

Nationwide Rallies Call to Defund Planned Parenthood

As Congress moves forward with plans to reallocate funding from Planned Parenthood, America's largest abortion business, to comprehensive health care centers, citizens across America will speak up in support of the action. Saturday, Feb. 11, groups will gather outside over 200 Planned Parenthood facilities in 44 states and the nation's capital to #ProtestPP. There will also be overseas support with a demonstration at the London headquarters of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, which was recently defunded by executive order.

"Planned Parenthood's brand is at an all-time low, and their leadership reflects how disconnected they are from science and basic American values. This weekend, thousands of Americans will stand in peaceful opposition to send a message that abortion is not health care and, as the nation's largest abortion operation, Planned Parenthood should not get \$1 of taxpayer money, much less \$430 million," said Shawn Carney, President, 40 Days for Life.

"The federal government has been subsidizing Planned Parenthood to the tune of more than \$430 million annually," explained Carney. "This, at the same time that the nation's largest abortion provider holds \$500 ticket fundraisers and charges a woman about \$500 to abort her baby," he continued. "On top of that, after Planned Parenthood's baby body part trafficking scandal, taxpayers are sickened to see their money spent in support of these atrocities."

What: #ProtestPP rallies to encourage Congress to reallocate Planned Parenthood's taxpayer funding to real women's health care providers

When: Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017

Where: Across America. Find local times and locations at

Who: Concerned Citizens

Carney added, "This nationwide event is just the beginning as 40 Days for Life peaceful vigils outside of abortion facilities will kick off in 330 cities on March 1 as the defunding debate heats up."

These #ProtestPP rallies will emphasize four key points:

- The 34 percent of U.S. abortions performed by Planned Parenthood underscores the fact that they are not a general health care service provider.
- Fraudulent Medicaid claims, fetal tissue harvesting and documented health code violations show Planned Parenthood's systemic disregard for accountability to taxpayers.
- Planned Parenthood exaggerates its role in women's health care. The organization actually provides less than 2 percent of manual breast exams, fewer than 1 percent of pap tests and 0 percent of mammograms annually.
- Moving Planned Parenthood's funding to federally qualified health centers will offer women and their families a wider range of health care services and a higher standard of care.

Citizens for a Pro-Life Society Director, Dr. Monica Migliorino Miller, said, "The defunding of Planned Parenthood is a matter of moral principle. Not a single cent of American tax dollars should go to an organization that kills innocent human life."

"We are closer than we've ever been to defunding Big Abortion-Planned Parenthood. Now is the time for a groundswell of grassroots efforts. We call on Congress and President Trump to reallocate those funds to health centers which help women without killing babies," commented Mark Harrington, National Director of Created Equal.

#ProtestPP events, coordinated by Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Created Equal and the Pro-Life Action League, along with 40 Days for Life and the Susan B. Anthony List, offer Americans a united chance to speak out against the nation's largest abortion chain, which kills over 300,000 babies each year. At the same time, participants will encourage Congress to strip Planned Parenthood of its nearly half-billion-dollar taxpayer-funded stipend and redirect those monies to comprehensive health care centers through the budget reconciliation process.

Scheidler, also serving as executive director for the Pro-Life Action League, said:

This is a nationwide event, but at the same time it is a local community concern. As citizens gather to encourage Congress to quit sending money to an organization that specializes in killing children, they are also declaring that they do not want Planned Parenthood to continue operating in their neighborhoods.

Americans want to end taxpayer funding of abortion—that includes stopping taxpayer funding for the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, and ensuring any Obamacare replacement is pro-life and does not allow tax dollars or tax credits to pay for health care plans that include abortion. Planned Parenthood is a profit-driven, abortion-centered business that has performed more than 300,000 abortions in the last three years for which data are available. They do not need or deserve taxpayer dollars, and redirecting their federal funding to rural and community

health centers would be a victory for women's health. These comprehensive clinics outnumber Planned Parenthood facilities 20 to 1 nationwide and provide far more services. The majority of Americans want taxpayer funding to go to real women's health care, not abortion. This Saturday, that majority will let their voices be heard at #ProtestPP gatherings nationwide," said Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser.

President Donald Trump has made four specific commitments to the pro-life movement, including reallocating Planned Parenthood's taxpayer funding to comprehensive, whole-woman health care centers. Polling in 2018 Senate battleground states shows that voters support redirecting Planned Parenthood's funding to community health centers.

About the organizers:

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program focusing on prayer and fasting, constant vigil and community outreach. Visit [to learn more.](#)

Pro-Life Action League

The Pro-Life Action League was founded by Joe Scheidler in 1980 with the aim of saving babies from abortion through direct action and is now headed by Joe's son, Eric. Not content to await a political or judicial solution to abortion, the league seeks to stop the killing of unborn children right now through all available peaceful means, including public protest, sidewalk counseling, education, youth outreach and national leadership. Visit [to learn more.](#)

Citizens for a Pro-Life Society

Citizens for a Pro-life Society is an activist organization, founded on Catholic principles of morality and social justice, dedicated to advocacy of the sanctity of human life, especially protection of the right to life of unborn children. The goal is to work to end the culture of death and restore a culture of life, to re-establish respect for human life created in the image and likeness of God. Visit to learn more.

Created Equal

Created Equal was inspired by Mark Harrington's vision of human rights defenders uniting to achieve collectively far more than one person. The pro-life advocacy group implements creative new ways to challenge the industry of abortion. Visit to learn more.

Susan B. Anthony List

SBA List is dedicated to pursuing policies and electing candidates who will reduce and ultimately end abortion. To that end, SBA List emphasizes the education, promotion, mobilization and election of pro-life women. Susan B. Anthony List is a network of more than 465,000 pro-life Americans nationwide. Visit to learn more. {eoa}