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## RALLYING SUPPORT FOR PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS Life Decisions International Calls For Personal Accounts

Note: Longtime readers of *The Caleb Report* will be familiar with some of the material in this article. It is important, however, that we include background information for those who are new to the controversy addressed in this article.

Life Decisions International (LDI) has long been a leader in defending pregnancy help centers against the unfounded attacks from Planned Parenthood and its ilk. LDI has published numerous articles pointing out the true nature of the accusations. “It is far past the time when we should be educating pro-life advocates about the persecution faced by those who work and volunteer for pregnancy help centers,” said LDI President Douglas R. Scott, Jr., in a statement to the media. “Now is the time when we must fight back.”



CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS:  
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One NAF publication that attacks  
pregnancy help centers.

In 1987, Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) and National Abortion Federation (NAF) leaders publicly alleged that pregnancy help centers are little more than dangerous “fake abortion clinics” intent on luring unsuspecting and vulnerable women into a

web of anti-abortion propaganda, lies and false promises. Once inside a “fake abortion clinic,” women are allegedly abused (verbally and emotionally), threatened, and even physically restrained. PPFA and NAF leaders made the allegations at a press conference, where they were flanked by representatives from several other pro-abortion groups.

The campaign to “expose” pregnancy help centers (also known as “crisis pregnancy centers,” “pregnancy care centers,” “problem pregnancy centers,” and so forth)

was the direct result of a conspiracy between pro-abortion groups, its allies in the media, and one member of Congress. At the behest of PPFA and NAF, the media “exposed” the deceptive, dirty and dangerous “fake abortion clinics.” They sought to invoke fear and mistrust through half-truths and outright lies in the effort to dissuade women from going to pregnancy help centers.

Since the initial plot was hatched, PPFA has made use of various schemes in its effort to destroy pregnancy help centers. In March 1989, PPFA placed a full-page advertisement in several national publications, such as *Time*. The print advertisement, which was headed, “Would You Lie to a Pregnant Teenager?,” claimed that women who go to a pregnancy help center are forced to watch frightening and untruthful films.

In 1991, PPFA ally People for the American Way (PAW) actively joined the smear campaign. It demanded that the Maryland state attorney general investigate a chain of pregnancy help centers in the liberal state. The group said the centers used advertisements and conversations with callers to “deliberately mislead women to believe they provide abortion services and give false information about abortion and birth control.” (Pro-abortion groups want to determine what should and should not be said by pregnancy help center workers. Pro-abortion activists want centers to use statistics, definitions of terms, and “facts” they have prepared and/or approved.)

“The centers disseminate false information regarding the risks and effects of abortion,” PAW alleged. “The centers provide anti-abortion information and engage in scare tactics with the intent that women will rely on the false information and decide not to seek the services of a legitimate abortion clinic.”



Wyden

The abortion-committing group told its pawns that hold public office to do everything possible to destroy such centers. Given his 100 percent pro-abortion voting record, one member of Congress (now a U.S. Senator) was happy to oblige. Since Democrats controlled the House of Representatives, Ron Wyden, D-Ore., was able

to use his chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Regulation, Business Opportunities and Energy as a platform for ruthlessly attack pregnancy help centers, including their volunteers and employees.

On June 20, 1991, Ron Fitzsimmons, then-executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers (NCAP), sent a memorandum to the group's members and "Interested Parties" that pointed to the organization's involvement in the Wyden hearing:

I recently met with Congressman Ron Wyden to discuss the format of his hearing on phony clinics. We now expect the hearing to occur sometime in September. We want to have a panel of women who have had bad experiences in phony clinics, a panel of state Attorneys General who can testify to the need for a national solution to the problem, the Federal Trade Commissiona [sic] and a panel of telephone company executives who can discuss why they are not as cooperative as we would like. I could use your help with two things: we need women [sic] are willing to testify about their experience (we could guarantee anonymity) and a tape recorded conversation with a phony clinic. Please call me if you think you can help.

A September 4, 1991, Fitzsimmons memorandum sent to "All Abortion Providers" stated:

While this issue may not be a high priority item for some providers, I still thought the issue deserved attention so I approached the Chairman of the Subcommittee, Rep. Ron Wyden (D-OR), approximately seven months ago and suggested he hold a hearing to help publicize the issue. My thinking was that the resulting publicity would at least make some women more aware of the problem.

Despite several requests, pregnancy care center officials were denied permission to testify at the Wyden hearing; only the accusers were allowed to speak. Yet Wyden told a nationwide television audience that pregnancy care center officials *refused* to testify. (The lawmaker must have forgotten about his subpoena powers). Wyden knew his statement was a blatant lie. (Incidentally, key evidence that the hearing was a sham is the fact that Wyden was the *only* member of the congressional subcommittee to attend.)

PPFA has used the legal system in an attempt to force pregnancy help centers to close, which would leave vulnerable women no "choice." By the end of 1991,

state attorneys general in California, New York and Texas filed lawsuits against pregnancy help centers. Much more recently, State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, D-N.Y., has been PPFA's chief water boy in this effort. (Spitzer is now the leading candidate for Governor of New York. Like Wyden, he has no problem employing ungodly tactics to achieve a satanic goal.)

