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**Dear Majority Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, and Members of Leadership,**

With the conclusion of efforts to provide funding to ensure America’s physical safety, Congress must immediately turn its attention to the fiscal, moral, and conscientious concerns of the American people by addressing the impending expiration of the moratorium on taxpayer subsidization of the abortion industry.

The legacy-defining moratorium included in the 2025 budget reconciliation bill will expire on July 4, 2026.

Extending the moratorium is fiscally responsible. It also fulfills the longstanding agreement a bipartisan Congress made with the American people in 1976 with the passage of the Hyde Amendment—Americans will not be made complicit in the provision of abortion, whether directly or indirectly. Additionally, it begins to address the \$6.9 trillion of economic loss resulting from abortion, as estimated by the Joint Economic Committee in 2019.

Planned Parenthood is a prime example of how the abortion industry fills its coffers through taxpayer dollars. According to their [2024-2025 annual report](#), Planned Parenthood alone received \$832 million in

taxpayer funding, primarily through federal health programs. Since the moratorium, at least twenty abortion facilities have closed, yet the current trend line is an increase in the number of abortions. Returning more than 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 and return the federal government to being the largest subsidizer of abortion providers.

Additionally, allowing abortion businesses to once again fill their pockets with federal dollars will lead to more women being harmed. In 2025, *The New York Times* published an article noting the horrendous conditions of abortion clinics and their substandard care of women.<sup>1</sup> The Times found that “[m]any operate with aging equipment and poorly trained staff” and that “care has suffered.”<sup>2</sup> The article also acknowledged the “scores of allegations . . . that accuse Planned Parenthood of poor care,” including a botched abortion that led to an emergency room visit, the improper implanting of a birth control device that caused nerve damage, the stillbirth of a four-month old baby that resulted after a clinician inserted an IUD in a pregnant woman, *etc.*<sup>3</sup>

One former employee revealed “that clinics were operating like ‘a conveyor belt’ for patients” with “employees sometimes administer[ing] expired pain medication or the wrong medications,” and that “it was not uncommon for patients to be taken to the wrong room and prepped for the wrong procedure.”<sup>4</sup> One clinic even allowed sewage from a backed-up toilet to seep “into the abortion recovery room for two days,” leading to “[e]mployees shov[ing] exam pads under the bathroom door to block the leak,” and “[p]atients vomit[ing] from the stench.”<sup>5</sup> Women deserve better than to be subjected to these kinds of conditions.

Conversely, pro-life pregnancy centers provide women with compassionate and authentic care throughout their pregnancies and postpartum, offering their services at low or no cost. Not only do these centers empower women and families to choose life, but they also provide essential resources and community support to help women thrive. In 2024, alone, pregnancy centers provided over \$452 million in free goods and services to underserved women and families.<sup>6</sup> This included ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, STD/STI testing, parenting education programs, post-abortion support programs, diapers, wipes, new car seats, strollers, cribs, formula, and more.<sup>7</sup>

A recent study published in the journal *Contraception* found that pregnancy centers were more likely than abortion clinics to provide same-day appointments and free pregnancy testing, highlighting that pregnancy centers’ services are more accessible to women.<sup>8</sup> Federal policy should be promoting the great work of pregnancy centers and organizations that invest in strengthening American families rather than funding abortion businesses that harm women and end the lives of millions of preborn children.

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<sup>1</sup> Katie Benner, *Botched Care and Tired Staff: Planned Parenthood in Crisis*, NY TIMES (Feb. 15, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/15/us/planned-parenthood-clinics.html?>

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> See Charlotte Lozier Institute, et al., *Pregnancy Centers : Rising to the Occasion with Unwavering Care*, CHARLOTTE LOZIER INST. (2025), <https://lozierinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/A-Legacy-of-Life-Love-2025-Rising-to-the-Occasion-with-Unwavering-Care.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> See *id.*

<sup>8</sup> Kavita Vinekar, et al., *Early Pregnancy Confirmation Availability at Crisis Pregnancy Centers and Abortion Facilities in the United States*, 117 CONTRACEPTION 30-35 (Jan. 2023).

It is unconscionable that taxpayer funds be disbursed to an industry whose core business is terminating the life of unborn children.

July 4, 2026, marks a key moment in American history. We cannot in good conscience celebrate 250 years of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness by simultaneously federally funding the largest abortion providers in the country in order to facilitate their deadly and destructive businesses.

We urgently request that the Senate and House take up a new reconciliation package to, at minimum, extend the moratorium.

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