



Students for Life Action's FY25 Priorities

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Dear Members of the U.S. House and Senate,

Students for Life Action (SFLAction) works to recruit, train, and mobilize the *Pro-Life Generation* to protect life in law and in service. Through our engagement with our 1,400+ student groups on campuses nationwide and more than 200,000 trained student activists, we can report that the *Pro-Life Generation* has some key federal financial goals, including the following that can be addressed in the upcoming FY25 budget process.

Please read our tangible priorities below:

Defund and debar Planned Parenthood and other abortion vendors.

Key Points: Planned Parenthood in 2022-2023 compared to 2021-2022:

- Abortion rose to 392,715 from 374,155 lives ended. ([About 40%](#) of all abortions in the United States.)
- Coerced taxpayer funding rose to \$699.3 MILLION, From \$670.4 million in 2021-2022; and up from [\\$618.1 million in](#) 2019-2022.
- 45 Planned Parenthood locations sold sex-manipulating, potentially sterilizing drugs – up from 41.
- And going down? Actual healthcare!

Dr. Michael New at [National Review reports](#): “Planned Parenthood continues to cut back on several health services. Between 2022 and 2023, preventive-care visits fell by 31.0 percent, pap tests fell by 13.5 percent, cancer screenings fell by 1.4 percent, and adoption referrals fell by 4.5 percent. Interestingly, for every adoption referral in 2023, Planned Parenthood performed over 228 abortions.”

If you think your tax dollars are not going to Planned Parenthood, check your receipts, because [Planned Parenthood's annual report was just released](#) proving otherwise.

Require that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) add Chemical Abortion Pill tracking to their “Forever Chemicals” list and follow the demands of the Clean Water Act regarding ending Chemical Abortion Pill Water Pollution.

We urge Congress to direct the EPA to conduct regular and comprehensive environmental testing for the presence of the abortion drug Mifepristone in the same manner as testing is conducted for “forever chemicals” or PFAS chemicals. This data is needed to assess potential environmental harms from the chemically tainted blood, placenta tissue, and human remains flushed into America's waterways, exposing aquatic life, animals, plants, and people to dangerous, unhealthy chemicals. According to the Planned Parenthood-founded Guttmacher Institute, Chemical Abortions now account for more than six in [for more than 6 in 10 abortions](#).

The safety of America’s drinking water demands that deliberate pollution be addressed, and pollutants tracked to the best of our nation’s ability. Recently, the EPA began expanded monitoring list of “forever chemicals” – substances that linger in America’s drinking water. [In a recent letter sent to the EPA](#), several pro-life and pro-family groups joined together calling for the support of Congress to demand that the EPA evaluate water safety and track the "forever chemicals" of Chemical Abortion Pills considering potential [abortion water pollution](#).

Demand the EPA perform endangered species environmental impact testing as required by law.

There is evidence that [aquatic animal and plant life](#) can be negatively impacted by Mifepristone, but it has not been sufficiently investigated in this country. Mifepristone can be present in the remains of the blood and placenta tissue that, along with a deceased preborn child, is flushed into America’s wastewater when disposed of at a home, apartment, or dormitory. See [here](#) for more detailed research.

The extent to which Mifepristone is then present in wastewater has not been sufficiently studied, and the increase in the number of Chemical Abortions over the past two decades gives staunch support for assessing the drug’s presence in the environment and any related hazards. This may present a particular harm to several endangered species, who have been ignored as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) changed the Chemical Abortion Pill protections FIVE TIMES, as detailed in a [Students for Life of America citizen petition to the FDA](#).

Include Red Bag Medical Waste disposal to the Chemical Abortion Pill health and safety standards (REMS) set by the FDA.

Medical waste, as the name implies, is the waste generated by healthcare facilities like hospitals, abortion vendors, blood banks, and clinical laboratories. This waste is contaminated by blood, body fluids, and other potentially infectious materials. Discarded needles, syringes, human tissues, blood, bodily fluids, placenta, fetal remains, and hospital radioactive waste are all classified as medical waste, also known as pathological waste. As more than [64% of U.S. abortions are Chemical Abortions](#), we are flushing [chemically tainted blood, placenta tissue, and human remains down the toilet](#) because of the Biden Administration's allowance of No Test, Online Distribution of Chemical Abortion Pills.

This contaminated medical waste can pose a potential threat to human lives and the environment. Red and Yellow Biohazard Bags are required to contain and segregate all medical waste. Therefore, the FDA needs to add this to the REMS for Chemical Abortion Pill distribution to protect America's clean water. This is detailed in an [FDA Citizen Petition filed by Students for Life of America](#).

FDA funds must be cut until they take seriously the need to investigate the potential harms of Chemical Abortion Pills to the environment and take steps to reduce abortion water pollution through Red Bag Medical Waste requirements.