The chief prong of the attack on pregnancy help centers was carried out with the help of the pro-abortion media. The September 4, 1991, memorandum from Fitzsimmons, who in 1997 became infamous for admitting that he lied about the number of partial-birth abortions committed in the United States, documented the media-abortion industry connection:

To publicize this issue as much as possible, I went to the ABC program "Prime Time" several weeks ago and they immediately agreed to do an "expose" on the issue. I have directed them to bogus clinics around the country and to several "victims". Their producers tell me that they have some terrific footage using undercover cameras. At this time, they hope to air the program sometime in mid-September [airing was actually on October 31, 1991]. This show airs at 10:00 EST on Thursdays. I will alert all providers with fax machines once I hear when the show is going to air.

In the same memo, Fitzsimmons urged members of his group and others to stage a media event outside local pregnancy help centers.



Wallace

Correspondent Chris Wallace, who recently made headlines by angering former President William J. Clinton during an interview, was the hatchet man for "PrimeTime." He clearly had no intention of preparing a balanced report. At no time did the liberal, pro-abortion Wallace mention that the report was being done at the request of the abortion industry. He is now employed by Fox News.

The "exposé" aired by ABC on "PrimeTime" generated extensive local coverage. Ventura, Calif.-based KVEN radio featured a report by Phil Hendrie, one of those program hosts who apparently believe that controversy is necessary to get listeners, even if it means sacrificing truth and fairness. In one program, the "shock jock" said he had "found out about the Ventura County Crisis Pregnancy Center" and that he was "a little bit troubled." He went on to label the Ventura County Crisis Pregnancy Center "deceptive." But the "brave" Hendrie



Hendrie

quickly became “coward” Hendrie. He backed down after being threatened with a lawsuit.

More recently, PPFA has used so-called “personal accounts” of pro-abortion women who purportedly experienced firsthand the “terror” of a pregnancy help center. Not unexpectedly, the women telling these stories remain anonymous. There is no right to confront the accuser. A careful examination of such “personal accounts” indicates that they are phony. (For information about the original conspiracy that led to attacks on pregnancy help centers, read the Autumn 2000 edition of *Special Reports*, which is available on LDI’s website. Go to [fightppa.org](http://fightppa.org), click on “Publications,” click on “*Special Reports*,” and then click on “Autumn 2000”.)

The effort to destroy pregnancy help centers has intensified in recent months. Rep. Carolyn D. Maloney, D-N.Y., has introduced the “Stop Deceptive Advertising for Women’s Services Act,” which would require the Federal Trade Commission to apply “truth-in-advertising” standards to “fake abortion clinics.” (If Democrats win control of the House of Representatives in November, a congressional hearing on the bill is assured. Pregnancy help centers, along with their employees and volunteers, will again be publicly vilified.)



Maloney

“When women are making a health decision, they should never be subject to deceit and trickery,” Maloney said at a press conference where the bill was unveiled. “Some of these crisis pregnancy centers should be called ‘counterfeit pregnancy centers.’ They have the right to exist, but they shouldn’t have the right to deceive in order to advance their particular beliefs.”



Malin

Another speaker at the March 2006 press conference was Planned Parenthood of New York City boss Joan Malin. “Deception and lies don’t help women make informed choices,” she said. “Too often women are given incomplete or even inaccurate information that leaves them misinformed, confused, and afraid. I applaud these lawmakers for introducing federal legislation that would guarantee critical health care information is given to women so they can make informed decisions about their health.” Malin had more to say:

Using scare tactics and offering misinformation about medical options doesn’t allow women to make informed decisions. Although they may claim to provide a range of services, CPCs are not legitimate health facilities and do not offer comprehensive health services and non-biased, medically accurate information about all pregnancy options. Most often they don’t even meet medical standards.

In an article for PPFA titled, “Stopping Crisis Pregnancy Centers,” writer Amy Bryant asserted that pregnancy help centers “pose as objective health facilities using neutral-sounding names and deceptive advertising practices that lead women facing unintended pregnancies to believe that they will be offered unbiased counseling and a full range of reproductive health services.” Bryant claimed that, “Unsuspecting women are lured” into pregnancy help centers by “the offer of free pregnancy testing or HIV tests.” (“Neutral-sounding names”? You mean names like “Planned Parenthood”?)

PPFA, NAF and several other pro-abortion groups have published brochures, flyers and “reports” about pregnancy help centers. Consider the description of a center presented by Bryant, who referred to pregnancy help centers as “crisis pregnancy centers” (CPCs):

Once inside [a pregnancy help center], the clinic staff—usually volunteers with no professional training—try to dissuade women from choosing abortion by subjecting them to inaccurate, anti-choice propaganda and intimidation. Women are exposed to films and written materials that lie about the nature of abortion, the development of the fetus, and the medical and “psychological” effects of abortion. The false information is designed to scare women into carrying pregnancies to term. CPCs also use ultrasound pictures to try to emotionally manipulate women into continuing their pregnancies.

Although they are not health care providers with accredited educators or counselors, CPCs have spread their misinformation campaign into the public school system.

