

Defeating Planned Parenthood: A National Pro-Life Strategy

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood operates the nation’s largest abortion chain, reporting 289,750 abortions in 2006, 24% of the national total; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood targets adolescents with a message that divests human sexuality of any moral character, encourages unsafe, irresponsible sexual behavior, and undermines the relationship between parents and their children; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood has a well-documented history of shielding child predators by failing to comply with mandatory reporting laws regarding child and statutory rape; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood, founded by eugenics advocate Margaret Sanger, continues to pursue racist business practices, by targeting abortions disproportionately to minority women; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood has embarked on a major nationwide expansion effort, building massive new abortion centers in major metropolitan areas, skirting local zoning regulations, and attempting to lure more affluent clients with a new “upscale” image; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is assisted in their anti-child, anti-family agenda by the infusion of hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars annually—a third of their billion-dollar national budget;

THEREFORE, we, the undersigned pro-life leaders from across the nation, hereby pledge to coordinate our efforts in a bold, new, national campaign to defend American families from Planned Parenthood.

TOGETHER, we will put Planned Parenthood out of business by implementing proven strategies across the nation, to achieve the following goals:

- To mobilize massive grassroots opposition to all new and proposed Planned Parenthood construction projects: close scrutiny of permits and applications, community advocacy, legal action and multi-faceted demonstrations; and
- To eliminate Planned Parenthood’s government funding at the local, state and federal levels; and
- To drastically reduce corporate funding of Planned Parenthood; and
- To utilize all media, both traditional and alternative, to expose Planned Parenthood’s attack on women, children and families; and

- To deprive Planned Parenthood of business and save unborn babies from abortion by expanding the pro-life presence at Planned Parenthood facilities; and
- To safeguard the health and innocence of children by empowering parents and teachers to remove Planned Parenthood programs from their communities; and
- To hold public officials accountable for enforcing all applicable laws, such as parental involvement and mandatory reporting of statutory rape; and
- To call upon all people of faith and conscience to unite in prayer for an end to Planned Parenthood and its detrimental programs and policies.

SIGNED this 18th day of September, 2008:

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