DEFUNDING LETTER FOR END OF SESSION:

Last Chance to Finish What the GOP Started: Defund Planned Parenthood & Big Abortion through Reconciliation Before the Session Ends & through Debarment in the New Year

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Dear Republican Members of Congress,

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, asks the Republican Members of Congress to offer their voting base a reason to return them to control of Congress in the next election and to finish what they started when they defunded Planned Parenthood and Big Abortion for one year in healthcare spending.

SFLAction calls on members to use the reconciliation process now underway to renew the healthcare funding cuts that removed abortion vendors, redirecting scarce taxpayer resources from those selling death by abortion and sterilizing drugs to full-service healthcare clinics equipped to serve an entire family. SFLAction also asks members to call on the Trump Administration to use its administrative agency authority to debar Planned Parenthood, a process that operates like a job review after complaints. The nation's number one abortion vendor can be blocked from all funding if allegations of fraud, failure to report sex crimes, and operation of substandard medical facilities prove true. Using the power of the purse to cut disreputable vendors who engage politically to destroy their adversaries is both common sense and common decency, as families don't need Planned Parenthood.

Right after this November's election, Democratic Party legislators and their newly elected peers ran to microphones to brag about what they would do to promote and legalize abortion. Stopping that radical shift in policy is still in the hands of the GOP, who can help the voters calling for economic relief rather than death by abortion. Taking abortion vendors out of the equation is a vital check on Democrats already going off the rails, as well as a sign to voters that hope and a future are still Republican goals.

If the general election has shown us anything, it is that neglecting issues important to the base does not produce the kind of turnout needed to hold Congress. In its post-election analysis, Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) reported that, in an election in which the economy got top billing, "about one in ten voters nationally named abortion as one of the most important issues facing the country (8% of Democrats, 9% of Republicans)."

This is in line with a 2026 survey from Students for Life's Demetree Institute for Pro-Life Advancement, which found that about two in ten registered youth voters on each end of the spectrum name abortion as a top issue — two in ten for LIFE and two in ten for radical abortion

support, leaving six in ten in the middle. But while the pro-abortion cohort got a lot of support for its worldview from Democratic Party candidates, pro-life voters got little or no open support.

Family is the engine that powers a healthy society, and without support for the preborn and their mothers and fathers, social collapse is inevitable.

We ask the GOP to be bold in their defense of the preborn as a litmus test for their compassionate agenda.

Exposing women and preborn children to Planned Parenthood isn't compassion — it's cruelty. This highly suspect organization, with roots in the eugenics movement, has been accused of offenses such as:

- Illegal trafficking of baby body parts
- Ignoring Medicare/Medicaid fraud
- Failing to follow health and safety standards
- Failing to report sex crimes
- Providing substandard services
- Permitting a racist work environment

Many are calling for such charges to be addressed. Recently, SFLAction announced that nearly 40 national pro-life and pro-family organizations had joined letters to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Department of the Treasury, calling for the Administration to prioritize and complete a debarment investigation.

And whether through debarment or a successful reconciliation bill, the cuts to Planned Parenthood won't hurt the women, girls, and babies who need help.

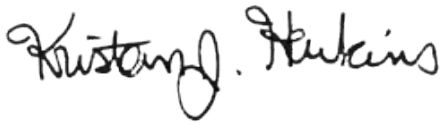
As SFLA has reported, there are more than 17,890 FQHCs, FQHC service sites, and FQHC "look-alikes" across the United States, and 5,300 of these specifically provide women's health services. Planned Parenthood, on the other hand, has fewer than 600 facilities. FQHCs served 32.5 million patients in 2024, compared with the 2.08 million served by Planned Parenthood, according to its most recent annual report. You can find more on this comparison on our website here. And, by the way, while Planned Parenthood likes to pretend it has a monopoly on contraception, if you can get a Starbucks and a Big Mac, you can get the pill.

Students for Life Action calls on all members of the GOP to defund Planned Parenthood in this December's reconciliation bill. The GOP leaders in Congress must finish what they started and cut Planned Parenthood from the federal budget entirely.

If you would like more information or would like to talk further, please contact Savanna Deretich at sderetich@studentsforlife.org. We look forward to protecting babies and their mothers, as well as the American taxpayer, from Planned Parenthood and Big Abortion.

Sincerely,

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