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Another Anniversary of “Choice”
Another Year of Killing Kids on Purpose

This morning we were met at the door by our neighbor. They woke to find that their baby boy had died in the night. Senseless. Horrible. Agonizing. Chance or Fate.

Not choice.

Every day, somewhere in our community, another parent succumbs to the horror that a child of theirs has died – by accident, by illness, by forces they could not control. The opposite of choice.

Today a child died, beyond our control. The parents will grieve on some level for the rest of their lives. As will many more who loved that child. And others will mourn their own lost children.

The infant mortality rate in New York State is 5.5 per 1000 live births. The abortion rate – that is – the babies – the innocent babies – who die by choice – on purpose – violently – at the hands of paid medical professionals – is 37.6 per 1000 pregnancies.

Children are our greatest natural resource. They are to be cherished, loved, adored and taken care of. They need us. They need to be able to trust us. Their mothers, when they feel hopeless and desperate, should receive love and support from us. Instead too often those desperate and confused mothers are offered a license to kill their own children as the answer. And those mothers will, by and large, not only grieve for the rest of their lives at the loss of their babies, but also carry the weight of the blood of those children – their own children – forever.

Roe v. Wade has left a trail of tears in America. And a river of blood. It is time to stop the madness.

And it is certainly time to stop pretending that pro-choice means others choose and we, society, have no responsibility for the culture that allows, even enables or extols it. Children having made no choice...and the rest of us brought into complicity by the other anti-choice act of siphoning our tax dollars to pay abortionists to kill those children.



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As reported yesterday by National Right to Life, a new bill, the Protect Life Act, is sponsored by Congressman Joe Pitts (R-Pa.), who recently was named chairman of the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. This bill would rewrite multiple provisions of the 2010 health care law (Public Law 111-148) in order to prohibit federal subsidies for abortion, and federal regulations that could expand abortion in various ways. The bill is modeled after the Stupak-Pitts Amendment, which was approved by the House of Representatives on November 7, 2009, but which President Obama and congressional Democratic leaders succeeded in keeping out of the health care law that was finally enacted. The provisions of the health care law that authorize funding of abortion and health plans that cover abortion are described in detail in an NRLC affidavit posted here:

<http://www.nrlc.org/AHC/DvSBA/GenericAffidavitOfDouglasJohnsonNRLC.pdf>

New York State Right to Life strongly supports this new bill and urges for its swift passage.

The second bill, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3), is sponsored by Reps. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Dan Lipinski (D-Ill.), who are the co-chairs of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus. This legislation would establish a permanent, government-wide prohibition on federal subsidies for abortion and for health plans that cover abortion (with narrow exceptions). This uniform policy would supersede the patchwork of abortion-related limitations that have been applied to various federal programs over the past 35 years and more – many of which require annual renewal to remain in effect.

“Public opinion is strongly against federal subsidies for abortion, and any member of Congress who is truly opposed to federal funding of abortion will vote for both of these bills,” said NRLC Legislative Director Douglas Johnson. **“If President Obama seeks to obstruct these bills, that will provide additional glaring evidence that his professions of opposition to public funding of abortion are phony.”**

New York State Right to Life applauds the introduction of this Act and implores Congress to bring it into law.

As we reflect on the anniversary of the infamous 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, let us all advocate to stop the lie that it is acceptable that any child die by “choice,” and that it is okay for all Americans and New Yorkers to support it with their tax dollars. For the children, and for the betterment of our country and state, let us all work to pass the Protect Life Act and No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act quickly into law.

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