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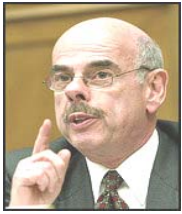
Instead of listing themselves in phonebooks under “abortion alternatives,” CPCs are often listed under “clinics,” “medical services,” or “family planning,” a misrepresentation that attracts women facing unintended pregnancies who are in search of a clinic that provides a full range of services. CPCs choose names such as “Women’s Resource Center” or “Loving Care Pregnancy Center” to mislead women, and CPCs attempt to further confuse women by establishing themselves near legitimate reproductive health care facilities that do provide a full range of services, including abortion services or referrals.

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Today, there are six CPCs in the United States for every legitimate health clinic that provides abortions.

“The deception is going beyond the walls of these clinics,” complained Anna Saxon, chairman of the board at Planned Parenthood Heart of Illinois and a pastoral associate at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Peoria, Ill. She claimed pregnancy help centers are “setting themselves up as the ‘go-to’ people for sex education in the public schools and are quickly becoming the primary providers of sex education to our children.” Saxon claims to have counseled women who “have suf-

ferred spiritual coercion and manipulation at the hands of [pregnancy help center] staff.” She called this a case of “spiritual abuse.”



Waxman

Another PPFA and NAF lapdog is Congressman Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif. His office issued a so-called “study” of pregnancy help centers that was quickly hailed by pro-abortion activists. According to the report, a whopping 87 percent of pregnancy help centers give misleading and medically inaccurate information about abortion. It also alleged that such centers deliberately withhold essential and accurate reproductive health information from women who are led to believe that they are visiting a neutral and objective medical facility.

The report included a complaint. “Despite the fact that the women who come to them are clearly sexually active and at risk for unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection, [pregnancy help center personnel] lecture them about abstinence instead of explaining contraception, if they provide any sexual health information at all.”

Women who enter a pregnancy help center are “walking into a trap,” said Stephenie Foster, PPFA vice president of public policy. “There is no excuse for taxpayer dollars going to organizations whose goal is to mislead and mistreat women facing unintended pregnancy.” (Some pregnancy help centers have been awarded federal grants to fund abstinence programs.)



Foster

In general, PPFA and NAF claim that pregnancy help centers:

- falsely suggest or promise a full range of reproductive health services;
- offer free pregnancy tests but give ambiguous answers about the results;
- show shocking and deceptive films or slide shows that include pictures of mutilated fetuses and stillborn babies; the testimony of distraught women who claim that abortion caused them emotional disturbances and physical ailments; and distorted statistics about the medical and psychological consequences of abortion;
- attempt to induce guilt by engaging women in discussions about their religious views and beliefs;
- refuse or fail to provide contraceptive information; and
- make exaggerated promises of financial assistance, medical treatment, prenatal and postpartum care, adoption or child-care arrangements, and/or psycho-

logical counseling all in an effort to induce women to carry their pregnancies to term.

*Now it is time to fight back.* “We do not simply want to defend pregnancy help centers,” LDI’s Scott said. “We want to put Planned Parenthood on the defensive. We want to open the eyes of the public to the horror that is Planned Parenthood. And we want to make the Planned Parenthood hierarchy regret the day they first began the campaign of disinformation against pregnancy help centers.”

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** *It is time to fight back!* Please help us by taking as many of the following steps as possible:

1. We want to collect, in writing, as many accounts of positive experiences with pregnancy help centers as possible. Were you a client at a pregnancy help center who is happy with the way you were treated? Were your needs met? In your experience, are the accusations made by Planned Parenthood against pregnancy help centers untrue? These accounts will be organized and presented to Congress, along with a cover-letter exposing the conspiracy against such centers.

2. We want to collect, in writing, as many accounts of negative experiences with Planned Parenthood as possible. Were you once a Planned Parenthood customer or employee and had a personal experience that left you frightened, hurt or scared? Were your needs met? Were lies told? These accounts will be organized and presented to Congress.

The difference between our campaign and that of Planned Parenthood is that we *insist* that *every* word submitted for publication is *completely true*. No exaggerations. No taking events, words or deeds out of context. Nothing but the absolute, God-honoring truth.

All submitted material must be dated, signed (include the name legibly printed as well and your state/province), and mailed to: Life Decisions International, P.O. Box 75161, Washington, DC 20013-0161 (USA). Material may be faxed to (540) 631-0380, ext. 24 (after the phone is answered, press “24” on your fax machine and then press “send” or “start.”) We *greatly* appreciate the sending of material by e-mail ([fightback@fightpp.org](mailto:fightback@fightpp.org)) but a signed fax or mailed version *must* also be sent. Include a phone number or e-mail address so you can be contacted if we have questions. Be specific about the dates and places of events. When released to Congress and the public, only the first name and last initial of the writer will be released, along with the person’s state/province. *Full names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses will be kept confidential.*

All submissions become the property of Life Decisions International. (LDI pledges to *never* use any submission

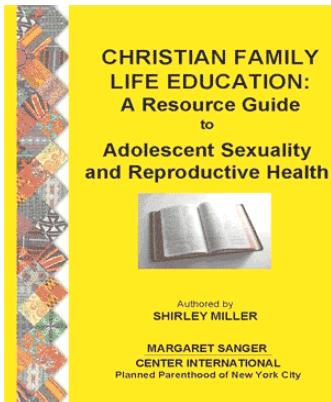
for fund-raising purposes. Raising money is *not* what this is about—at all.)

