



NOTICE OF INTENT:

Students for Life to Negatively Score the Return of Abortion Vendor Healthcare Funds, if Action Not Taken Before the Fourth of July Deadline; A Mechanism is Available to Reverse that Score

On America's 250th Birthday, Planned Parenthood & Big Abortion Must Not Get a Gift from U.S. Taxpayers.

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

Students for Life Action (SFLAction), on behalf of our more than 1,700 student groups and more than 250,000 trained activists operating in all 50 states, we again call on Congress to finish what was started in last year's "Big, Beautiful Bill," in which Planned Parenthood and Big Abortion were cut from healthcare spending for a period of one year. Despite naysayers of this historic cut, even [the courts](#) agreed that Congress had the authority to decide with whom to do business, leading to Planned Parenthood's decision [to voluntarily drop](#) legal action in the matter. But when the U.S. Senate gave way to a Parliamentary point of view to only defund for one year, that set up the framework for today's letter. As we said at the time, cutting the House plan's 10-year defunding to one-year would create a mid-term election issue. And it has.

It's been widely reported that [32%](#) of GOP voters are less likely to vote in the upcoming midterms if they perceive the GOP to have abandoned the issue of limiting abortion, according to a February [Cygnal poll](#). This means nearly a third of the GOP's base puts abortion at or near the top of their priorities when it comes to voting, spelling potential disaster for the GOP if they don't act to protect Life.

Students for Life Action has consistently said that the failure to keep funds that should go to life-affirming healthcare providers out of the hands of abortion vendors is a non-negotiable and that all efforts, or the lack thereof, would be scored. **While we did not score which reconciliation bill the defunding needed to take place, we are scoring the Fourth of July deadline.**

If Planned Parenthood & Big Abortion is restored access to taxpayer funds through Medicaid on July 4, 2026, Students for Life Action will issue a negative score to ALL Members of Congress.

However, we stand ready to offer a remedy.

We are told that plans are in the works to reverse course on that coerced gift to Planned Parenthood & Co., and if such defunding is completed by the end of this legislative session, the negative score will be removed and replaced. We will score votes on amendments to strengthen or weaken the defunding language, key procedural votes, and the final passage vote.

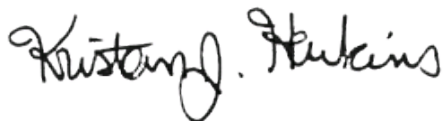
Some heroic Members of Congress are working to ensure that taxpayer healthcare dollars are spent with those who want all their patients to survive the encounter. We invite your offices to indicate the legislative remedies you believe deserve positive scoring. But what we cannot do is remain silent as a taxpayer-funded predator quietly waits to siphon resources from deserving programs.

As we've written before: Pregnancy is not a disease cured by abortion. Families receive better, full-service care through Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and pregnancy resource centers that offer general medical care to all, regardless of ability to pay. FQHCs operate **nearly 19,700** locations nationwide, compared to fewer than **600 Planned Parenthood facilities**. Unlike Planned Parenthood, FQHCs provide a broader range of healthcare services — beyond abortions and birth control — offering comprehensive treatment options without the sales pitch for abortion from *Planned Parenthood*.

We also want to remind our friends in Congress that the Parliamentarian offers advice, not restrictions on what you can accomplish. As I wrote for *The Hill* when the first time reconciliation was underway: “The parliamentarian position was created in the 1930s as an advisory role to weigh in on the statutes and procedures guiding the legislative process. It was not created by the Founding Fathers to ensure a check on congressional decision-making, and it does not appear in the U.S. Constitution ... Even as recently as (last) year, Republicans, led by Thune himself, voted to go against the parliamentarian when they motioned to strip California of the ability to set its own emission standards. Overruling the parliamentarian’s advice was accomplished with a simple majority vote.” Students for Life Action asks that the GOP prioritize finishing what they started one year ago, to cut Planned Parenthood & Big Abortion from Medicaid spending for a period of 10 years.

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