

they're very generous to allow us to share it here on this floor.

And I thank you again for bringing us together.

The preexisting conditions, the annual and lifetime caps, the filling the doughnut hole for our Nation's seniors so that they can, you know, move forward and live comfortably and maybe even save their lives with the appropriate medication and affordability and accessibility, these are all of the dynamics for which we have fought. And it's a shame that they're being taken away or attempted to be taken away at a time when they're just beginning to have their presence felt.

I thank you for bringing us together tonight.

Mr. WELCH. I thank the gentleman, and I thank my colleagues for joining us for this hour tonight.

ACCEPTABLE BIGOTRY: PREJUDICE AGAINST THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to yield to MARTHA ROBY, a new Member who was just elected. And she's an outstanding pro-life woman, a Member of Congress. And we're just so pleased to have her in the caucus.

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago I took part in a reading of the U.S. Constitution in this Chamber. It was a fitting tribute to the great social contract between the American people and our government.

The Constitution is an exceptional document, and we have all taken an oath to defend it, and defend it we must. Too often, our Constitution is under attack by the liberal activist movement that seeks to achieve through the courts that which they cannot achieve at the ballot box.

On the front line are the unelected judges that disregard the words and meaning of the Constitution in favor of their own political and social views. They decide cases not on the law and the facts but on the outcome that they alone believe to be the best policy. *Roe v. Wade* is an example of this sort of judicial activism at its worst. Together with other cases, the *Roe* court created a fundamental right to abortion even though a simple reading of the Constitution reveals no such right. As a result, unimaginable harm has occurred.

In the short time that I have talked tonight, another baby has been aborted. That equals one abortion every 2 minutes, 3,300 abortions a day, or 1.2 million abortions a year.

Mr. Speaker, I am unapologetically pro-life. I believe that the miracle of human life begins at conception. I believe that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, "knit together" by God in

our mother's womb. I believe that every American is entitled to basic human rights. And I believe that I have an obligation to do everything I can to fight for the unborn, to prevent taxpayer money from funding abortions, and to protect our democratic system from the encroachment of an all-powerful judiciary.

Let us use this 38th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* as an occasion to reaffirm our beliefs and redirect ourselves to that cause.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I do thank the gentlelady for her very powerful and eloquent statement in defense of the innocent unborn child.

Mr. Speaker, earlier today, an abortionist in Philadelphia, Dr. Kermit Gosnell, was arrested and charged in the death of a mother and seven babies who were born alive but then killed by severing their spinal cords with a pair of scissors.

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According to the CBS TV affiliate in Philadelphia, the district attorney said that in 1 year alone, Dr. Gosnell made approximately \$1.8 million performing abortions.

The abortion industry, Mr. Speaker, is a multibillion dollar business. Planned Parenthood boasts that in 2008 alone, their abortionists killed over 324,000 babies, while raking in approximately \$1 billion in fees and local, State, and Federal Government subsidies. The ugly truth is that abortionists often get filthy rich not by healing or nurturing or curing, but by dismembering and decapitating the fragile bodies of unborn children, by starving the child in the womb with lethal agents like RU486 or by other means of chemical poisoning. The ugly truth is that women are victimized by abortion, wounded and hurt physically, psychologically, and emotionally. Women deserve better than abortion.

The only thing the multibillion dollar abortion industry has produced in America and worldwide is victims, wounded women and over 52 million dead babies in the United States alone since 1973, more than six times the entire population of my home State of New Jersey. The multibillion dollar abortion industry systematically dehumanizes the weakest and most vulnerable among us with catchy slogans, slick advertising, clever marketing, and very aggressive lobbying, particularly here.

They have made the unacceptable—to be prejudiced and bigoted against a child in the womb—acceptable to some. This acceptable bigotry has been promoted for decades, despite breathtaking advances in fetal medicine, including microsurgery, underscoring the fact that an unborn child is a patient in need of care, diagnosis and care, just like anyone else, and despite the amazing window to the womb, ultrasound imaging.

In 1976, Dr. Willard Cates and David Grimes, then with the Centers for Dis-

ease Control in Atlanta, presented a paper to a Planned Parenthood meeting entitled, and I quote this directly, "Abortion as a Treatment for Unintended Pregnancy: The Number Two Sexually Transmitted Disease." These two abortion doctors reduced the child in the womb to a disease, to a parasite, to something that had to be vanquished. As far as I know, no one at Planned Parenthood objected to this dehumanizing language and obvious bigotry towards children.

Mr. Speaker, the evidence of significant harm to women who abort increases each and every year. Abortion hurts women's health and puts future children subsequently born to women who abort at significant risk. At least 102 studies show significant psychological harm, major depression, and elevated suicide risk in women who abort. The *Times of London* reported that senior psychiatrists "say that new evidence has uncovered a clear link between abortion and mental illness in women with no previous history of psychological problems." They found that "women who have had abortions have twice the level of psychological problems and three times the level of depression as women who have given birth or who have never been pregnant."

In 2006, a comprehensive New Zealand study found that almost 80 percent of the 15- to 18-year-olds who had abortions displayed symptoms of major depression as compared to 31 percent of their peers. The study also found that 27 percent of the 21- to 25-year-olds who had abortions had suicidal idealizations compared to 8 percent of those who did not have an abortion.

