



*The Legislative Action Arm of Americans United for Life*

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of Americans United for Life Action (AUL Action), the legislative arm of Americans United for Life, the legal architects of the prolife movement, I urge you to support H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015, sponsored by Rep. Diane Black (R-TN). This bill would place an immediate moratorium on all federal funds Planned Parenthood receives for one year while Congress investigates Planned Parenthood in light of the recent videos concerning the sale of fetal tissue. AUL Action will score in favor of this bill in the annual pro-life scorecard.

AUL Action has long called on Congress to disentangle the American taxpayer from the Abortion Industry. The video footage recently released by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) capturing Planned Parenthood's top doctors and other personnel discussing its practice of harvesting the body parts of aborted babies in exchange for money has shocked the conscience of the nation. Planned Parenthood's abhorrent and potentially illegal practice uncovered by the CMP is further proof that subsidizing Planned Parenthood is an inappropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

Planned Parenthood's Senior Medical Director, Dr. Deborah Nucatola discussed in one of the videos how she strategically "crushes" the babies she aborts in order to best harvest their hearts, lungs and livers. These videos shed light for the American people to see Planned Parenthood for what it truly is, the abortion industry that puts profits ahead of anything else.

The recorded conversations also raise serious concern that Planned Parenthood may be violating federal fetal tissue trafficking law, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban—a law that Planned Parenthood's Dr. Nucatola flippantly describes as "open to interpretation"—and the federal Born Alive Infant Protection Act. As Americans United for Life has documented, Planned Parenthood's harvesting of baby body parts is one of a growing list of scandals that should make Planned Parenthood ineligible for the tremendous amount of taxpayer dollars it takes annually.

In FY 2014, Planned Parenthood reported that 40% of its nearly \$1.3 billion in revenue came at the taxpayers' expense. A report issued by the Government Accountability Office in March 2015 documented that Planned Parenthood receives half a billion dollars annually from federal and joint federal-state programs. The federal government has a responsibility to the American people to ensure the integrity of these programs.

Relying on a heavy stream of funding from the government, Planned Parenthood operates the largest abortion business in the nation. Planned Parenthood clinics perform nearly 900 abortions every single day—327,653 abortions in 2013. According to Planned Parenthood's most recent annual report, abortions were 94% of its pregnancy related services.

Taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize Planned Parenthood's abortion business. A one year moratorium on Planned Parenthood federal funding is necessary in light of the serious allegations made in the recent videos, allegations which are under investigation by three Congressional Committees in the House and the Senate.

I hope you will support H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015, sponsored by Rep. Diane Black (R-TN). Planned Parenthood is Abortion Inc., and the American people should not be forced to fund such an organization for at least a year while Congress conducts their investigation. AUL Action will score in favor of this bill and record the vote in the annual pro-life scorecard.

Sincerely,



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