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Dear Speaker Johnson and Members of Leadership,

Late in the night, the Senate, with little more than a show vote on a critical provision to extend the moratorium on taxpayer funding for the abortion industry, passed a reconciliation package—S. Con. Res. 33. It is crucial that the House do what the Senate was unwilling to do: stand firmly against returning access to nearly \$1 billion in taxpayer funding to the abortion industry.

As a result of Congressional action, 2025 marked the first time since 1970 that big abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood were prohibited from lining their pockets with taxpayer dollars. The provision in the budget reconciliation bill signed by President Trump on July 4, 2025, reflected longstanding federal policy and the clear will of the American people that taxpayer dollars should not be used to subsidize the abortion industry.

The moratorium is rooted in longstanding Congressional intent to ensure that the American people, through the use of their taxes, are not complicit either directly or indirectly in the subsidization of a procedure that, according to biology and genetics, is the intentional termination of a unique human being.

Public funding for abortion providers contradicts everything that Congress and the American people have clearly agreed to for nearly 50 years since the Hyde Amendment was first passed. Yet these life-ending organizations have received hundreds of millions of federal dollars despite growing a business around abortions—intentionally terminating human life for profit.

Despite its historic nature, the defunding provision was limited to one year, meaning organizations whose core business is abortion will again have access to taxpayer funds on July 4, 2026, unless Congress acts to extend the moratorium.

As the House takes up S. Con. Res. 33, it is imperative that the moratorium be extended. Failure to act would be akin to taking the first few doses of antibiotics but neglecting to finish the regimen—the disease is likely to return stronger and more virulent than before, rendering the initial treatment practically useless.

The financial implications underscore the reality. In its most recent annual report, Planned Parenthood alone received over 830 million dollars in taxpayer funding, primarily through federal health programs. Since the moratorium, at least twenty abortion centers have closed, yet the current trend line is an increase

in the number of abortions. Returning three-quarters of a billion dollars to an organization that just increased its year-over-year abortion numbers by 8%, and to other providers like it, will only further entrench the abortion industry in American society and politics.

2025 proved the effectiveness of the budget reconciliation process and established the precedent of being an appropriate and proven vehicle to safeguard taxpayers from the forced subsidization of abortion services. At minimum, extending the moratorium will reaffirm Congress's commitment to protecting taxpayers and establish a long-term certainty for the American people. It would also allow those federal funds to go towards authentic healthcare that supports women and unborn children.

The ask to wait for a future package with a promise of additional action does little to assuage the fears of the American people. As the nation marks its 250th birthday, Congress must refuse to re-open the nation's coffers to the abortion industry. The current reconciliation package represents the best, and potentially only, opportunity to fulfill Congress's 2025 promise to finish the course and ensure that taxpayer dollars are never used to fund the abortion industry.

We respectfully urge every member of Congress who values American moral and fiscal freedom to stand firm by ensuring no reconciliation package, including S. Con. Res. 33, moves forward without language that defunds the abortion industry.

For life,

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