*The deadline for submission is March 31, 2007. Please pass this information on to as many individuals and organizations as possible.* LDI has contacted every pro-life/pro-family organization in its database requesting assistance with this project. Please contact every group with which you are associated and ask that they spread the word about this project.

## THE PRAYER PROJECT

Please join us in daily prayer for the men and women who are active in the Pro-Abortion Movement and those who have not been strong in their claimed pro-life convictions: *September*—**Jaime Michaelson**, who is active in Medical Students for Choice; *October*—**Paul Knechtel** and **P. Dillon** of Basics Office Supplies Inc.; *November*—**Edward R. Zieve** of Kees Inc.; *December*—U.S. Senator **Ron Wyden**, D-Ore.; and *January*—New York State Attorney General and Democratic gubernatorial candidate **Eliot Spitzer**.

## ABORTIONISTS OFFER “CHRISTIAN” GUIDE



Planned Parenthood is set to offer a sexuality indoctrination program written specifically for Christians. Authored by Shirley Miller and published by the Margaret Sanger Center International (part of Planned Parenthood of New York City), *Christian Family Life Education: A Resource Guide to*

*Adolescent Sexuality and Reproductive Health* is intended to meet the demand for material by those who claim to be both “Christian” and “pro-choice.”

“Religion can be a powerful ally in the battle for adolescent sexual health and the prevention of HIV/AIDS,” reads a Planned Parenthood statement announcing availability of the publication. “This guide finds in Christianity support for sexuality as a total expression of who we are as human beings created by God. It offers the religious community and parents ways to integrate accurate information about sexuality with biblical teachings as they guide adolescents toward sexual and reproductive health.”

A summary of the guide includes a quotation from Proverbs 22:6 (“*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it.*”). Additional detail follows:

There is growing awareness of the important role religious communities play in educating their members in all spheres of life, including health, sexuality, and family planning. Sexuality is a gift from God that embraces the total expression of who we are as human beings—our spirituality, emotions, and physical makeup—and as such sexuality should be part of churches’ teaching and counseling. This guide was written for those who value comfortable and effective communication about issues related to sexuality and reproductive health. It consists of a comprehensive training manual of approximately 200 pages and more than 250 additional pages of resource materials culled from a variety of sources and countries.

In today’s world, young people face formidable challenges in the transition from childhood to adulthood. Lack of information and misinformation about sexuality can have devastating and even fatal consequences. The *Christian Family Life Education* guide is designed to address the needs of adolescents, parents, professionals, and others within a religious context. It provides up-to-date information, as well as useful guidance, about a wide range of topics related to our sexual, reproductive, and mental health.

The guide’s table of contents includes several sections: Teaching and Facilitating Techniques, Introduction to Human Sexuality, Psycho-social Development and the Life Cycle, Puberty and Adolescent Development, Reproductive Anatomy and Physiology, Family Planning and Contraception, Premarital Education, Sexually Transmitted Infections, HIV Prevention, Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse, Rape, Child Molestation, Self-Esteem and Decision Making, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Conflict Resolution, and Goal Setting.

## IN THE LOOP



“You’re Invited (Don’t Tell Jerry Falwell).” This was the subject of an e-mail sent to Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) supporters by its president, Cecile Richards, on September 27, 2006. And just what is the affair? A potluck. Richards explained:

As Jerry Falwell wrote last week when he pledged to raise \$4 million to get anti-choice voters out to the polls to outlaw abortion: “What happens in South Dakota will literally affect the future of America.” We agree.

Hundreds of Potlucks for South Dakota are happening all around the country this weekend to stop the state abortion ban and protect *Roe v. Wade*. For the women of South Dakota and the future of choice, **this is one party you can’t miss!**

Potlucks were scheduled to held throughout the United States between September 29 and October 1 (some were held earlier; some later). Pro-abortion activists

were encouraged to organize other potlucks. Interested persons were given a list of specific details to help make the event a success.

The Potlucks for South Dakota program was initiated in an effort to raise funds for pro-abortion candidates in the state. Earlier this year, South Dakota's legislature passed and the governor signed a bill outlawing most abortions.

### **"IF I WERE IN CHARGE..."**

In the March-April and May-June 2006 editions of *The Caleb Report*, LDI did what no other pro-life organization has ever done. We invited pro-life activists to finish this sentence: "If I were in charge of the Pro-Life Movement, I would..." And we promised no editing.

Don Lipp wrote that if he were in charge of the Pro-Life Movement, he would "bring lawsuit after lawsuit against all pro-abortion businesses and organizations for (here are just a few examples): 1) not relating to women the abortion-breast cancer link; and 2) not relating to women all of the other physical and emotional dangers." Lipp concluded with these words: "Let's keep them too busy to stay focused on their mission, after all, that is what they have tried to do to us for years."

Edward J. Daccarett argues that it is "time to get serious" about abortion:

OK! Let's face the monster of abortion squarely in the face. Women get pregnant because of having sexual intercourse, most of which is outside of the sacrament of marriage. As professor Peter Kreeft aptly stated, "If abortion had nothing to do with sex, everyone would be against it."

So you see, we are up against this great evil of casual sex without any responsibility, and the best way to rid ourselves of this "thing", is to simply "dispose" of it.

If I were in charge of the Pro-life movement, I would certainly change our target from mostly "preaching to the choir" which is where most Pro-life activities are targeted, partly because it is a "safe environment" to one on the streets and public forum. That's where the battle will be won, not in the sanctuaries of our churches!

