senate should act on this bill and send it to the President's desk before the end of 2015. We appreciate your efforts to that end.

Sincerely,

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