Abortion isn't safe for subsequent children born to women who have had an abortion. And this fact is so underappreciated in the United States, and really around the world. At least 113 studies show a significant association between abortion and subsequent premature births. One study by researchers Shah and Zoe showed a 36 percent increased risk for preterm births after one abortion, and a staggering 93 percent increased risk after two. Same goes for low birth weight, similar percentages.

So what does this mean for the children? Preterm birth is the leading cause of infant mortality in the industrialized world after congenital anomalies. Preterm infants have a greater risk of suffering chronic lung disease, sensory deficits, cerebral palsy, cognitive impairments, and behavioral problems. Low birth weight is similarly associated with neonatal mortality and morbidity. Abortion causes great harm to children, to mothers.

Dr. Alveda King, niece of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, who we honored just this past Monday, has joined the growing coalition of women who deeply regret their abortions, and are, as they call themselves, Silent No More. Out of deep personal pain and compassion for others, Dr. King, who has had two abortions herself, and the other women of

Silent No More challenge us to respect, protect, and tangibly love both the mother and the child. The women of Silent No More give post-abortive women a safe place to grieve and a road map to reconciliation.

This week, with the full and unequivocal support of Speaker BOEHNER and Majority Leader CANTOR, more than 125 Members and I will introduce the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, a government-wide prohibition on taxpayer subsidization for abortion and conscience protections with durable remedies.

Abortion is not health care. We know that. And polls show that taxpayers strongly oppose publicly funded abortion, 67 percent, according to a recent university poll. Our new bill is designed to permanently end any U.S. Government financial support for abortion, whether it be direct funding, or by tax credits, or by any other subsidy.

Regarding conscience rights, last year Cathy DeCarlo, a nurse at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, was compelled, despite her strong moral and religious objections, to assist in a grisly D&E abortion, which has been described by the U.S. Supreme Court as a procedure where the doctors use forceps to literally tear apart the unborn child. The child often feels pain. It's done later in pregnancy. D&E is a gruesome act of child abuse.

Ms. DeCarlo sued, asserting her right to conscience had been violated under existing Federal law, namely, the Church amendment. Her case was dismissed, however, due to the lack of prescribed remedies. The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act protects conscience rights of individuals and institutions, entities as we call them, by empowering the courts with the authority to prevent and redress actual or threatened violations of conscience.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to yield to my good friend and colleague DOUG LAMBORN, who has been a great defender of life.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the leadership of my friend and colleague, Representative CHRIS SMITH of New Jersey. He is such a leader in this vital area of life. All who are pro-life in Congress look up to him.

Mr. Speaker, my heart breaks when I think about the children who are now a part of a missing generation, a generation whose contributions to society we will never fully know, a generation whose lives could have inspired their families, Nation, and world had they been allowed to live. Our society now discriminates against these tiny human beings, who should receive the same protections as other persons.

Not only does abortion strip the world of human lives; it also dramatically affects the lives of mothers, leaving them to deal with the emotional aftermath of this brutal procedure. I commend the work of pregnancy care centers across the country that provide needed services to both mothers and their children.

Today I mourn the over 50 million American lives cut short by abortion since *Roe v. Wade* and pray that God continues to heal those touched by this tragic practice. I will remain steadfast in the fight for the rights and dignity of the unborn. Every human deserves the opportunity to live, and I will always fight to guard the rights of the unborn. I am dedicated to protecting the sanctity of human life, from the unborn to the elderly.

Like a majority in the House today, I made good on a campaign promise and voted to repeal the job-destroying health care law known as ObamaCare. There were many reasons for my vote to repeal, but one of my main reasons was that the bill did not adequately protect life. You will recall President Obama signed a well-intended, but ineffective, executive order stating that no Federal tax dollars could be used for abortions under ObamaCare. We need that commitment written into law. That is what I will fight for.

Tomorrow, the House will vote on a resolution directing the appropriate House committees to start working on legislation to replace ObamaCare with patient-centered commonsense reforms.

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Like many Americans, I want to see health care reform that, among other things, includes statutory language prohibiting taxpayer funding of abortions and provides conscience protections for health care providers. During my time in Congress, I have sponsored, cosponsored, or supported many bills related to protecting the unborn, the family and traditional values.

One such bill I supported last Congress was H.R. 227, the Sanctity of Human Life Act, which declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being and that life begins at conception. I became an original cosponsor of similar legislation, H.R. 212, which was just introduced.

Additionally, I am a member of the Values Action Team and the Pro-Life Caucus. Through these groups I work with my pro-life colleagues in Congress to advance legislation and initiatives that support life and family.

One day in the future, and I don't know soon or how long it may take, I believe with all my heart that this country will have a renewal of respect for life, including for the unborn.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I yield now to the gentlewoman from Ohio, JEAN SCHMIDT. I don't think there has been a single battle on the life issue that she has not been speaking out in front, speaking in defense of the unborn and their mothers.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Thank you so much for those kind words from my friend from New Jersey.

You know, Mr. Speaker, when we talk about abortion, we think of this as a 40-year-old movement. We think about 1973 and *Roe v. Wade*, and that

that was the catalyst to move this movement forward. We think about people like Barbara and Jack Wilke from Cincinnati, Ohio, pioneers and leaders who actually coined the phrase, right to life.

Mr. Speaker, we forget that this is not a 21st century issue. This is a centuries-old issue.

You know, it was actually the suffragists, those women over 150 years ago, who talked about women's rights, the right to vote, the right to own property, the right to speak, the right to run for public office, who also talked about the right to life.