If I were in charge, I would certainly take a couple of pages from our homosexual brothers and sisters as well as our feminist sisters. They have obviously been persistent and effective in swaying public opinion as well as winning over the media and Corporate America, while pro-lifers lumber along!

Slavery and Civil Rights were not ended in the sanctuaries of our churches, but on the streets. I say empty our churches and have all people of faith put their conviction into action. Too many pro-lifers are too content to simply wear a pin, put on a Choose Life license plate, go to ban-

quets and believe we will end abortion by doing these "nice" things. It is time to get serious!!!

Pat J. Wagner would "*change nothing*" if placed in charge of the Pro-Life Movement:

I think our God, our "Commander-in-Chief," has again proven the strength of the small. As individuals have prayed about what to do about the evil they see about them, thousands of grass root organizations have arisen. Many have stayed small, some have grown to medium size and others have grown large. Pro-life groups act in an amazing variety of fields reflecting the infinite variety of gifts we have received from the Lord. There are centers to assist pregnant women; groups dedicated to explaining, teaching and defending the truth; organizations devoted to fighting legal battles; researchers studying the after effects of abortion as well as others researching the abortion industry itself; and many, many others.

Do we duplicate efforts? Sure. Would it be more efficient to be united as one mega-organization? Perhaps, but we might lose our strength in the process. Our Pro-Life Army has the flexibility of General Washington's come and go, part-time troops. We can become involved when a clear, strategic need arises and are able to quickly return to our own family and work responsibilities when it is completed.

The hundreds of newsletters, and now the Internet, have been the communication links that allow us to stay connected with minimal effort. No one can read all of them, but if the same information is carried in a number, we are likely to learn of it eventually. When we receive the same information more than once, we can skip over it, or it can serve as a reminder.

As a movement grows, those of us who had to hold jobs to support our pro-life work are being replaced by professionals who are able to work full-time on one or another of the life issues. That's great because anyone can accomplish more in 40 hours a week than in 1 or 2 or even 5 or 10. Even now, our Pro-Life Movement has become more specialized and we will probably see the demise or consolidation of some of the smaller groups. This will gradually lead to less duplication and a streamlining of our efforts.

May God be glorified in what He has planted, nurtured and brought to harvest.

If Bill Keeley were in charge of the Pro-Life Movement, he would "advise all pro-life activists to be concerned about imagery." He explained:

It is important that the dwindling number of aging pro-lifers who regularly visit abortion mills (thank God for them) portray an image of openness and trust. Too often we see pro-lifers huddled together or strung out in a moving line, holding rosary beads and praying out loud, seemingly removed from any contact with the women entering the abortion mill. Prayer is necessary but what's wrong with silent prayer with the beads in your pocket? Why turn off those people going into the abortion mill or just going by

who are not Catholic-friendly but who might otherwise be open to accepting literature or perhaps even talking to us?

The second matter of imagery is the image that the public has of the aborted baby, especially those early abortions that the pro-aborts like to refer to as “globs of tissue.” I firmly believe in the efficacy of large, first-trimester abortion pictures displayed at abortion mills and at busy intersections. For the past two years, for one hour each week, at different times and different intersections, I have stood with a large first-trimester abortion poster facing approaching traffic. The inspiration for this routine was the successful feedback that trucks displaying large posters of aborted babies received after passing through a town or visiting a college. Displaying first-trimester abortion pictures at busy intersections is an easy and effective way to expose the truth about abortion to a large audience. I hope others will see it as such and do likewise in their neighborhood.

### PUTTING WOLVES IN SHEEP’S CLOTHING



Ryan

Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives have introduced a bill sponsored by Rep. Timothy J. Ryan, D-Ohio, that targets the many moderate voters who have misgivings about abortion but who are not totally opposed to the deadly practice. Introduction of the bill followed discussion

within the Democratic Party regarding how to improve its image among moderate and conservative voters. The goal is to draw in these voters without offending the passionately pro-abortion base of the party.

Ryan claims “The Reducing the Need for Abortion and Supporting Parents Act” (H.R. 6067) will reduce the 1.3 million abortions each year by implementing measures that prevent unwanted pregnancies and encourage pregnant women to have their babies. The bill simultaneously protects the “right” to abortion. He said the bill addresses the issues 90 percent of Americans agree on. “We have to think about old issues in new ways and move on.”

The bill includes 20 key provisions including increased funding for low-income mothers and their children, an expanded adoption tax credit, funding for child care centers and services for parents in college, expanded sex and birth control education, free nursing visits to help teach parenting skills to first-time and teen mothers, a mandate that abortionists give women information about risks of the act (abortionists could write their own information, with the help of the pro-abortion American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists), and the bill requires states to pay for birth control for poor women.

Ryan called the effort to reduce the number of abortions “a human rights issue.” He said 20 percent of

abortions are committed on teenagers and 60 percent are done on low income women. “If we are to reduce abortions, we must prevent unintended pregnancies in these two areas. It is smart, it is practical, and it is the most compassionate thing we can do.”



Emanuel

The bill brings together Democrats who have largely anti-abortion voting records, such as Ryan, with those who are staunchly pro-abortion. “This comprehensive legislation moves us beyond the problems that divide us as we begin to focus on the solutions that unite us,” said Rep.

Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., chairman of the national campaign committee for House Democrats. The bill’s prime cosponsor is Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn. Both Emanuel and DeLauro have 100 percent ratings from every pro-abortion group in the country.

Speaking at the press conference on behalf of Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, Sister Sharon Dillon said that as a Catholic she could not endorse all provisions of the legislation. Yet virtually every word that came out of Dillon’s mouth sounded as though she hoped the bill would pass. Dillon, who is executive director of the Franciscan Federation of the United States, also heaped praise on the people involved in writing the proposed law:



Dillon

Today’s introduction of the Reducing Abortion and Supporting Parents Act speaks to our nation’s growing understanding that it is impossible to build a culture of life without considering the complexity of needs within the human community. Because the social ill of abortion cannot be separated from its contributing factors of poverty, lack of affordable health care, job insecurity, and other challenges American families face every day, the provisions contained in the Act include measures that typically have not been included in the national discussion on abortion policy. But they constitute an honest and promising attempt to reduce the actual occurrence of abortions in our country, one that moves beyond the rhetoric of political division that we all-too-often hear.

While we recognize that Americans will continue to hold differing viewpoints on the abortion issue, it is our sincere hope that the provisions contained in the Reducing Abortion and Supporting Parents Act will find broad support among people of all convictions. Two-thirds of women who choose to have an abortion cite economic factors as contributing causes. Whether we are Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative, this statistic simply cannot be ignored. Nor can we continue to ignore the responsibility we all share for living in a society in which raising children for some has become seen as a burden, and in which women are forced into positions in which they see no other option. Now is the time for all Americans to join together in order

to provide real support to our nation's families, and to ensure that no child goes hungry, uncared for, unwanted—unloved.

Although as Catholics, we cannot support all of the provisions found in the Reducing Abortion and Supporting Parents Act, we recognize that this kind of comprehensive approach is an extremely important step in building a true culture of life. It is in this spirit and with this understanding that Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good is proud to stand here today in support of practical and comprehensive initiatives to reduce abortions in our country. We congratulate Congressman Ryan and others for their hard work and dedication to this important cause, and we look forward to a productive dialogue aimed at promoting the common good of all Americans.



Laser

“This is the first time Democrats have stood for reducing abortions as a primary political message,” said Rachel Laser, a policy analyst for the pro-abortion group Third Way, which helped write the bill. “From our perspective, it shows Democrats are changing the debate and making it a priority to reduce abortions in America while leaving personal liberties intact.”

“More than 30 years of post-*Roe v. Wade* warfare later, one in five pregnancies still ends in abortion,” Laser said. “There are still 1.3 million abortions every year in America. No one can be proud of that number—it is simply too many.” Laser, whose résumé includes work with many pro-abortion groups (including the National Women’s Law Center and Planned Parenthood), also called abortion a “fundamental right.”

Deirdre McQuade, director of planning and information for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, told CNS that she objects to H.R. 6067’s emphasis on birth control because it forces taxpayers to fund it. The bill could also pressure health care providers to offer birth control. McQuade said those who stress birth control as a way to reduce “unintended pregnancies” fail to take into account recent studies which show that increased access to birth control does not reduce the abortion rate.



McQuade



Day

Kristen Day, executive director of Democrats for Life, said her organization had worked with Ryan to write the bill. But due to the emphasis on birth control, support for the bill was withdrawn. “Our goal is to help pregnant women,” she said, adding that she thinks Ryan’s goal “is more prevention and contraception.”

Rep. Christopher H. Smith, R-N.J., co-chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, said the bill would “lead to more abortions, not less” because of increased funding for birth control. Smith noted that “family planning” services are often based in the same facilities where abortions are committed, which makes them one-stop shops where “in one room, they talk contraception, and in the other room, they kill your baby.”



Smith



Oberstar

Another opponent of H.R. 6067 is Rep. James L. Oberstar, D-Minn., co-chairman of the Pro-Life Caucus. His spokesman said the birth control provisions will prevent the bill from winning the backing of the entire House Pro-Life Caucus, which includes about 200 Republicans and 35 Democrats.

Truly pro-life Democrats have introduced a competing bill. Sponsored by Rep. Lincoln Davis, D-Tenn., the “Pregnant Woman Support Act” (H.R. 6145) would expand coverage to pregnant women and preborn children through Medicaid and the state Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). It would ban discriminatory practices against expectant mothers by removing “pregnancy” from all “pre-existing condition” lists in health care. The legislation would make adoption tax credits permanent, provide grants for low-income parenting college students, fully fund the federal Women with Infant Children (WIC) program, increase funding for domestic violence programs, and provide free home visits by registered nurses for new mothers. Smith is the primary cosponsor of the bill.

“This initiative provides the kind of support, information, and options that should be readily available to pregnant women in any society that truly believes in the sanctity of life,” Davis said. “Congress can and should act immediately to implement this...initiative.”

“The Davis bill unites Democrats and Republicans in our effort to support pregnant women,” Day said. “It places more emphasis on helping pregnant women during and after pregnancy than any bill we can recall.” She said H.R. 6145 offers “real support and real solutions to help a woman make an informed decision and receive the support she needs to carry her child to term.”