Dock funds sent from the Department of Education to schools that distribute Chemical Abortion Pills on publicly funded college and university campuses through health centers.

Within the last few years, California, New York, and now Massachusetts have passed legislation mandating all four-year public colleges provide Chemical Abortion Pills to students. A great way to combat this is stripping federal funds from public colleges and universities that distribute deadly Chemical Abortion Pills to students. If Congress does not address this soon, the list of states and colleges becoming abortion vendors will only grow. Another tool, outside of the budgeting process, is to support the *Protecting Life on College Campuses Act*.

End travel funds for abortion related trips now in the military budget.

The Biden Administration has repeatedly taken actions to abuse military funds by supporting elective abortions and misuse monies for the healthcare needs of military families to prioritize ending family members lives. This took place despite it goes against federal law according to the Veterans Healthcare Act of 1992. We must continue the fight for life-affirming care for those in our military and their family members, born and preborn.

- **Cease abortion vendor funding for research on the broken bodies of preborn children.**

It has been [proven time and time again](#) that several universities including the University of San Francisco and The University of Pittsburg have [bought baby parts to use for their own research](#) purposes. These universities receive a great deal of federal funds ultimately using taxpayer dollars towards unethical broken baby part research. That money flow must be cut off and the dignity of those who lost their lives to abortion be protected.

General Principles:

Cut funds to Planned Parenthood and abortion vendors at home and abroad.

Recently, the Senate added terrible abortion funding earmarks. One of the earmarks provided \$1.8 million to the Women and Infants Hospital in Rhode Island, for “facilities and equipment.”

[Abortionfinder.org](#) reports that this facility is one of two in-person abortion vendors in **Rhode Island**. It commits abortion up to 23 weeks (about 5 and a half months) of pregnancy. This is even later than the other in-person vendor, Planned Parenthood. 23 weeks is past the point when the preborn baby can feel pain. [[Page 145](#) of *Division D Explanatory Notes*].

The other provided \$650,000 to Dartmouth Hitchcock in Nashua, NH, for “facilities and equipment.” Dartmouth-Hitchcock’s website [states](#): “We routinely provide both medication and procedural abortion care up to 22 weeks of pregnancy.” [[Page 118](#) of *Division D Explanatory Notes*].

This is unacceptable and should never happen again.

Support the Hyde/Weldon/Dornan/Smith/Helms Protections.

The Hyde Amendment has been a bi-partisan, pro-life provision added to every spending bill over the last FOUR decades, ensuring **no taxpayer dollars** can directly fund abortion violence except in cases of rape, incest, and if the mother’s life is in danger. We must continue to enforce and even codify the Hyde Amendment, [a key tool in place to stop abortion vendor support](#). Other important, long-standing measures must also receive support.

The [Heritage Foundation](#) describes them as follows:

- “The [Hyde Amendment](#) (1976) that prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from spending taxpayer dollars for most abortions;
- “[The Helms Amendment](#)(1973) that restricts foreign aid funds from being expended on abortions;
- “The Smith Amendment (1983) that prohibits funding elective abortions in the Federal Employee Health Benefits program;
- “The Dornan Amendment (1989) that prohibits funding elective abortions within Washington, D.C.; and
- “The Weldon Amendment (2004) that protects health care providers from discrimination on the basis of their refusal to provide and pay for abortions or refer women to have them. The Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights enforces the Weldon Amendment.”

Those who argue that abortion is not federal should at the very least ensure that scarce taxpayer resources are not supporting abortion or abortion vendors.

Expand the Child Tax Credit.

The Child Tax Credit (CTC) is a bi-partisan effort to ensure that families are empowered to raise children in America without feeling financially strangled. Part of *SFLAction's* [Post-Roe Blueprint](#) is expanding CTC, a program designed to invest in young families who are sacrificing to raise the next generation which includes future taxpayers and citizens. A strong CTC protects families, promotes pro-life values, and gives parents freedom to raise their children in accordance with their own values.

A Child Tax Credit could also help with the shocking 41-year low birth rate from last year. It also helps the economy. When families keep more of their hard-earned money, they are more encouraged to start their own businesses or enter the workforce because they have more funds for childcare or transportation.

Increase Life-Affirming Care for young families.

Especially considering the billions of dollars wasted on abortion and abortion vendors since *Roe v. Wade*, it is entirely appropriate to also invest in programs that support those who choose life and the organizations dedicated to helping young families thrive and survive.

***Students for Life Action* asks that each pro-life member of Congress do their duty to protect the American people from abortion exploitation in our budget processes in the FY25 budget season and the upcoming 119th Congress. Scarce taxpayer resources should defend and protect American lives, not end them.**

Sincerely,

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