To these women, the very concept of feminism demanded that the basic human rights be extended to everyone without exception, including the unborn. And feminism meant rejecting the use of force to control or destroy one another, particularly among the most vulnerable and defenseless of the population.

So to suffragists, the act of abortion was much more than harm imposed upon a woman and her child. It was a frontal assault on womanhood and feminism, and an insult to the philosophical underpinnings of their cause.

And how do we know this? Well you know, Mr. Speaker, all we have to do is look at their writings. All we have to do is look at people like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony and "The Revolution." They both wrote extensively about abortion, calling it infanticide and child murder.

Susan B. Anthony also wrote, "Guilty? Yes. No matter the motive, love of ease, or a desire to save from suffering from the unborn innocent, the woman is awfully guilty who commits abortion. It will burden her conscience in life; it will burden her soul in death."

Victoria Woodhull, the first female candidate for President, stated similarly that "Every woman knows that if she were free, she would never bear an unwished for child, nor think of murdering one before its birth."

Sarah Norton, who first challenged Cornell University to admit women, also pondered whether there would ever come a time when "the right of the unborn to be born will not be denied or interfered with."

And Alice Paul. We all remember Alice Paul, the author of the Equal Rights Amendment. Mr. Speaker, it may surprise you. She stated abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women.

You know, I could talk all night about this, but we have women's history month in March, and I hope that I can be invited back again to speak more on the history of women and the human rights pro-life movement, because it's not just about human rights for one individual, it's about human rights for all individuals, the unborn, the born, and the elderly.

So I thank my colleague from New Jersey for hosting this forum tonight. I really appreciate his leadership in the pro-life movement, and we are going to

continue to forge ahead until everyone in America has the right to life.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank my friend for her statement and for her leadership.

I yield to TIM HUELSKAMP, who took the baton from JERRY MORAN, who has gone on to the Senate, and thank him for joining us tonight and look forward to his comments.

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Thank you, Congressman. I would like to recognize the longtime efforts of Congressman CHRIS SMITH in defending life. I have watched from afar for many years, and it's a real treasure for the opportunity to speak here tonight and join his efforts and, in my opinion, and in the opinion of many other Americans, one of the greatest, greatest tragedies in the history of our Nation has been the direct death and the direct murder of more than 50 million Americans since 1973. Far too often, too many women, too many families turn to abortion as the only option when they discover they are unexpectedly pregnant.

Situations exist that make the thought of being responsible, perhaps for another life, overwhelming to say the least.

But abortion is not the only option available to these women and to their families. My wife and I have had the joy and privilege of adopting four children, and two of those children are from the country of Haiti and two of the others were already Americans. Incidentally, my oldest, when she was young, she didn't believe that babies arrived via stork, they arrived on airplanes, because our second two children were picked up at the airport.

But that reminds me of another story, a 5-year-old. She said, "Daddy, can't we tell them to do adoption, not abortion?" Yes, we can, and that's the message I would like to make sure we share tonight because supporting adoption is often the neglected, the unreported side of the pro-life coin.

If we are going to encourage women and families not to abort their babies we need to offer alternatives. And all across this country, there are thousands and thousands, perhaps tens of thousands of men and women that are adopting children, that are offering their services, particularly through local crisis pregnancy centers, and offering opportunities for the children and for women and for their families.

And I know, literally, there are millions of Americans today that are waiting for a child, that are awaiting a child, and I would even more strongly encourage other Americans to consider adoption.

Let me speak directly to those that might be considering abortion: There are alternatives. There are opportunities. There are caring Americans that would love, would love to participate in adoption and would love to provide assistance.

I am also a proud cosponsor of No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion. The leading abortion provider in the coun-

try, and these, Mr. Speaker, are really stark statistics, in the last year available, Planned Parenthood of America, in 2008, they performed, they committed, they slaughtered more than 324,000 little girls and little boys across this country, 324,008 abortions. They only participated in 2,405 adoptions; 324,000 abortions, less than 2,500 adoptions. There are other opportunities, there are other options. Adoption is the option.

I would ask that we consider to defund an industry that is not concerned with the women, not concerned with the families.

But let's turn our attention towards those across America that have given their hearts and homes and opened them up to our youngest members of society.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Thank you so much for your statement and for your emphasis on adoption, an alternative that is often forgotten, and it provides such a meaningful way for building a family. Thank you for that.

I yield to MARLIN STUTZMAN, the distinguished gentleman from Indiana.

Mr. STUTZMAN. Thank you and thank you to my colleagues for bringing this very, very important issue to the House floor this evening. I appreciated all the other comments that have already been made.

Having the opportunity to serve as the chairman in public policy back in Indiana, I do remember the time when my wife and I were expecting our second born. When we were dealing with pro-life legislation in Indiana, and having the opportunity to go home and to see the ultrasounds of our second-born son was quite the experience.

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And I know that with the anniversary of Roe v. Wade coming up, this is an issue that is on a lot of hearts and minds of Americans across the country. So today I rise as we remember the 38th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, but more importantly the millions of innocent lives taken since 1973. In 2008 alone, there were over 1.2 million abortions; that is 3,315 innocent unborn children per day, 138 per hour and about two every minute.

While I have no doubt that future generations will place Roe v. Wade alongside the terrible Dred Scott decision, I know that there is much unfinished work before us. All of that work begins with a single inquiry. Mr. Speaker, a simple question forms the cornerstone of a national debate: When does human life begin? Without that answer, we are left with empty rhetoric and euphemisms. So I ask: When does human life begin? This question is not a lofty philosophical endeavor. Science has already given us the answer. Advances in molecular biology underscore the undeniable fact that life is present from the moment of fertilization. That life is fully human and infinitely valuable. Those who willfully ignore reality ought to remember the admonition of

our second President, John Adams, that facts are stubborn things.

Because a unique human life begins at the moment of fertilization, it is our solemn duty to defend the unborn, to speak up for the weak, to continue with firmness in the right. I proudly support H.R. 212, the Sanctity of Human Life Act, which defines human life accordingly and affirms that each State has the authority to protect the lives of all human beings. We take up this charge because we are still dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. All possess the inalienable right to life.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank you for your very fine statement and very strong commitment to the sanctity of human life.

I would like to now yield to ANN MARIE BUEKLE who is both a nurse, but also got her law degree. So she brings both the law and the medicine side to this equation. So I yield to her.

Ms. BUEKLE. Thank you to the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding us time and for his unwavering support of life.

Mr. Speaker, this coming Saturday marks the 38th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, a decision that fundamentally altered the moral landscape of America. For much of those 38 years, I have been very involved in the pro-life movement, both as an advocate for the unborn and a counselor of troubled women and teens, the unspoken second victims of abortion. As we reflect upon the sobering anniversary and the tremendous loss of life that it represents, I see reasons for hope. Attitudes are changing, and more and more young people are rejecting abortion as a choice for their lives.

Technology has opened remarkable windows to the womb. So much of the early pro-life movement emerged from a frustration of the time. No one seemed to be listening, and we tried to get people to care. Now technology, such as the 4D ultrasound imaging, has aided us in our quest to preserve life, showing women that their unborn is not a clump of cells, but a child that they can see rubbing her eyes or sucking his thumb.

As we continue to fight for the unborn, we must not cede the ground we have won. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act circumvents the Hyde amendment by allowing government subsidies in Medicaid, Federal Employee Health Benefits Programs and international aid to be used to cover abortions. For over 30 years, the Democrats and Republicans have worked together each year to ensure that taxpayer dollars do not subsidize abortion. The Affordable Care Act represents a departure from that compact. Specifically, this law will allow \$11 billion in taxpayer funds to be used for abortions at community health centers.

In addition to the Federal subsidizing of abortions through the Affordable Care Act, I join other pro-life Members

of this Congress in expressing my concerns about the use of Skype technology to perform telemed abortions. Planned Parenthood of Iowa is dispensing the abortion-causing drug RU-486 through a teleconferencing system, resulting in more than 1,900 abortions.

Our Forefathers understood that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Among these, the most fundamental right is the right to life.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank the gentlelady for her statement and for her leadership. This class, and I think the American public would really appreciate this, of 87 Members elected on this side of the aisle, they are overwhelmingly pro-life, and more pro-life women than ever now sit as Members of Congress. It is really very encouraging.

I would like to yield to my good friend and colleague from Illinois, BOB SCHILLING.

Mr. SCHILLING. Thank you, Representative SMITH, for the opportunity to speak during this Special Order subject of life. Today I stand to speak for those who can't speak for themselves. As a father of 10, life is a big issue at my house. After the Presidential election, my daughter, Rachel, came to me and my wife and looked at me with tears in her eyes and said, hey, Daddy, who is going to protect the unborn children? That was a big part of why I chose to run for Congress, along with all the other things.

Today, I was proud to become an original cosponsor of the No Taxpayer Funds for Abortion Act. When we look at the taxpayer funds that are going to be available for abortion, even some of my pro-choice friends disagree with taxpayer funding of abortion.

This bill is very important. It makes permanent the Hyde amendment, the Helms amendment and the Dornan amendment. One of the things one of my colleagues spoke about a little bit, TIM, earlier was speaking about looking at adoption as an alternative to abortion.

A story that sticks in my mind today is I went to a crisis pregnancy center in Boling, Illinois, and these are folks who encounter crisis pregnancies. And the lady was telling me the story of a young lady who was going in for an abortion. She thought she would come in and get a little more information. They did a sonogram, and the baby was laying still. It was down towards the end of the sonogram, and all of a sudden that baby just came to life and put on a show for mom. That brought a tear to my eye when I heard that story.

When you look at life, without life, we have nothing. A big reason that I am pro-life is that when we look at all of the doctors, all of the people who could invent something for this great Nation, I remember growing up in 1973 when this became legal, it was considered a blob of tissue. Today we pull

them out by their feet first to save the life of the mother when the mother's life is in danger. And I just can't even imagine what transpires there, and sometimes don't want to.

But I believe that as Americans, we need to defend life to its fullest. I believe life begins at conception and it ends at our natural death. I have talked to people who have had an abortion. The hurt goes on with women who have had abortions. I think we need to focus in on educating folks and giving them that alternative. And maybe every Planned Parenthood out there should have to do sonograms maybe even in a 3D series.

I really do appreciate an issue that is near and dear to my heart, and I really do thank the Congressman here for putting this event together and look forward to serving in the House of Representatives with him.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. SCHILLING, thank you very much for your great statement. And your comments about your child saying, who will defend the baby? I remember a woman by the name of Jean Garton who was with Lutherans for Life. She was preparing a slide show of actual abortions, which are hideous to behold, but it is a reality that has to be understood to know what abortion really is. And her young child walked in and said, Mommy, who broke the baby? looking up at the shattered bodies of unborn children. So from the mouths of children, truth is spoken.