Davis

“Congressman Ryan’s bill places more emphasis on contraception and Congressman Davis’ bill focuses on helping pregnant women,” Day said. “We share Davis’

belief that supporting women who find themselves in a crisis or unplanned pregnancy is critical. This bill has something that every Member of Congress can support. That's why we're hopeful that a renewed support for pregnant women can be achieved so they don't believe that abortion is their only choice."

"The unveiling of Ryan's bill came on September 14, 2006, and was clearly timed to coincide with the November election," said LDI President Douglas R. Scott, Jr. "The legislation is part of a strategy to make the Democratic Party look less radical on abortion. We hope that no person who cares about the lives of pre-born human beings will be fooled by this ploy."



DeLauro

DeLauro said she and others who support *Roe v. Wade* want to see a reduction in the number of abortions. Laser said, "There are still 1.3 million abortions every year in America. No one can be proud of that number—it is simply too many." Why is that? "Are these people suggesting there something wrong with abortion? If the answer is 'yes,' exactly what is wrong?"

Scott said he expects every federal lawmaker to support the Davis bill. "Members of Congress who vote against the Pregnant Woman Support Act will be showing their true colors," he said. "They will essentially be saying, 'Give me more birth control funding or you can stick support for pregnant women in your ear!' Why does this seem like nothing more than a devious way to get still more funding for birth control by appealing to pro-life lawmakers?"

Interestingly, DeLauro and Ryan were among the majority of "Catholic" members of Congress who signed a "statement of principles" saying they see their faith as a primary motivator for their political actions but are sometimes required by conscience or the religious diversity of the United States to disagree with the church "in some areas" of moral teaching. "Maybe we already know their true colors," Scott said.

## RESPONSE: CORPORATE FUNDING PROJECT

If you write to Wells Fargo & Company to object to its support of Planned Parenthood, expect to receive a letter that offers excuses and red herrings. "I understand and appreciate that this issue is important to you," wrote Tim Hanlon, president of the Wells Fargo Foundation. "Wells Fargo's practice, however, is to not take official positions regarding contributions to any non-profit organizations, including Planned Parenthood."

Many corporate leaders claim that giving money or product to a group does not mean the company sup-

ports the organization's goals and activities. But is it possible to give money or product without taking such a position? Can a corporation give money or product and divorce itself from the group's goals and activities? Can a corporation give money or product and take no responsibility for the group's advancement or the success of a stated agenda?



Would Wells Fargo get away with supporting white supremacist groups?

When a corporation gives money or product, it is *supporting* the group. And if a corporation *supports* the group, it is inherently *endorsing* the group's work. Maybe this could explain why "support" is a synonym for "endorse." Would Hanlon's excuse be acceptable to the National Organization for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) if Wells Fargo were to give money to White Aryan Resistance? Would the Anti-Defamation League accept *any* excuse if the company donated money to Jew Watch? What if Wells Fargo "merely" donated ink pens for those attending a convention of the American Nazi Party?

Hanlon changes the subject to a general history of and facts relating to Wells Fargo Foundation giving. He follows the lesson with a passing of the buck:

Our contribution philosophy to non-profits is hands on and local. Charitable giving is decentralized and decisions about which organizations receive financial support are made by local Wells Fargo leaders. This helps ensure our banking stores can respond to the individual needs of their communities and it means that organizations receiving contributions will vary from state to state, city to city, community to community.

I want to assure you that Wells Fargo is committed to promoting the economic advancement of every segment of our communities. We trust our leaders at Wells Fargo to make decisions about giving with the best interest of the community, our customers and our shareholders in mind.

Donating to Planned Parenthood is *never* in the best interest of any community, customer or shareholder. Wells Fargo employees need to be told that any organization may be supported so long as it is not highly controversial. And the corporate headquarters has the power to do so. This is a simple solution to the problem, but the fact is that key Wells Fargo employees *support* Planned Parenthood's mission.



Decentralized giving is a structural choice made by officials at the top of a corporation. Such giving is a common corporate excuse; it is also a lousy one. Cor-

porate officials hope pro-life advocates will boycott only the local outlets that support Planned Parenthood and patronize the others. Until Wells Fargo & Company puts a stop to support of Planned Parenthood the entire company is—and should be—a boycott target.

#### UPDATE: CORPORATE FUNDING PROJECT

Two New York businesses are no longer local/regional boycott targets: Brown's Brewing and Franklin Plaza. In addition, Ernst & Young International Inc. is no longer a boycott target.

The professional baseball team Anaheim Angels is no longer owned by The Walt Disney Company.

#### IN YOUR OWN WORDS

LDI often provides space for its supporters and detractors to have their say about various issues. If you have a comment/opinion on any issue relating to LDI or life issues, do not be shy! Send it to us!

Maja Niemierko wrote out of the blue to give LDI "the facts," accompanied by some heavy stereotyping:

How wonderful that you waste your time and money being opposed to something which gives more CHOICES. I bet you supported the war in Iraq, too. Good job getting thousands of people killed.

Get your facts right:

The largest, and probably the most reliable, single study of this topic was conducted during the 1990s in Denmark, a country with very detailed medical records on all its citizens. In that study, all Danish women born between 1935 and 1978 (1.5 million women) were linked with the National Registry of Induced Abortions and with the Danish Cancer Registry. So all information about their abortions and their breast cancer came from registries, was very complete, and was not influenced by recall bias.

