

Senate Vote to 'Defund' Planned Parenthood a 'Huge' Win for Unborn Children, FRC Says

Family Research Council (FRC) commended the U.S. Senate for giving approval today to a budget reconciliation bill dealing with funding for Planned Parenthood and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare. The bill would remove for one year most funding under several mandatory programs such as Medicaid to abortion entities, including Planned Parenthood. The bill would also repeal key provisions of the health care law, which encourages subsidies for abortion coverage and threatens conscience protections.

Family Research Council President Tony Perkins made the following statement about this legislation:

"This is a huge victory for unborn children, their mothers, and for taxpayers. For the first time during the Obama presidency, both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have approved legislation that begins to end the forced partnership between taxpayers and Planned Parenthood.

"President Obama will now bear the moral responsibility for sending our tax dollars to a group that has engaged in the selling of baby body parts.

"Even if the President vetoes the bill, we've still succeeded, because a Senate precedent has now been set for moving a similar measure forward when America finally has a President who understands the value of every person, born and unborn. We especially thank Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Majority Whip John Cornyn (R-Texas), Chairman Mike Enzi (R-Wy.), as well as the co-chairs of the Senate Values Action Team which include Senators Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Tim Scott (R-S.C.) for

their hard work to make today's vote possible," concluded Perkins.

Family Research Council's score letter can be found [here](#):