I would like to welcome back to the House, as we all do, STEVE PEARCE, a Member from New Mexico. We are just so glad to have you back.

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Mr. PEARCE. I thank the gentleman from New Jersey, and I appreciate his constant leadership on this issue of life.

Our Founding Fathers told us that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness were treasured values in this country. I think that it was no accident that they placed life at the beginning of that order.

It is easy to believe that any society is judged for its quality based on its willingness to be a voice for those who are the most fragile, those who have the least standing in that society. And in this society and in all societies, none are with a quieter, less obvious voice than the unborn. So our willingness to stand up and support them is a reflection on the quality of this culture, and we need to do more.

Today, in Santa Fe and elsewhere around the country, pro-life citizens join in a March for Life. While my schedule for votes here today prevented me from being there, I am happy to associate my voice with them tonight and in the months to come. Since *Roe v. Wade* was decided, over 50 million lives have been terminated through abortion.

Great strides have been made legislatively. It is now wrong to take a minor

across a State line. The partial-birth abortion process has been banned. Some States have passed a law requiring a 24-hour waiting period, but much is left to be accomplished.

Ultimately, the questions comes up: When does life begin? The Supreme Court Justices who decided the case actually expressed that concern themselves about when life began, but that was a discussion of decades ago. Science today leaves no doubt. The DNA is established on day one and never changes through the baby's life. The sonogram is evolving our Nation's view on abortion as we speak.

For many who have been educated in our universities, they believe life begins at birth. But the young, who are looking at the sonograms and seeing that heartbeat within the first few days, recognize that they can no longer believe that this is some mass of tissue with inconsequential matters at risk.

And so this Nation is beginning to become more pro-life day by day, and that is a blessing, because in the end, every society will be judged by its willingness to speak for those with no voice.

Again, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey. I am proud to add my voice to those who speak for the most fragile—the unborn. May God bless this country, and may God bless the mothers of this country.

Thank you.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. PEARCE, thank you.

One of the things that we have in Congress is a large number of medical doctors, OB-GYNs and others who are overwhelmingly pro-life. Dr. ROE from Tennessee is among us.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, as an obstetrician-gynecologist, I have delivered close to 5,000 babies and strongly support the sanctity of life. Using technology like the 3-D ultrasound has given us windows to the womb that show the unborn child as living, breathing, a feeling human being. I have looked through that window with my own eyes numerous times, and I have seen human development occur from the earliest stages of the tiniest embryo all of the way through birth, which strengthens my conviction in the right to life.

Life is a precious miracle from God which begins at conception. It is our responsibility and privilege as legislators to protect those who do not have a voice. I will always fight for the right to life because it is my conviction that we are all unique creations of a God who knows us and loves us before we are even conceived.

Tonight we mark one of the most tragic, misguided Supreme Court cases in our Nation's history, *Roe v. Wade*. Since 1973, more than 50 million babies have been denied the right to life. We must make our laws consistent with our science and restore fully legal protections to all of those who are waiting to be born. If government has any legitimate function at all, it is to protect the most innocent among us.

For over 30 years, Congress has prevented taxpayer-funded abortions. Unfortunately, this door has been reopened with the passage of ObamaCare, the largest expansion since the pivotal *Roe v. Wade* decision. In response, House Republicans in the Pledge to America vowed to repeal and replace this legislation. I look forward to working with my new colleagues to ensure this promise is kept. It is only by making good on this oath that we can expect to restore the trust that the American people have in their own government and, in doing so, ensure that the door to taxpayer-funded abortions remains closed.

I want to congratulate the Hope Center in Greenville, Tennessee, which is sponsored by the First Free Will Baptist Ministries who support life. These people do a wonderful job in ministering young mothers who may be single or married to preserve life.

I am glad to be here on the House floor tonight with my friend and other legislators fighting for the rights of the unborn. And I want to thank the gentleman from New Jersey who literally is one of the leaders and heroes in the pro-life movement. I can't say enough about Congressman SMITH and what he has done to promote this right to life across the country.

As I was walking over here toward the House floor tonight, I had some thoughts about children I have delivered. I have seen those children grow up in my hometown, Johnson City, Tennessee. The beauty of it is that you get to coach these young kids in Little League ball and you get to watch them grow up and come to your home and graduate. The people I have seen have been young doctors and nurses and teachers and college athletes and newspaper writers and news directors. All of these young people I have delivered and seen grow up, and the world would not be a better place if they were not here. The world would be a much worse place. Think about how many thousands and tens of thousands and millions of the same people I just delivered that I watched grow up in my community that are not here today because of this terrible law.

I do want to mention one thing medically that was brought up a moment ago about a third trimester abortion to save a mother's life. Let me make this as clear as any doctor can make anything: There is no medical indication whatsoever for a third trimester abortion, period. Let me say that one more time, and I will debate this anywhere with any doctor in the world: There is no medical indication on this Earth for a third trimester abortion.

I thank the gentleman. I am encouraged about the degree that the American people are changing their minds, and I think if we keep working and talking and explaining and changing hearts, we will change this terrible law.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank the gentleman for his leadership and

the expertise of being an OB-GYN who has been there and knows better than almost all of us how sacred and fragile the life is of an unborn child, as well as his or her mother.

I would like to yield to JIM LANKFORD from Oklahoma and thank him for being here this evening.

Mr. LANKFORD. I thank my colleague from New Jersey for hosting this time in the House Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of one of the most basic functions of any government. Three thousand years ago, a mom taught her son, the king, how to be a wise ruler. We have her words written down in Proverbs 31, where she told him, "Speak for those who cannot speak for themselves."

Two hundred thirty-five years ago, our founders wrote a despot king, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

This truth that all people have the right to life is so obvious, so clear that they called it "self-evident." But in America, millions of people cannot pursue happiness and they cannot appreciate liberty because their first God-given right was denied—life.

In recent days, discussion from the left has turned to reducing the numbers of abortions. I applaud this line of thinking because it admits one thing—abortion is wrong. It destroys a life and it devastates a future of a mom.

I ask: Why should abortion be reduced if it is just another medical procedure to remove some unwanted tissue from a woman? If it is just tissue, what does it matter? No one is saying that we need to reduce the number of skin moles being removed or reduce the number of warts that are removed, that that is unconscionable. Why? Because we know that a wart is unwanted tissue. But a fetus, that is a baby.

We can use any euphemism, like "fetus" or "dividing tissue" or "embryo," or just simply "inconvenience," but no one comes to the family and says: How is the embryo? No one says to a pregnant woman or hears a pregnant woman say: Excuse me, I just felt the fetus kick. No one comes to a baby shower and says: Here is a gift for your inconvenience.

Say what you want, split hairs all you want, we know that is a baby.

Decades ago, we could not look into the womb and see the development of the child. People were told the child in the womb was just like a chicken embryo. But now, with 3-D ultrasound, we can look into the darkness of the womb and see a child kicking her feet, sucking her thumb. We can count her fingers and toes and watch their tiny heartbeat.

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At 20 weeks, we can look at the child inside and even say boy or girl. Why? Because it's a child, not just an em-

bryo. The difference between an adult and a child in the womb is just time. They are a person who must be given their most basic of all human rights—life.

I strongly support defining life at conception. I strongly support adoptions. I strongly support crisis pregnancy centers and Hope Pregnancy Centers, which are doing such a great job all around the country and all around my district in Oklahoma. It is time to cut off Federal funding for abortion.

Why is it in America that taxpayers who are mortified at the thought of abortion are required to also give their tax money to fund abortions around the world?

When a constituent comes to me and asks, Why are my taxes so high? I have to tell him, Partially because your government is spending some of your hard-earned money on abortion funding around the globe.

Why is it in this Chamber today we can debate for hours if an infant should be guaranteed health care coverage, but yet some of the same individuals who demand insurance protection for that child would find no issue in killing that infant only moments earlier when it was in the womb?

Earlier today, a clinic in Philadelphia was raided, where a physician was arrested for fully delivering infants 6, 7, 8 months into the pregnancy and for stabbing with scissors those children after they had been delivered—today.

This is the United States of America. This issue is not about oppressing women or denying choice. It is about protecting children and honoring the self-evident truth that everyone is endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, including and especially life.

Almost four decades ago, individuals in this Chamber laid the foundation for a court ruling that has stripped the womb of its glory and its majesty. For decades since, legislators in this Chamber have protected bald eagle eggs, migrating insects, snail darters, and rare flowers, but we refuse to protect children.

May God have mercy on our Nation, and may we awaken one day to the horror of what abortion policies have done to our Nation. We would rather protect our fundraising, our leadership and our convenience than protect the unborn child. This is not a difficult choice. It is a clear choice—and we should choose life.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Thank you, Mr. LANKFORD, for your very powerful statement.

I would like to now yield to my good friend and colleague from Georgia, a medical doctor as well, Dr. PAUL BROWN.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the greatest moral issue we face as a Nation is the killing of 4,000 unborn children every single day through abortion. Mr. Speaker, God cannot continue to bless

America while we are killing these children. They're children. They're babies. They're human beings.

When I came to Congress in 2007, the very first bill I introduced was my Sanctity of Human Life Act. I am a medical doctor. I know without any question that life begins when the spermatozoa, the sperm cell, enters the cell wall of the oocyte, the egg, and produces a one-celled human being called a zygote. That zygote is totally different from its mom. It has every function, every bit of genetic makeup to be a grown human being if we just nurture it and allow it to grow and allow it to live.

I have been involved with a crisis pregnancy center in Athens, Georgia. Not long ago, we had a young lady who was considering abortion. She came there, and she had an ultrasound. She was about 10 or 12 weeks along. I don't recall exactly, but it was early on in her pregnancy. She had just found out a few weeks before that she had missed her period, so she came for a pregnancy test.

When she saw that ultrasound, her exclamation was, "That's a baby."

That's what we see over and over again with these expectant moms when they see those ultrasounds. That's the reason she understood it was a baby. It is a baby. It is a human being. There is no greater freedom, no greater liberty, than to live. There is no greater protection that we as a government can give to protect human beings all the way from the time of fertilization until they have natural deaths.

You see, Mr. Speaker, God creates those children. We do not have the moral authority to take their lives. We've got to protect their lives. In a free society, where liberty is held in the highest esteem by every individual in this country—whether Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative—the right to life is a fundamental form of liberty. We have to protect life. That is the reason the first bill I introduce in every single Congress will continue to be my Sanctity of Human Life Act.

My friend and fellow Member from California, DUNCAN HUNTER, Junior, has reintroduced his dad's bill, Duncan Hunter, Senior. Their bill is called Life at Conception Act. I am a cosponsor of their bill, as Duncan Hunter, I, and now DUNCAN HUNTER, II, are of my bill. We have to stop this travesty, this awful, horrendous attack, moral attack, upon our basic rights as human beings—and that is the right to life.

Mr. Speaker, if we cannot protect life, then we cannot protect any liberty. We cannot protect any freedom that our Founding Fathers created the Constitution to protect—those God-given rights.

We have had many of our colleagues tonight speak from the preamble that Thomas Jefferson penned in 1776, the preamble of the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson is considered one of the least religious of our Founding Fathers, but he believed in

life. That's the reason he penned it there. He believed in God. We're not taught that in school anymore, but that's factual.

You see, even if you don't believe in God, from a scientific perspective, there is only one place in a person's life where you can draw the line between no life being there and life and human being and personhood being established, and that's at the time of fertilization.

Roe vs. Wade, in the decision, was predicated on there being no legislative definition of the beginning of life. That's the reason it is absolutely critical that we define life as beginning at fertilization—to protect those one-celled human beings.

It is absolutely critical that every person in this country who loves liberty and who wants to protect life contacts their Congressmen, contacts their Senators and says, We have to protect life. We have to protect all our God-given freedoms, particularly life. "Contact your Senators," is what I tell my constituents.

What I tell people all over this country is "Contact your Senator. Contact your Congressman." Tell him to support the Sanctity of Human Life Act, my bill, or DUNCAN HUNTER's bill, the Life at Conception Act. Join in this fight because there is no greater moral issue that this country faces. If we want God's blessings upon America, we have to protect these most vulnerable of human beings—the unborn children.

In Proverbs, God says, Speak up for the speechless in the cause of those appointed to die. That's what we are here tonight to do is to speak up for those speechless, those appointed to die by abortion.

We have got to end abortion. We don't need a constitutional amendment. We need a legislative definition: the beginning of life to occur at fertilization. Once we have that placed into law, we will stop this blight upon our society, this dark era in the history of this Nation that began in 1973 with this awful decision of the Supreme Court called Roe vs. Wade. We have to protect life. We have to protect liberty. We have to protect every single human being's God-given rights.

Protecting life is important—from fertilization all the way to natural death—and I promise that I will continue with every bit of my being, and many other of our colleagues, Republicans and Democrats alike, will continue to fight for life.

So, Mr. Speaker, if we want God's blessings upon America to continue, we have to end this blight upon America.

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We have to define life beginning at fertilization and protect life for these unborn children.

Thank you, Mr. SMITH. And I want to personally thank you for your tireless fight in this issue because you've been a stalwart here in this House for many, many years, and I greatly personally

appreciate the great work you've done for years and years in protecting life. So thank you and God bless you. And we have to get the killing of these unborn children stopped so God can continue to bless America.

Thank you, Mr. SMITH.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Dr. BROUN, thank you for your eloquence and your kind remarks, and I want to thank you for your leadership. Again, as a medical doctor, I think you and Dr. ROE and the other docs bring such credibility.

I hope Americans are listening. I hope my friends on the other side of the aisle who take the other side of this issue will begin listening. There needs to be a reevaluation. America needs to take a second look, a long and sustained look at the surface appeal arguments of the abortion rights side.

Abortion is violence against children. It dismembers a child; it decapitates a child; it chemically poisons a child. One of our earlier speakers talked about RU486 and how tailor-made abortions are being promoted by Planned Parenthood. RU486 actually operates in two ways. The first chemical starves the baby to death so the child in utero, the child in the womb simply cannot get nourishment to continue living. The second chemical brings about the expulsion of that baby—who is usually dead, but not always. If that isn't child abuse, if the other methods of abortion are not child abuse, I don't know what is.

This idea that life begins at birth belongs in another era, especially with ultrasound technologies available, as several of my colleagues have said, the "window to the womb." As a matter of fact, it should be noted that even the leading pro-abortion activists in the 1960s and early 1970s, Dr. Bernard Nathanson from New York, one of the three cofounders of NARAL, which is one of the leading pro-abortion groups in the country, Dr. Nathanson said he presided over 60,000 deaths to children as he ran the largest abortion clinic in New York City. He went on to become a pro-lifer. And what caused that huge change of heart both in his mind and in his heart? It was that he began doing blood transfusions and began to see that an unborn child is a patient just like any other patient who may be sick, have a disability, that early efforts and interventions could mitigate whatever that anomaly might be. And because of that he said, how can I be in one room killing a baby with poison or dismemberment while in another doctor's office or in another operating theater providing this prenatal surgery? He saw the schizophrenia inherent in treating some children because they're wanted as being acceptable, and we welcome them, and if they are unwanted, they're throwaways. The feminists had it right when they said no woman should ever be treated as an object. Well, we all know that the unborn child, if he or she is unwanted, is treated like an object and a throwaway, and no human life is a throwaway.

Let me also say that Abby Johnson, who just recently, a little over a year ago, left a Planned Parenthood directorship in Texas—what caused her to change? She saw an ultrasound abortion in real time and said, I just saw the baby crumple right in front of my very eyes. If that isn't a human rights abuse, I don't know what is either. So she became a pro-lifer and now speaks out very, very boldly.

Finally, Dr. Alveda King, as I mentioned earlier, is Martin Luther King's niece. Dr. King had two abortions. She was a "pro-choicer." She now is one of the most eloquent pro-life leaders in the United States and even in the world. She has said, "How can the dream survive"—talking about her uncle's dream of inclusion, of human rights, of civil rights for all—"how can the dream survive," she writes, "if we murder the children?"

She goes on to talk about how the African American population in this country is so disproportionately targeted by Planned Parenthood and others. The number of abortions for African Americans is about five times the rate of Caucasians and it is because of targeting. There are other reasons, but that is one of the main reasons. That's where the Planned Parenthood clinics are, frankly.

Abortion hurts women, she makes it so clear. She is eloquent in her defense, as are others, in ministering to women who have had abortions. One thing about this pro-life movement—and I've been in it for 38 years, I've been in Congress for 31 years—it loves them both. It says to both the mother and to the baby, we want to put our arms around you, we want to help, we want to be of assistance. And to any post-abortive woman, we are all about trying to help and to assist and provide some kind of pathway to reconciliation. That's where the post-abortive women like Dr. Alveda King play such a crucial role in helping women who otherwise would feel so disenfranchised and left out.

I want to thank our leadership, Speaker BOEHNER, our majority leader, ERIC CANTOR. We have a very pro-life leadership who recognizes how sacred life is, how this Congress, this House needs to defend the defenseless. Tomorrow, I will be joining the distinguished Speaker as he speaks on the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. We will be having a press conference tomorrow. We have over 125 cosponsors. I have never seen a leadership so dedicated to protecting innocent human life as these individuals in our leadership. I would hope my friends on the other side of the aisle would take a second long look at the carnage, the unbelievable pain and agony and suffering that abortion has visited upon women. It is not pro-women. Abortion exploits women. And it's certainly not pro-child either because it decimates unborn children as well.

So we have a great leadership. We have an excellent group of Members, men and women, Democrats and Re-

publicans. And I do hope that we will move this human rights issue forward. The young people are with us, and this is the greatest human rights struggle ever.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 68 and H.R. 69

Mr. LAMBORN (during the Special Order of Mr. SMITH of New Jersey). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Congressman MIKE ROSS from the State of Arkansas be removed as a cosponsor from H.R. 68 and H.R. 69.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DOLD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. ELLISON) is recognized for 27 minutes.

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, allow me to claim the time. I do have a few things to set up, so I will be right back.

Mr. Speaker, let me thank the Speaker for allowing and granting me the time. It is a pleasure to come in front of the American people.

My name is Congressman KEITH ELLISON, and I want to talk a little bit about the Progressive Caucus tonight, the progressive message which we convey to the American people every week. We want to come before the American people to talk about progressive values and the 83 members of the Progressive Caucus.

The Progressive Caucus stands firmly in the position of supporting health care for all Americans. And therefore, we look at this repeal today, conducted by the majority, the Republican Caucus, as quite an unfortunate event in our Nation's history.

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They repealed the health care reform bill, but the bill is not repealed. It's important for the American people to know that health care reform is being implemented and it is the law. But in order to make the law into the law, you have to pass it through the House, the Senate, and then be signed by the President. This repeal that they did today stops here. It's not going anywhere. Really, it's political theater. But it is an important indication as to what they would do if they could.

What they would do, and this is something I would like to describe right now so the American people can get an idea of what Republican leadership and Republican expansion of their power would mean.

First, let's talk about the deficit. You hear a lot about the deficit. And the deficit is important. The impact of repeal on the deficit is that it would increase the deficit by \$230 billion this decade and a trillion the decade after that.

When you listen, Mr. Speaker, to the speeches of the Republican Caucus and they say something about job-killing deficits, it's always important, Mr. Speaker, to turn your attention back to what the Republican Caucus did today on the House floor, because it indicates how they really feel about expanding the deficit. They're okay with it.

The impact of repeal on the deficit expands the deficit by \$230 billion this decade and a trillion dollars the next.

What does this say about credibility? What does it say about real intention? What does it say about who was actually trying to lower the deficit?

Health care reform is cost-effective and helps lower the deficit. Health care reform actually helps not only lower the national debt and deficit, but individual American's personal debt and deficit.

We can never forget, Mr. Speaker, that 60 percent of all of the people who filed for bankruptcy filed for bankruptcy because of medical debt. A majority of the people filing for bankruptcy filed for bankruptcy because of medical debt. This is an amazing statistic.

We can talk about the national deficit. We can even talk about the national debt, but let's talk about family debt. Family debt being driven sky high because of medical debt, people going into bankruptcy because of medical debt.

Now, with the health care bill, we will have exchanges that will compete and have price and quality transparency for people so that they can evaluate a good product that is affordable, so people who don't have the income can get a subsidy so they can go buy health care insurance. When we have all of these important provisions in place, we're not going to see people going into personal bankruptcy because of medical debt. This is something the Republican Caucus has not talked about, how Americans are drowning because of what the insurance industry has imposed upon them.

It's important to say that today our Republican colleagues repealed health care reform. I hope, Mr. Speaker, the American people watch with interest where their particular Member of Congress voted. Did your Member, the individual Member of Congress, Mr. Speaker, vote to say, You know what? We're going to allow the insurance companies to rescind your insurance policy if you get a breast cancer diagnosis? Because the Republican Caucus' repeal today says that they want that to be able to happen. They want the insurance company to be able to say, You, ma'am, we found out you had breast cancer. Your insurance is going to be rescinded.

That's what they voted in favor of today by voting for repeal.

Today, they want to tell 24-, 25-, and 26-year-olds and their parents that, You know what? We're not going to let you be on your parents' health care insurance policy. You are on your own.