After adjusting for known breast cancer risk factors, the researchers found that induced abortion(s) had no overall effect on the risk of breast cancer. The size of this study and the manner in which it was conducted provides substantial evidence that induced abortion does not affect a woman's risk of developing breast cancer.

Recent research has confirmed that the type of study likely plays a role in what is found. A review of the previous studies on this issue (see below), covering tens of thousands of women, showed that women followed in prospective studies (which are less prone to bias) had no increased breast cancer risk if they had had an abortion...

Jerry DePyper enjoys the "If I Were In Charge..." column. He wrote in response to the column published in the July-August 2006 edition of *The Caleb Report*:

Thanks for publishing my "If I were in charge" idea, and all the other ideas. Very interesting stuff.

Thanks also for publishing "Mick" Eugene Hunt's email address. I have exchanged emails with him, and it may turn into some collaboration...

God bless you and your important ministry.

Shirley Bauer was pleased to read the comments of Tom Behrmann in the "If I Were In Charge..." column (*The Caleb Report*, July-August 2006):

After reading your responses to "If I Were In Charge..." I would like to say my thoughts on the subject would be very much like your response from Tom Behrmann. I have thought that way for a long time.

A friend of mine very strongly believes that fighting the abortion issue is hopeless unless parents forbid their young daughters from dressing like harlots.

Deborah M. York wrote a very encouraging letter:

Hope this letter reaches you all in good health, safety and continued strength for the amazing work, which you have been called to do for The Lord, Jesus Christ!

...

I have been diligently carrying my purse size boycott list [*Checkbook List*] to every store and my two children are beginning to memorize it as well. It is quite exciting to me to know that they understand the great importance of this work. My younger son was recently on a trip to North Carolina and was offered a snack that he remembered was on *The Boycott List*. He kindly denied the snack and when he was asked why, he mentioned the list.

The other person I always review the list with is my mom. The other day she was talking about it with her best friend. The below listed names and addresses are of the two women who have now been affected by this knowledge and would like a copy for themselves. I truly believe they will be very interested in your work as well!

I truly hope to one day be able to travel to your office and meet you all in person. But until then, may God continue to work in your lives to bless others and infect them with the knowledge and truth about abortion and Planned Parenthood.

May we all continue to fervently pray for all those who believe that abortion is not murder to have a change of heart before any more precious lives are lost.

LDI received another compliment on the Spring 2006 edition of *Special Reports*, titled "The Never-Ending Hoax: 'The Da Vinci Code' vs. Christianity":

I have been avoiding the Da Vinci discussion on purpose. Your article was fantastic. What a wonderful resource for anyone wanting to get the facts, just the facts. Is it available online or in an electronic format?

You wrapped it all up so well with the last paragraph. Especially the part about not trying to silence those outside the church.

Thank you for a very interesting and insightful read. You may be the target of a reaction now from the jihadists for reprinting the [anti-Islam] cartoon. Oh well I am sure you must be used to that by now.

Let me know if this [edition of *Special Reports*] is available to distribute extensively.

Past editions of LDI publications (*Special Reports* and *The Caleb Report*) may be viewed and/or printed by going to our website ([www.fightpp.org](http://www.fightpp.org), click on "Publications").

### QUOTABLE QUOTE

"Sexual abuse against minors shouldn't be investigated at the expense of patient-physician confidentiality."

— editorial by *The Indianapolis Star*, September 27, 2006 (*The Indianapolis Star* is owned by Gannett Co. Inc., which is a boycott target due to its financial support of Planned Parenthood.)

### L.D.I. LEADER SUBJECT OF ARTICLE

The summer 2006 edition of *FrontLines*, a magazine published by Human Life International (HLI), included an article about LDI and its president, Douglas R. Scott, Jr. The piece was printed under the heading "HLI Friends and Co-Workers." We reprint the text here, which will allow you to learn more about the person who leads LDI:

Founded in 1992, Life Decisions International (LDI) is a small, but very effective organization dedicated to educating the public on the true agenda of Planned Parenthood. LDI's primary activity is the Corporate Funding Project (CFP), which focuses on the education of corporate officials concerning Planned Parenthood's mission and activities.

After being fully informed about Planned Parenthood's deadly agenda, corporations choosing to continue financial support of Planned Parenthood are placed on a widely distributed boycott list. Since the inception of the CFP, more than 130 corporations have ceased funding of Planned Parenthood.

The person at the helm of LDI is...Douglas R. Scott, Jr. A formidable debater, Doug is also one of the preeminent strategists in the pro-life movement. If you want to think clearly and logically about an issue, Doug is the person to consult. He has an uncanny ability to examine the facts, consider the potential outcomes of particular courses of action, and then quickly lead you to effective decision making.

As a young pro-choice college student, Doug became a defender of human life after completing a research paper for one of his classes. It was his intellectual honesty that eventually made him a staunch supporter of all...human life. It is his compassion for the defenseless, coupled with his unwavering stand for truth that makes him an effective pro-life leader.

"It is encouraging to be recognized by the people who lead HLI," Scott said of the article. "This is particularly true since it is such a wonderful organization. It is an honor to be counted among HLI's 'friends and co-workers.'"

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