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Dear Congressional Leaders:

We, the undersigned representing millions of Americans, are writing to express our gratitude for the Congress' strong pro-life stance in this current legislative session. We urge Congress in the upcoming session once again to use the budget reconciliation process to defund Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers, and to remove provisions which subsidize elective abortion within the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*, also known as Obamacare.

We have long supported efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, the scandal-riddled organization responsible for the deaths of approximately 330,000 unborn children every year, and which has been exposed in under-cover videos for its involvement in the sale of baby body parts. We have also opposed troubling provisions within Obamacare that subsidize elective abortion through premium credits. According to a 2014 CBO report, over a thousand Obamacare plans eligible for federal premium subsidies included elective abortion coverage.

We applaud both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives for following through on these pro-life legislative efforts by passing the *Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015* (H.R. 3762) in December 2015, despite being later vetoed by President Obama. This bill would have repealed most of the new spending programs of Obamacare, including the premium subsidies and Medicaid expansion, and most of the taxes, including the individual and employer mandates. The bill also included carefully crafted language to divert funds away from Planned Parenthood and other big abortion providers, which was approved by the Senate Parliamentarian to pass the Byrd Rule test.

With a pro-life president and pro-life majorities in the House and Senate in 2017, Congress should again pass these provisions in a new budget reconciliation bill, and send it to President-elect Donald Trump for signature into law. Then, President-elect Trump can follow through on his firm pro-life campaign promises regarding the repeal of Obamacare and "defunding Planned

Parenthood as long as they continue to perform abortions, and reallocating their funding to community health centers that provide comprehensive health care for women.”

The pro-life community stands united in its desire to see legislation signed into law to stop funding for abortion providers and to remove Obamacare provisions which subsidize plans with elective abortion coverage. To accomplish these goals, Congress should use the budget reconciliation process without delay in the new 2017 Congressional session, as it did successfully in 2015. We appreciate your efforts to that end.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Mike Enzi, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget